



South Wagga Public  
School

# Bulletin

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## Parent Information Request

A note has been sent home today to every family requesting updated information. The information requested covers mandatory requirements. Please complete both sides of the note and return to school as soon as possible.

## CLOTHING POOL

**OPEN EVERY THURSDAY  
AFTERNOON**

**FROM 3.00PM TO 3.45PM**

**Contact Leanne :-  
0401 338 675**

***Please note for the  
months of January and  
February all jumpers  
and pants .50cents  
each.***

## Bell times for 2020

9:20-11:20 Morning session  
11:20-11:47 Lunch 1  
11:47-12:15 Lunch 2  
12:15-14:15 Mid session  
14:15-14:35 Recess  
14:35-15:20 Afternoon Session



**Term 1, Issue 1**  
**Friday 31 January 2020**

## A message from our Principal

### Welcome to 2020

A warm welcome to all students, families and staff to the 2020 school year.

My name is Mrs Lyn Eacott and I am Relieving Principal for Term 1 while Mrs Whyte is in Wagga Office. I am very excited to be at South Wagga Public School working along side the dedicated and enthusiastic staff and, in partnership with the community, continuing to build on the high academic, sporting and cultural outcomes already achieved by the school.

The staff are also very excited and looking forward to getting to know the students in their classes and the new students to the school.

### Parent Information Sessions

Parents and carers are invited to information sessions, being held this week and next. These sessions are designed as an opportunity to meet the teachers, discuss routines, expectations and get an overview of the year to come. I encourage you to attend. Sessions are as follows:

|              |                       |             |                    |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Kindergarten | Friday 6 February     | 5.00-6.00pm | Mrs Hodge's room   |
| Stage 1      | Monday 10 February    | 5.30-6.30pm | Mr Brodie's room   |
| Stage 3      | Tuesday 11 February   | 5.00-6.00pm | Miss McManus' room |
| Stage 2      | Wednesday 12 February | 5.00-6.00pm | Mrs Dillon's room  |

### Welcome Barbeque

Together with our P&C, I would like to invite all our families to a welcome BBQ on Wednesday 19 February beginning at 5.30pm.

This is a chance for you to meet new families to the school, other parents and talk to staff in an informal environment. I am looking forward to the opportunity to meet with you.

The event is free but we ask you to contact the office to RSVP for catering purposes.

## Welcome Kindergarten 2020

### K Koalas



### K Possums

## Student Leadership Positions

On Thursday this week students from Years 2-6 went to sport house meetings to vote for their new House Captains. Well done to all the candidates who nominated themselves for the challenge, not an easy task.

Congratulations to our Sports House Captains for 2020 who have the annual swimming carnival next week as their first major event:

|                 |                       |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Wattle:</b>  | <b>Milla Pavitt</b>   | <b>Jack Rodham</b>    |
| <b>Banksia:</b> | <b>Olivia Delaney</b> | <b>Cash Hilton</b>    |
| <b>Waratah:</b> | <b>Georgie Hayes</b>  | <b>Dane Weidemann</b> |

On Wednesday 12 February our Stage 3 students will be voting for our Parliamentarians. The successful candidates will be given the title of 'Minister of Parliament' and will be responsible for varying portfolios which include Safety, Education, Functions, Health, Sport & Recreation, and Environment (2 positions). They will be tasked with leading a range of activities within our school that arise from our Student Parliament. There are 7 positions that will be filled. Candidates are invited to prepare a short speech at home that they will read on Wednesday 12 February.

In the bulletin following the elections, we will announce our new Parliamentarians and provide a brief overview of how our Student Parliament works.



## School Staff 2020

|   |   |   |   |
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| <b>Early Stage 1</b><br>K Koalas<br><br>K Possums                         | Mr Tim Harris (Relieving Assistant Principal)<br>Mrs Sandy Hodges                                 | <b>Office</b>                                 | Mrs Lyn Eacott (Relieving Principal)<br>Mrs Wendy Haran<br>Mrs Annette Hutchinson<br>Mrs Judy Logan<br>Mrs Raegan Angel |
| <b>Stage 1</b><br>1/2 Bilbies<br>1/2 Magpies<br>1/2 Wombats               | Mr Duncan Brodie<br>Mr Adam Barclay<br>Mrs Aimee Beaumont   | <b>Teacher Librarian</b>                      | Mrs Susie McTackett   |
|   |   | <b>Release</b>                                | Mrs Marina Buinac<br>Mrs Robyn Menz   |
| <b>Stage 2</b><br>3/4 Echidnas<br>3/4 Kookaburras<br>3/4 Galahs           | Ms Anthea Peterson<br>Mr Ean Livio<br>Miss Cassie McManus   | <b>Learning and Support Teacher &amp; ESL</b> | Mrs Emily Driscoll K-2<br>Mrs Rebecca Pietsch 3-6 (Assistant Principal)   |
|   |   | <b>Student Learning Support Officers</b>      | Mrs Julie Hart<br>Miss Madeline Podmore<br>Mrs Nicole Brown<br>Miss Georgia Cox   |
| <b>Stage 3</b><br>5/6 Quokkas<br>5/6 Emus<br>5/6 Dingoes<br>5/6 Kangaroos | Mrs Jessica Dillon<br>Mr Luke Brooks<br>Mrs Corrie Shaw<br>Mrs Helen Cooper (Assistant Principal) | <b>Instructional Leader K-2</b>               | Ms Angela Jenner (Assistant Principal) T2-4   |
|   |   | <b>School Counsellor</b>                      | Mrs Tarryn Lean   |
|   |   | <b>General Assistant</b>                      | Mr Peter Honeyman   |



## Important Dates

|                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Kindergarten Information 5.30-6.30    | 6 February  |
| Swimming Carnival                     | 6 February  |
| Stage 1 Information Session 5.30-6.30 | 10 February |
| Stage 3 Information Session 5-6pm     | 11 February |
| Stage 2 Information Session 5-6pm     | 12 February |
| Parliamentarians speeches             | 12 February |
| Stage 1 Swimming Lessons              | 18 February |
| School Community BBQ 5.30-6.30        | 19 February |
| Foundation Day                        | 25 February |

## Canteen

Opening days for the canteen are Monday  
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

### South Wagga Swimming Carnival

South Wagga PS annual Swimming Carnival will take place on Thursday 6th February 2020. The carnival will be at the Oasis Swimming Complex. Transport will be walking to and from the pool leaving school at 9.20am and returning by 3.20pm.

No child will remain at the pool after the carnival. **ALL** students in Years 3-6 will attend the carnival. Admission is \$4.50 (no charge for season ticket holders). Students will need to bring swimmers, towel, **HAT**, sunscreen and sun smart clothing. Please provide your child with lunch, snacks and drinks, as access to the pool canteen will be restricted although children will be allowed to use the canteen at certain times throughout the day.

Across the pool events, in all strokes, will be held for those students who are unable to swim the 50 metre events.

When not directly involved in the carnival, students are to be seated under cover on the grass area. Students are encouraged to wear their sport house colours if possible, but no crepe paper is to be included in their decorations.

All races will be timed finals.

If parents wish to attend they may purchase an all-day pass for \$2.50 from the OASIS on the day.

**Please Note:** This year the medley events and 100m freestyle will be held prior to the official start of the carnival. These events will begin at 8:40 am at the pool. Those students wishing to compete in these events must be at the pool ready to swim at this time. Students must arrive via private transport. The aim of this is to alleviate the time pressure of the carnival.



**First Reconciliation** classes for Catholic children Year 3 and upwards, will begin at :

8.45am

Sunday 23 February 2020

St Michaels Parish Centre

Johnston Street (opposite the Cathedral)

Enquires contact Rev Kevin O'Reilly 69212164 or

Sr Ina 69310014

**Confirmation classes** for Catholic children in Year 6 will begin at:

8.45am

Sunday 23 February 2020

St Michaels Parish Centre

Johnston Street (opposite the Cathedral)

Enquires contact Rev Kevin O'Reilly 69212164 or

Sr Ina 69310014

## Special Religious Education Participation

A feature of the public education system in NSW is the opportunity to provide time in class for education in ethics, faith and morality from a religious or non-religious perspective at the choice of parents.

A parent/carer may at any time notify the school in writing that they wish to change their decision. Students will continue the same arrangement as the previous year, unless a parent/carer has requested a change in writing.

For more information about Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE), including the list of approved providers, please visit: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-across-the-curriculum/religion-and-ethics>

If your preferred SRE or SEE option is not available please contact the approved provider. Students not attending SRE or SEE are given supervised alternative meaningful activities.

The following options are available at South Wagga Public School.

### SRE Options

- ☐ Option 1: Non- Denominational Scripture (K-2, stage 2 and stage 3)
- ☐ Option 2: Catholic Scripture (K-6)

OR

- ☐ Your child will participate in alternative meaningful activities.

Please indicate your choice on the Parent Information Request note sent home.

### School App

Our SWPS school App has become the primary means of communication to our parents and community members. Being able to access the newsletter, push notifications, reminders, and our school calendar on our smart phones makes life easier for everyone!

If you have not already, please download the 'skoolbag' app .

Step 1: Go to either **Google Play** or the **Apple app store**

Step 2: Install this app- '**Skoolbag: School Communication**'

Step 3: Create a user account. You will need to confirm your email.

Step 4: Go into the 'Skoolbag' app and search for South Wagga Public School. Click on it to download it.

Duncan Brodie. App Coordinator

## General Permission to Publish and disclose information

The school is seeking your permission to allow the school/ Department of Education to publish and/or disclose information about your child for the purposes of sharing his/ her experiences with other students, informing the school and broader community about school and student activities and recording student participation in noteworthy projects or community service.

This information may include your child's name, age, class and information collected at school such as photographs, sound and visual recordings of your child, your child's work and expressions of opinion such as in interactive media.

The communications in which your child's information may be published or disclosed include but are not limited to:

- Public websites of the Department of Education including the school website, the Department of Education intranet (staff only), blogs and wikis.
- Department of Education publications including the school newsletter, annual school magazine and school report, promotional material published in print and electronically including on the Department's websites.
- Official Department and school social media accounts on networks such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter.
- Local and metropolitan newspapers and magazines and other media outlets.

Parents should be aware that when information is published on public websites and social media channels, it can be discoverable online for a number of years, if not permanently. Search engines may also cache or retain copies of published information. Published information can also be linked to by third parties.

Please complete the tick a box on the Parent Information Request.



# Make Online Payments

Parents are able to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa, MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the schools website by selecting

**\$ Make a payment**

[www.sthwagga-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.sthwagga-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, class requirements, excursions, sales to students. There is also a category called **Other** this to cover items not covered in the previous headings. Other - can be used to make a payment for example - visiting school performances.

Payments for the **South Wagga P & C Association** for Fundraising, Fete, Canteen, Special Lunch and Mufti Days, Chocolate Drives, Calendars **cannot be paid** in by the Parent Online Payments as they hold different bank accounts.

When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter:

the students name, and

Class, OR

the students name, and

date of birth.

**Please pay cash for small amounts of less than \$5.00, eg mufti days, students participating in PSSA sporting events,**

**Please Note:** Only one payment per student can be entered at a time.

When you access the Payer Details you must enter:

Full Name

Contact Phone Number

Contact Email Address

These details are entered each time you make a payment as **student information is not held within the payment system**. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school. Permission notes have a box on the bottom of the page where the **receipt number is written**. All Permission Notes and Payment Slips will need to be returned to the school office.

eg I have made an online payment. **My receipt number is:** \_\_\_\_\_

**For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office 69 212947.**