



South Wagga Public
School

Bulletin



Term 1, Issue 3
Friday 14 February 2020

Achieve with Pride
Respectful~Responsible~Connected

Learning @ SWPS: Effective listening

Next week we will be focusing on developing our skills of effective listening. Effective listening involves paying full attention to someone talking so I can deeply understand what they are saying.

Student thinking may include:

- I will pay attention to others by looking at them.
- I will show I am listening by making eye contact and turning my body to face them.
- I will avoid distractions while I am listening.

Through effective listening SWPS aims to help students deeply understand their learning and engage appropriately with teachers and their peers.

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

A message from our Principal

Parent Information Sessions

It was fantastic to see so many parents attend these sessions and take the opportunity to meet the teachers, discuss routines, expectations and get an overview of the year to come.

Welcome BBQ

Together with our P&C, I would like to invite all our families to a welcome BBQ on Wednesday 19 February at 5.30pm. This is an opportunity to meet staff, P&C members and other families in our school community. Existing families are encouraged to attend and meet with our new families. The event is free but we ask you to contact the office to RSVP for catering purposes. We look forward to seeing you there.

Voluntary Fees 2020

There is no Class Requirement Fee for 2020. Parents are invited to make a Voluntary Contribution to support your child/ren's education. This fund is utilised to purchase equipment throughout the year. A note came home today detailing the voluntary contribution should you wish to pay it.

Parliamentarians

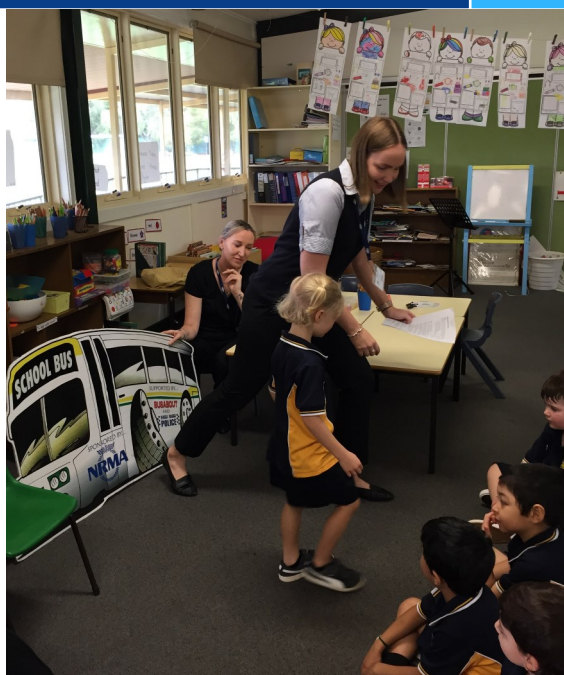
Congratulations to all the students who put themselves forward and delivered prepared speeches to their peers yesterday. Well done to those who have been elected as our 2020 Ministers. Please see a full list in this Bulletin.

World's Greatest Shave

After over 3 years of growing his hair, Rex is shaving his head. The event will happen on Friday 13 March under the COLA, first thing in the morning. Rex will also be donating his hair to Variety to make a wig. Please consider sponsoring him. The links for sponsoring Rex are:

<http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/rexmartin>.

<https://hairwithheart.everydayhero.com/au/rex-is-shaving-his-head>



Kindergarten Bus Education

On Tuesday 11 February, NRMA and Busabout came to Kindergarten to teach us about bus safety. We learnt about how to get on and off a bus safely and how to be safe around buses. At the end, we were lucky enough to go on a ride around town. It was a great morning for the Koalas and the Possums.

Mrs Hodges and Mr Harris



Medical Forms for Special Medical Assistance

Medical Conditions which require special attention or the administering of medication should be filled in on forms obtained from the school office. Please advise any change in medical conditions.

Medication cannot be administered by school staff unless the appropriate documentation has been provided.

Department of Education Student Welfare Guidelines do not permit medication of any type being brought to school by students and left in their bags or under their desks. All medicines, even non-prescription medication must be taken to the school office with the forms filled in from parents. All medication is locked in a secure place by administration staff.

All updated Asthma Plans or Medical Plans to the office please.

Working With Children Check Procedures

The Department of Education implements policies which aim to protect the safety of students. All staff working in primary schools had to complete a full Working With Children Check by November 2017. To implement procedures parents are asked to complete an Appendix 5 and 100 point identification check to enable them to volunteer in the school.

In addition to this, any parent transporting other students needs to provide a copy of their registration, comprehensive insurance and drivers licence. This process needs to be completed each year. Forms are available at the office. We appreciate your ongoing support in doing this process each year.



Important Dates

February

P&C meeting 6pm in the staffroom	17 February
Stage 1 Swimming Lessons begin	18 February
School Community BBQ 5.30-6.30	19 February
Year 6 Leadership Day	21 February
Foundation Day Assembly	25 February
St2 and St3 Girls Soccer Gala Day	27 February
St2 and St3 Boys Soccer Gala Day	28 February

March

WWDPSA Swimming Carnival	2 March
PSSA Swimming Albury	11 March
St2 and St 3 Girls Cricket Gala Day	12 March
MPS School Photos	18 March
South Wagga PS Fete	27 March

Canteen

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

Volunteers needed - please contact the school.



LIBRARY LINKS

Term 1



Welcome to the 2020 school year ☺ Library classes are timetabled as follows:

	ODD WEEKS	EVEN WEEKS
MONDAY -	5/6 Emus	1/2 Bilbies
TUESDAY -	5/6 Dingoes & K Koalas	3/4 Kookaburras & 1/2 Wombats
WEDNESDAY -	5/6 Quokkas & K Possums	3/4 Echidnas & 1/2 Magpies
THURSDAY -	5/6 Kangaroos	---
FRIDAY --		3/4 Galahs

Home borrowing will commence in Week 4 for all classes. Please remind your child/ren to bring their library bags and books to return on their library day each week. For those children in Stage 3 it is not compulsory to have a library bag in order to borrow.

The library will be open for extra borrowing sessions, quiet activities and computer passes every Monday, Wednesday and Friday second half of lunch.

A reminder that the **NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)** for 2020 opens on Monday the 2 March. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for enjoyment and enrichment in students and enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student - to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The PRC booklists open doors to a rich collection of children's literature representing a range of books including picture books, junior & senior fiction as well as non-fiction texts. A wide variety of Australian authors are always represented. For more information about the PRC itself, lists of books, tips for parents & caregivers and rules etc please visit the website.

As all information is entered and processed online, the children participating **MUST** be aware of their individual usernames and passwords to access their personal records.

Happy reading!

Susan McTackett

Teacher-Librarian



Foundation Day

Family of our new school leaders have been invited to attend a special induction ceremony on Tuesday 25 February at 2:35pm - 3:20pm. Our School Captains, Parliamentarians and Sporting House leaders will be presented badges and recognised for their leadership representation.

Student Financial Assistance

If you are having financial difficulties and need support for students to attend excursions, sports and events, parents are requested to contact the school office to receive an application form for financial assistance. The form will remain confidential and must be received before the due date of payment for an event/excursion to be considered. **No student will be attending any event if payment has not been made or contact made to the school for support by the due date.** Please help us to support students to attend. Please contact Mrs Eacott for further information or clarification if needed. This practice has the support from the SWPS P&C and is required to meet auditing expectations.

South Wagga Public School Student Parliament

What is it?

Here at South Wagga we have a very unique system of student involvement in decision making; our Student Parliament. Our staff highly value student input into decision making and providing the opportunity for all students to have a voice.

Who is involved?

Whilst being overseen by Mr Brodie and Mr Brooks, our Parliament is completely run by our school leaders. The captains and vice captains take on the roles of Secretary, Speaker, Prime Minister and Opposition Leader. Our Ministers are voted in at the beginning of the year by their fellow Stage 3 peers and each are responsible for a specific portfolio. Ministers must be in Year 6. We congratulate our 2020 Ministers as listed below:

Minister for Functions:	Myles Cornell
Minister for Recreation:	Georgie Hayes
Minister for Education:	Lucy Davies
Minister for Safety:	Joe Measday
Minister for Health:	Jace Lucas
Ministers for Environment:	Laila Kennedy, Olivia Cecchini



All Stage 3 students are Members of Parliament, and any student within the school has the right to put forth a proposal during a Parliamentary sitting.

How does it work?

In the lead up to a Parliamentary sitting, any student within our school is given the opportunity to put forth a proposal. This may be something they would like to see happen or change within our school. Proposals often vary from simple ideas to rather complicated suggestions. The proposal is then read out at the next Parliamentary sitting by the student who wrote it. Following this, the Members of Parliament (Stage 3 students) and the Ministers have the opportunity to voice arguments either for or against the proposal. A vote is then conducted by the Parliamentary Members to decide if the proposal will be passed through Parliament.

What next?

If a proposal is passed it is then given to the appropriate Minister to follow up, to see if it is viable. This involves liaising with Stage 3 teachers, a designated teacher who oversees each particular Minister, and varying members of our school community. If viable the Minister is then responsible for communicating with all parties involved and coordinating resources to implement the proposed idea. Of course proposals often need to be modified to make them possible.

Examples of things that have come about due to our Student Parliament:

- ◆ Large funding grants to improve our school natural environment and environmental education.
- ◆ Fundraising events for many different causes that effect our school community such as cancer and heart disease.
- ◆ Sporting equipment.

Is English your additional language?

We would like to invite you to an information session to help you understand what is happening with your child at school.



When : Fridays

MON	TUS	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	1

Where: Mrs Buinac's Room



Time:

3:30pm



4:30pm



The SWPS 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.

Step 5: As soon as your request to download is approved by the school you can enjoy communication in the modern world.

Join the Band

We are so excited about new students joining our school band. If you are in Years 3 – 6 and are interested in joining the band, please see Mr Harris for an enrolment form. Although you can choose an instrument, we are very keen for students to learn the trumpet, trombone and flute.

Mr Harris

Stage One Swimming Program Information 2020

All Stage 1 students will participate in the swimming program during Term One. The program is an eight week program with one lesson per week for 8 weeks. Cost is \$65 or season ticket holders (number required) only to pay \$30.

The lessons will be held each Tuesday, leaving school at 9.25am. Lessons will commence Week 4, Tuesday 18 February.

Swimming Program 2020 for each stage will be on Tuesdays

Term 2 - Stage 2 (8 weeks)

Term 3 - no one

Term 4 - Stage 3 and Kindy (8 weeks)

Gymnastics for 2020 for each stage will be on Tuesdays

Term 2 - Stage 1 & Kindergarten

Term 3 - Stage 3

Term 4 - Stage 2

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

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2020 FETE
5-8PM
27TH
March



Cake stall, show bags, ham wheel, silent auction, raffle, food, drinks & much much more...

SOUTH WAGGA PUBLIC SCHOOL

**IT'S
BACK!**

OBSTACOOOL

THE COOLEST INFLATABLE
OBSTACLE COURSE AROUND!



At our FETE
on 27th March
from 5-8pm,
make sure you
don't miss this one.

A concert not to be missed!

**Wagga Community Band and the
Leeton Town Band**

plus a special appearance by the Conservatorium's
Saxophone and Clarinet Ensembles

**Sunday
March 1
at 3pm**



**Sacred
Heart
Church**
(Lake Albert Road)



Cost:
\$10
(\$5 concession)
**Tickets at the
door**

For the very first time members of
the Wagga Community Band and
the Leeton Town Band (pictured
above) will be performing
together in the one concert. Part
of the proceeds will go to the Bush
Fire Appeal

RIVERINA
CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC
WAGGA WAGGA

Parent & Student Information Night
Tuesday, February 18 2020
7:30pm – 8:30pm

Bannister Room, RCM

Information night will cover details of all music lessons and
programs on offer at the RCM.

RSVP via email: admin@rivconmusic.nsw.edu.au

CLOTHING POOL

**OPEN EVERY THURSDAY AFTERNOON FROM
3.00PM TO 3.45PM**


Contact Leanne :- 0401 338 675

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



Achievement and Learning @ SWPS Awards Week 2 Term 1 2020

Assembly Awards

Class	Achievement Awards	Learning @ SWPS	Principal's School Values Awards
K Koalas	Brock McNamara	Osman Osman	 Rocco
K Possums	Sam Conkey	Pia Manchanda	
1/2 Bilbies	Jude Gill, Alex Conkey	Coco Sutherland	
1/2 Magpies	Thomas Bruckner, Angel Bobon	Van Anh Trinh	
1/2 Wombats	Ma’Kialah Peckham, Angus Giltrap	Charlotte Cole	
3/4 Echidnas	April Granger, Asher McNellie	Poppy Clancy	 Fury
3/4 Galahs	Skye Thomas, Reuben Williamson	Mia Cecchini	
3/4 Kookaburras	Ruby Bye, Luc Gourieroux	Nandi Ncube	
5/6 Dingoes	Mahrosh Admad, William Kerr	Louie Mortimer	
5/6 Emus	Halle Clancy, Lucia Ingram	Tom Hogan	
5/6 Kangaroos	Will Bromham, Jack Fuller	Joe Measday	 Dion
5/6 Quokkas	Fletcher Bradley, Riley Bye	Cleo Mascini	
Special Awards			
Library -	Environment -	Assembly -	
	No awards last week.		
RFF—	Movement -	Uniform -	

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