

Wagga Wagga District NEWSLETTER



Tuesday 10 April 2001

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Dear Colleagues,

Congratulations to you and your staff on a successful Term 1. Issues were minimal and well managed in your schools allowing teachers to concentrate on the core business of public education, to "teach your children well". During Term 2 I will call for copies of school management plans. Thank you to those schools who have already forwarded a copy. Have a safe and happy Easter break.

Regards

Colin Parker
Superintendent, Wagga Wagga District

From the CEO

I am certain everyone is looking forward to a well earned Easter break.

I would like to thank Principals for their support and friendship during the term and I look forward to building on this hectic term after the holidays. I will be in Sydney for a conference of Chief Education Officers during the holidays and we will be discussing the following:

- Support for schools Basic Skills Test results.
- Support for schools ELLA results
- School Reviews
- The schools self-evaluation cycle-"The role of the CEO'.
- Possible timelines/format of 2001 Annual School Reports.

I welcome contact with Principals and arranging visits to schools for next term so please don't hesitate in telephoning, faxing or emailing me.

Have a safe and relaxing break.

Peter Brabin
Chief Education Officer

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District Diary

Check out the District Diary on Wagga Wagga District web page. <http://www.waggad.det.nsw.edu.au/>

Matt Gown
Technology Adviser

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Department of Education & Training Dance 2001 Ensemble

An opportunity exists for students from grade 5 to year 12 to audition for a place in the Wagga District Dance 2001 Ensemble.

The NSW Performing Arts Unit recently sent information and nomination forms to all Wagga District schools but some schools received the information after the closing date. As a result, **the closing date has been extended. I will now accept nominations until the end of term 1.**

The ensemble will have at least two major performances for 2001, the Riverina Dance Festival in June and the State Dance Festival in September and will rehearse weekly at South Wagga PS in Wagga. There is a cost of \$120 for the year with additional costs for costumes, travel, accommodation etc. Please encourage interested students to apply.

**Julie Webber
Creative Arts Consultant
ph: 6937 3802**

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Chemical Safety in Schools (CSIS)

Principals are reminded that in order to comply with legislative requirements contained in Memorandum 00/283 dated 14 July 2000, you must have completed the training of all staff in chemical safety by the end of Term1, 2001. Full details of the required training are contained in the CSIS package and *Principal's Guide* which was sent to all schools in Term 3 last year.

TILT Plus

The *School Training Request for the Year 2001* proforma was due into district office on Friday 6 April. For those schools who haven't returned the proforma, you are asked to do so as soon as possible.

T&D Course Attendance

A number of staff who are nominated to attend district workshops and courses are failing to attend without notifying the district office of their intentions. As a result, a large percentage of the district T&D budget is being wasted on course fees and catering costs for the non attending staff. Could you please ensure that your staff give at least 2 days notice that they are withdrawing from district T&D activities, otherwise schools may have to be billed for the costs incurred.

**David O'Neill
T&D/Curriculum Coordinator**

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Establishment of new special education service

We have been successful with our application for an outreach service to support students with a diagnosis of Autism. This position will be based at Lake Albert PS and will create an ET(Support) position at the school.

For further information please contact Sue Lowe - District Office (69373897) or Lee Oliver - Lake Albert (69226400)

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KIDMAP

Schools that registered with the KIDMAP program last year and new schools registering this year will receive the new version of KIDMAP during term 2. The new version has a wizard start which should make the software work like magic. In 2001, the focus will be on planning and programming, since pilot schools acknowledged that assessment and reporting from KIDMAP is difficult unless the programs are documented on KIDMAP in the first place.

For more information, visit the website at www.tdd.nsw.edu.au/kidmap or call Ineke Kolder-Wicks, Wagga Wagga KIDMAP coordinator, 69373800