

Wagga Wagga District NEWSLETTER



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Dear Colleagues

As I peruse the media release of what is happening in our schools across the district this Education Week I once again see our public schools reaching out to their communities and welcoming them into their schools. I wish you all a wonderfully fulfilling week of celebration.

Whilst schools are individually celebrating Education Week, the Wagga Wagga District "**Public Education Expo**" is showcasing outstanding examples of student work on your school bulletin boards and a wonderful program of exciting live entertainment. All contributing schools are to be congratulated on the exemplary standard of student work on display.

Please pass on my congratulations to your staff and students, particularly those responsible for assembling the displays in such an attractive and creative way. Do encourage your communities and staff members to visit the displays this week and to feel justly proud of their profession.

Education Week was launched officially in the Wagga Wagga District by Dr Alan Rice, Director of Early Childhood and Primary Education. Dr Rice spoke of the many important programs operating in our schools, congratulated the schools and district consultants for the work that they are doing together and referred to examples of state wide data that assured the general public of how well students in state schools are achieving. Glyn Leyshon spoke on the role of the public education ambassadors before students entertained the crowd. Once again, our schools across the district can feel proud that their efforts in delivering quality public education were well presented.

The attached media article refers to some of the quality learning, which is taking place in our country schools. A program of Public Education Expo events and displays is also attached.

On Friday, 21 September the Male Teacher Enquiry will visit schools in the Wagga Wagga District. Thank you to June North PS, Junee HS, Ashmont PS and Wagga Wagga HS for hosting visits. At 4-5pm at the Bidgee Education Centre, the panel will meet with all interested school staff and community members. Please ensure that your staff are aware of the meeting and the invitation for them to participate and have their say.

Regards,

Colin Parker
District Superintendent

STOP PRESS: OHS&R ONE DAY PRINCIPALS TRAINING

As yet I have not received any replies from Principals wanting to attend this course as outlined in the last newsletter. It is scheduled for **Wednesday September 26** at the **Young Services and Citizens Club**.

This course has previously been run in Wagga Wagga in late Term 4 2000 and again in Cootamundra in Term 2 2001. Some Principals were unable to attend either because of excursions.

This is a **mandatory** course which inservices Principals in the Department's resource, *Occupational Health Safety and Injury Management* and their responsibilities under OH&S legislation.

I am reluctant to assume that I know all Principals who have not yet attended because my list may not be exhaustive. I am not anticipating running this course again after September 26.

Could those principals wishing to attend please contact me ASAP on telephone number 69 373816.

Gaelle O'Neill
Staff Welfare Officer

PROFESSIONAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TRAINING

Professional Assault Response Training (PART) is a two day workshop that provides a comprehensive and systematic approach to the predicting, understanding and management of aggressive/assaultive behaviours. The workshop is organized around a set of principles, which collectively state that staff members who have developed a systematic approach to assaultive behaviour are less likely to injure or be injured during an assaultive incident than staff members without a systematic approach.

This workshop is available to all schools in the Wagga Wagga District through the District Behaviour Team. Stuart Wood (District Behaviour Executive) is one of twenty six trainers within the NSW Department of Education and Training and is able to offer PART training to teachers and support staff across the District.

A PART training course being conducted at the Bidgee Education Centre, Halloran Street, Wagga Wagga on 27 and 28 September. There are ten positions still available in this course. These positions are available for teachers and/or support staff, that are working in particularly high-risk areas. Schools will need to cover relief. Please contact Stuart Wood on 69 219334 if you have any staff that would like to avail themselves of this course.

Kerrie Tweddle
Student Services & Equity Coordinator

HENTY MACHINERY FIELD DAYS – 2001

As has been the case in previous years the organisers of the Henty Machinery Field Days have extended an invitation to secondary schools to attend *Henty Machinery Field Days* on Tuesday 18 September 2001.

The invitation is for 18 September only and entry of school groups under 18 years will not be permitted on other days.

The invitation does not include primary school students attending as part of a school group.

All students must wear school uniform and badges and the admittance fee is to be paid at the point of entry. The cost is \$5:00 per student. Teachers with groups will be admitted free. School cheques are acceptable.

Further information is available from Mrs Barrett on 02 69293305. Mrs Barrett will be available this Friday. If you wish, attendance of school groups may be confirmed by facsimile on 69293180.

Judy Grant
Office Manager

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