

# Wagga Wagga District

# NEWSLETTER



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## Dear Colleagues

Welcome back to Term 4. It appears that all staff, both in District Office and schools, have hit the ground running with full term calendars.

We wish all of our district HSC students a very successful result to their studies and congratulate all staff who have been involved in implementing the new HSC for your commitment and professionalism throughout the various challenges.

Congratulations too to those primary schools celebrating significant improvements in Basic Skills Results due to focussed programs in literacy and numeracy. The new data disks are very friendly so that all teachers on staff can access the wide range of feedback on individual and groups of pupils they have taught. I look forward to discussing your analysis with you on future visits.

This term's District Principals' Meeting will be held in Young on 15 November. Our northern colleagues have booked an excellent venue for a dinner the evening before. Details will be forwarded closer to the date but I would encourage your participation in the opportunity to socialise and network with your colleagues.

The District Office will be preparing its own annual report for the first time this year and we look forward to the feedback to our schools. To assist with the process a survey is attached. Your support with a timely response will assist Peter Brabin with his collation for the report.

Some of our schools are moving to changeable signs to promote what is happening in their schools to the local community. I have read of one Newcastle school that has caused much comment with its catchy statements: If you can read this sign you probably went to a public school; The public school equation: great teachers + loving parents = happy kids; We help skill parents to help their kids learn; 3 happy places - Disneyland, Land of Oz and XX Public School. The latest: If you think our signs are good, you should see the teaching. I like their obvious pride in being part of public schooling in NSW.

Have a great term!  
Regards,

**Colin**

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## NEWS FROM THE CEO

Welcome back to all. With BST data and the Annual School report template due in primaries this week, busier times are ahead.

The BST Data on Disk should be in all primary schools and already I have heard very positive comments about the new features. The District Office team has been analysing the results and

are extremely pleased with the results of many schools. We understand that there is no 'quick fix' and that programs take time to embed themselves successfully to improve student outcomes but it is evident that those schools who have taken up the challenge over the past two years are beginning to reap the rewards.

I have sent out the Annual School Report Template and Support Package for MAC users via email but have only sent part of the package for PC users as this document is too large for our network to accept. I can however break this package up if schools are urgently requiring it or download it from [www.detsai.com](http://www.detsai.com). The full package on CD has been sent to all schools from our directorate in Sydney and should be in schools this week. Please let me know of any delays or problems but first use the **HOTLINE 02 96482869** for software problems.

Also attached to this newsletter is a 'Customer Survey' that will assist me to write an Annual District Report and is due back by 2 November for collation.

I will be away next week conducting a review but will be available on my mobile for emergencies or leave a message at the office and I will return your call ASAP.

**Peter Brabin**  
**Chief Education Officer**  
**School Accountability and Improvement**

**A Reminder to Principals of schools participating in Stewart House;**

Please ensure that all forms and cheques reach District Office by **Friday 26 October, 01**.

**Rose Manousaridis**  
**Student Welfare Consultant**

#### **LIMIT ON AMOUNT OF STORED WEBMAIL**

There is a 15 MB limit to the amount mail you can store in your webmail account. When you reach 13 MB you will receive a warning that your mail box is nearing full. When you reach 15 MB you will be unable to send email.

To prevent this stoppage, you must regularly clear your account of unwanted email:

1. Delete unwanted mail from inbox
2. Delete items from "Deleted Items Folder".
3. Delete unwanted items from "Sent Items Folder".
4. Delete unwanted items from any folders you have made.

Ring me (6937 3879) if you need any help.

**Matt Gown**  
**Technology Adviser**

**SCIENCE: JOB SKILLS FOR SCHOOL ASSISTANTS IN SCIENCE**  
**Wagga Wagga District Training and Development**

A course for accreditation in Job Skills for Science Assistants will commence on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November, at Wagga Wagga High School. This course is open to all SASS people, including present Science assistants, SASS who want to multi-skill and casual SASS employees.

The course follows the blue folder Job Skills for School Assistants Working in Science that should be held in your Science faculties. Each participant will require a copy of the folder.

Phase 1 will be an introductory workshop at Wagga Wagga High School, from 1pm to 3.30pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November. The course will involve the following program.

Phase	Time frame	Mode
Phase 1	<b>Wagga Wagga High</b> Half day 8.11.01 12.30 - 3.30pm	Workshop Session 1 in district
Phase 2	<b>In school</b> 3 weeks	Individual session -5 activities in school
Phase 3	<b>Wagga Wagga High</b> 6.12.10 9am – 3.30pm 13.12.01 9am – 3.30pm	Workshop II Workshop III
Phase 4	<b>In school</b> 8 – 10 weeks T1 2002	Individual sessions – Project In school. Needed for Job Skills Certificate
Phase 5	<b>Wagga Wagga High</b> Half day T2 2002 TBA	Workshop session – debrief Assessment for certificate

Please encourage your SASS staff to apply to attend this course through the course applications faxed to your school on Friday 19.10.01. If you do not have this application, contact David O’Neill, 69 373884. There is no cost for the course and lunch and morning tea is provided. Schools are to cover their own relief and cost for travel.

Any enquiries please phone me on telephone number 02 69373874.

**Anne Flood**  
**Science Consultant**

**LIFE EDUCATION AUSTRALIA**

The Murrumbidgee Life Education Centre Inc is supported by funding from the NSW Health Department. A State body administers the van with various regions paying for the service.

Carlie Fanning is the local educator and may be contacted on 0427941430. The fee for children remains at \$4.00.

The local committee meets monthly. Further information may be obtained from :

Peter Hollis, Treasurer - telephone 69 263939  
Dawn Haddon, Secretary - telephone 69 397701

The telephone number for NSW Life Education is 02 96733222. The service deliver coordinators are Evon Marwick and Teresa Sargent.

The Murrumbidgee Life Education Centre is holding a "Light A Candle For Life" Christmas tree promotion in the Wagga Wagga Marketplace throughout December.

Enquiries regarding Life Education Australia may be directed to the contacts listed above.

**DISTRICT OFFICE CONTACTS**

An updated list of District Office contacts is attached for your information

**Judy Grant  
Office Manager**

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