Term 1 is rapidly drawing to a close and it has been an extremely busy and productive term.

We have had some great success on the sporting fields, debating and chess competition, in cattle showing and of course in the work that our students have been doing in their classes.

I hope that you have also discovered the Wellington High School Facebook page which is another important vehicle to let you all know about great things that are happening here.

Thanks also to the parents and staff who made our Parent/Teacher evening extremely successful again this year. It was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance and take the opportunity to speak with their students' teachers.

During the holidays we are also very excited to be having two of our staff, Ms Liz Anderson and Mrs Kaylene Brien, along with their daughters Samantha and Makeyee travel to China to visit with Chang Zhou Senior High School with whom we are developing a sister school relationship. We will of course have more to say about this in the new term.

A reminder too to all parents that we do have a school uniform which also includes shoes. The school insists on black enclosed shoes except on sports days when joggers can be worn. In our TAS subjects because of Work, Health and Safety requirements, students are to wear enclosed shoes with a sturdy leather upper. We can and do provide some boots for those who are in the incorrect footwear.

It is also very disappointing to see many of our students missing out on their Merit awards they are entitled to if it were not for the fact that they are in the incorrect uniform particularly shoes.

As reported in the last newsletter our numbers have grown this year so much so that we are looking to create another Year 9 class and two more elective choices. The timetable team is at the moment building the timetable to begin day 1 of next term and we are also reorganizing the composition of the class. We will inform parents concerned of the changes.

I hope you all have a great holiday break and see you back again next term which begins for students on 21st April.
Debating

Our two Senior Debating Teams have been hard at work this term, arguing. The teams have had a crash course in debating, after having had an extended hiatus of school participation in the competitions.

On the 17th of March, the self-titled “Ferocious Foxes”, consisting of Melanie Peschka, Brodie Davis, Bridgette Birbiles and Taylah Whiteley versed off against Dubbo Campus Senior College, arguing that All students should have to learn a second language throughout high school. Our speakers all presented a very strong case, but unfortunately the debate went to the opposition.

On Thursday, 19th of March, Dunedoo Central School travelled out to Wellington for a day of debating. First up, the Ferocious Foxes argued for the case That we should prohibit the advertising of gambling during sports broadcasts. Wellington narrowly and contentiously lost the debate. After lunch and much collegiality, the “Wellington Wondercats” stepped in for their first debate of the season. The team of Sam Hunt, Courtnay Budd, Tim Johnston and Katherine Kitch argued for the topic That we should ban scripture in government schools. After a very impressive round of linguistic duelling, Dunedoo were awarded this debate. Well done Dunedoo!

Our eight debaters, Chairperson Matt Maher and Timekeeper Hannah Wilson have all proudly represented our school to the wider community throughout these debates. Both adjudicators and visiting schools were exceptionally impressed with the calibre of our representatives. The competition will continue at the start of Term 2 with the Wondercats travelling to Dubbo for their second debate, before Wellington finishes off with a fearsome battle between the Wondercats and Ferocious Foxes. May the best team win!

Term 2 will also see the competitions for 9/10 and 7/8 debating, so keep an eye out for results from our junior teams too!
Miss Boyce.
English Faculty

Students in Year 8 have been working on an Australiana Poetry Unit. Here is an example of some of the fantastic poems they have written.

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**Little Miss Bubble**

Little Miss Bubble parked so perfect
Her eyes glooming in a bright night’s moon
But her yellow skin makes her smile light up
Still parked so perfect
As she snoozes waiting for the sun to rise,
So she can start her engine and be on her way
But first she will stop to polish her top
And clean her yellow smile.

*By Solomon Kennedy (O Class)*

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**Old Pa Gumtree**

The grand old tree
Growing old
His long creaking feet
Sawing through the water
He stands regal and tall
Reaching the sky more and more
He slowly creeps
Along the dirty river bank
Waving goodbye
As the sun goes down.

*By Abbey Croker (O Class)*

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**Wellington**

As I walk through the small town of Wellington
I hear a cacophony of birds whistling
as the howling wind brushes past.
And roaring motor bikes running on the wet road
splash cold water on my neck.
I walk forward to the flowing river.
I run my hands through the cloudy water
stirring the thick mud with soft hands.
As it races faster down the stream
It passes the old oak tree.
As I turn out of town
I head towards the Wellington caves.
Grand crystallised towers of solid rock standing tall and proud
looking down at all below
as I stare at all the beauty they possess.
I head home
I pick up some fresh food
and smell the fresh flavours of citrus
floating graciously through the air.
I smell sizzling steak bubbling and cooking away in its juicy goodness.
I look out at empty paddocks and blue mountains floating in the distance as night falls.
The mystic clouds cover the glowing moon and stars come out showing me the way to Wellington.

*By Max-Ann Whittaker (O Class)*

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**How did it come to this?**

We looked to the black hooded man
our faces expressionless, blank.
They took the first strike with the whip
We were already cloying for breath.
Fifty strikes
the shadow of death grew darker and darker.
The screams in the deep
Like a trumpet in a cave
All had fallen
We were the last ones alive.
They threw us in the stockade
blades tormenting and taunting.
We were the last ones left.
Tell me!
How did it come to this?

*By Liam Russell (O Class)*

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Year 11 and 12 Senior Study Days
During the beginning of Term 1 Senior Study Days were run for Year 11 and Year 12. Year 12 had their Study Day in week 4, launching the students into a successful HSC year.
The Study Day included a range of Guest Speakers and workshops providing the students with valuable information and strategies to enhance study habits and information on life after school and health and well-being throughout the important year ahead.
Year 12 workshops included:
- How to write in the HSC exam run by experienced HSC Marker - Mrs Parkes
- Study Skills and memory techniques
- Time Management/How to have a life and still manage to study – Mrs Gorrie
- Life after school
- School Counsellor Mr Mutton ran an activity on building resilience and coping strategies
- Setting and achieving goals.
After recess students rotated around different exercises, designed to help the students understand that exercise is important for everyday life, that it does not always require expensive equipment or gym membership and can be done almost anywhere. The students had the opportunity to do boxfit, walk and yoga.
A big thank you to Mandy Perkins, Mrs Turner and all our presenters who gave Year 12 an inspirational and valuable start to 2015.

As Year 11 begin their senior years, the day was all about introducing students to life and study going into these important years. The day was filled with relevant and important information for the students.
Year 11 workshops completed were:
- Study habits, HSC marking and writing
- ‘All About Me’ – life in senior years
- Bodies and minds were exercised through boxfit, walking and yoga
- Assessment Guides were analysed with the students, as well as setting and achieving goals
- Time Management/How to have a life and still manage to study – Mrs Gorrie

Thank you again to all our presenters who helped Year 11 embark on their senior studies.

General Construction Training – Whitecard
On 25th February students had the opportunity to attain their Whitecard. Thirteen students participated and thanks to Doug Chrystall for coming and putting the students through the course.
This is a course of training that provides basic knowledge of construction work, the Work Health and Safety (WHS) Laws that apply, common hazards likely to be encountered in construction work, and how the associated risks can be controlled.
’White Card’ is a term used to describe the plastic card issued by a Registered Training Organisation indicating that a person has undertaken general induction training for construction work. Under the WHS legislation, workers on construction sites in Australia must undertake general induction training or ‘White Card training’ and have evidence of their attendance from the course before they are permitted to commence work on a construction site. The WHS regulations outline this requirement.
There will be further opportunities later in the year for more students to obtain this qualification. It’s a valuable qualification to have.

University Roadshow
On 11th March, 11 students and myself travelled to Dubbo College Senior Campus to attend the University Roadshow.
This gave the students an introduction to University life at Southern Cross University, Charles Sturt University and University of New England. The students commented on how valuable the excursion was and how much they had learnt from it. The presentation was engaging and the students had the opportunity to talk to each representative individually and get great resources and goody bags.

Year 10 Careers
Year 10 have been completing Work Readiness lessons for their upcoming work experience in term 2.
The lessons have provided the students with information that is required to get the students ready for work experience. Focuses have been on the paperwork, contacting employers, prohibited activities, presentation when in a workplace and all the important bits and pieces required for work experience. Student Placement Forms were due to me by the end of Week 9. Students will go out on Work Experience in Week 2 or 3 of Term 3. I Hope they have a valuable experience and enjoy it.
Students will go out depending on their English class
- E class & English B will go out 27th April – 1st May 2015 (Week 2)
- English A will go out 4th May – 8th May 2015 (Week 3)
Sydney Royal Easter Show.
On the 22nd March a number of students, a few head of cattle, four Meatbirds and Mr Dimmick, travelled to Sydney to compete in three livestock competitions. We had entered an impressive line-up of steers along with some stud Speckle Park Cattle. This year, in addition to our cattle showing, we diversified into Meat birds by entering a Schools Meat bird competition sponsored by Steggles.

The report from Mr Dimmick is that we were awarded a 2nd in the Heavyweight steers and a 6th in the Lightweight steers. Mr Dimmick added that he was pleased with our results given the quality of the contestants. We have heard a rumour from the Poultry Pavilion that we have done very well there also, but that has yet to be confirmed.

We are also waiting to hear the results of the carcase competition with regard to the steers. The Speckled Park stud cattle were judged earlier in the week, with outstanding results. Our older bull was awarded Best Speckled Park exhibit and he went on to be awarded third across all breeds of beef cattle at the Royal. This level of achievement has never been attained by a Speckled Park animal before and so is an outstanding achievement for the owners, Mr Dimmick and his team of students. In addition, one of the Speckled Park heifers was awarded Reserve Senior Champion exhibit which, although a little overshadowed by the bulls achievement, is still an outstanding result in its own right.

We congratulate Mr Dimmick and his team of students on their efforts and dedication to the showing of our cattle, and for the results they achieved at the Royal Easter Show. We wish them a safe trip home and look forward to catching up with them upon their return.

Year 12 Ancient History Estelle Lazer Lecture
On 27th February, the Year 12 Ancient History class went to the Senior Campus to listen to a lecture from Dr Estelle Lazer on the archaeological site of Pompeii and Herculaneum, which is the mandatory topic for the HSC.

Dr Lazer is a specialist osteoarchaeologist who for the past 25 years has been studying the plaster casts and skeletons of Pompeii and Herculaneum.

Dr Lazer was amazing to listen to with her explanation of the site and the eruption of Mt Vesuvius in general. Her own photos and discussion of her work with the skeletons was even more interesting. Her description of her working environment in Pompeii was quite amusing, explaining that her companions were the rats, mice and bats.

On the whole, a highly worthwhile day, including the coffee stop at McDonald’s, thanks to Mrs Parkes excellent judgement of time in the morning. We finished with another McDonalds stop for a late lunch, and even looking at dead people all day did not deter us!!!
WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

NOTICE BOARD

ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND GIVE BLOOD

Mobile Blood Service visiting:
Wellington
Rear Coles car park, Swift Street
Thursday 23 April 9.40am – 2.50pm
Drink up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate
Eat! Have a good sized breakfast or lunch!!
Please bring photo I.D. with you
To make an appointment call 13 14 95
or visit donateblood.com.au
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BLOOD SERVICE

NETBALL REGISTRATION DATES!!
Wednesday 8th April 4pm to 7pm
Friday 10th April 4pm to 7pm
Contact: Kaye Jacobson
(6845 1669 or 0427710291)
Simone Keirle: (0409982999)
Where: 43 Whiteley Street
(opposite Notts Rural)
NOTE: Netball will commence on Saturday 2nd
May 2015

VACCINATIONS
Vaccination dates for
Years 7, 11 and 12:
2nd Clinic—7th May 2015
3rd Clinic—17th September 2015
Please return your completed forms to the office ASAP if you have not already done
so!!

School Website
You may not realize that the school has a website. The website contains up to date information about what is
going on in the school. It contains:
😊 News about recent excursions and student
achievements
😊 A calendar of events, including up-coming
excursions, that is continually updated
😊 Assessment Guides for years 11 and 12
😊 Information about faculties, including elective
information to help guide your students through
the subject selection process
😊 Examination timetables
😊 School policies and information about such
things as Friendly Schools and Families, and
PBL

I encourage you to go and have a look. Google
Wellington High School or visit;
http://www.wellington-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/

National Youth Week
IT STARTS WITH US
10–18 April 2016

Speaking Out LOUD
Friday 17 April 3.30 - 7pm
Macleay Regional Library
Wellington Branch
Contact: 6845 2156
A no cost, drug and alcohol free event for youth
3.30 - 4.30pm: BBQ and Outdoor Games with Mission Australia
(Traditional Indigenous Games; Netty for Fun; Footy for Fun)
4.30 - 7pm Open Mic and Hangout Space
in the library with a DJ and music
Rap a Book challenge
Prizes and giveaways
Hot chocolate and fruit
BVO rap, song or instrument to play on the night

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# WELLINGTON SCHOOL HOLIDAY
## ACTIVITIES APRIL 2015

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**NOTE:** Adult supervision is required for all children under 13 years, event organisers cannot be responsible for children

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- WINS - 68451606
- Mission - 68454080
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**HAPPY EASTER WELLINGTON !!!**
The Elective History class has been studying our local history and heritage. As part of that we have been on 3 different site studies this term. Our first site study was to examine the cemeteries of HC Roman Catholic cemetery on the Parkes Rd, sometime erroneously referred to as the Curra Creek cemetery and the Main cemetery.

At the HC Roman Catholic cemetery it was very interesting to find out that it was first used as there was a flood in 1950 which meant people could not reach the main cemetery. After that it primarily became a Catholic cemetery, as indicated by its name. Mrs Parkes was very surprised to find so many references to Irish families, indicating a strong Irish heritage in early Wellington. For example Tom and Mary Sullivan on their headstones indicated that their place of birth was Limerick County Ireland.

The main cemetery also demonstrated many social beliefs of the time; that different religions did not want to be buried together, hence the denomination areas, as well as a high degree of potential prejudice with the Chinese, some Jewish and Aboriginal graves being distinctly away from the other religions. Mrs Parkes did point out that it could also have been those peoples’ choice themselves, as their religions were also very different from mainstream white society.

Our second excursion was to our local museum – the Oxley Museum – to see how much of our town’s pictorial and artefact history is reflected in our cemeteries.

We looked at many artefacts from homes from the late 19th and early 20th century, like how they washed, ironed, the types of foods that were canned and sold.

Out the back we checked out the school house and a little hut which originally came from an outlying district. These buildings were constructed in what became a typical Australian style from local timber. In the school house, we found an honour roll of war heroes, and the names on it backed up our find at the Holy Roman Catholic cemetery, with many of them being of Irish origin.

Back in the main building, we looked at the Chinese section, which obviously supported the Chinese portion of the Main cemetery. We established how strong the Chinese culture was in Wellington and discovered, what we already had thought, that the Chinese families migrated from the gold fields around Orange and Gulgong to Wellington. The main portion of the display was centred around the Ling family who owned and operated W. S. Ling and Co Store, also known as Fong Lees store. It was established in 1879 and operated until 1935.

Our last site study excursion was to look at the types of buildings in Wellington and whether they reflect what we had already observed. The answer was yes. We have many styles of home reflecting our convict origins, using the local area to build timber wattle and daub huts as seen in Percy St. From there the fettler’s cottages were constructed also in Percy St to support the railway line once it went through. As more affluent people moved to Wellington we see a reflection of our English heritage with Georgian and Regency style buildings – the Museum and National Bank, as well as London terrace style as featured in Percy St. Our later heritage is reflected in the influence of refugees from Europe featured in our International style house in Percy St, as well as the American influence in some Californian bungalows. Lastly Warne St demonstrates our Australian ability to adapt to our surroundings with our beautiful Federation homes in that street.

Overall a very interesting exercise, noticing what we actually have in our town which reflects our history and heritage.
Open Boys Soccer

On 19th March Wellington Boys Soccer team travelled up to Dubbo to play Dubbo College in the CHS Knockout. With kick off at 12:30 the heat was searing as the sun was out in full force. The boys put in a great team effort and took the game to Dubbo with a team consisting of mainly 15 year olds taking on the full Dubbo College. It took Dubbo a while to find their rhythm with Jack Baker, Will Edwards, Claude Lewsam and Troy Osborne defending well. Sam Birbiles in goal made some cracking saves keeping us in the game. In the end Dubbo College came out as victors 8 – 3 with Kotoni Staggs getting two great goals beating the defenders from halfway to slice the ball in the net. Kotoni and Tom Swainston linked well to grab a third but the game was out of reach. Tom Swainston and Josh Playford put in long shifts in the midfield trying to help Kotoni Staggs break through as striker. Kieran Baker, Ryan Miller and Matt Dutfield also put in some great challenges and stepped up against the big Dubbo side. Aidan Carr and Jeremiah Wilson supported well up front on the wings assisting Kotoni and Tom to grab their goals. The boys showed real sportsmanship and gave their all in the sweltering conditions. In the next few years our team will only get better so looking forward to a tilt at the later rounds for next year. A big thank you to Mrs Trounce for driving the bus.

Mr Beattie

Girls Cricket

Girl’s cricket has started off very well this year. Senior girls played the first round of the Marie Cornish trophy. We played against Dubbo Senior College in a very rain affected game. Wellington batted first and achieved a very good total of 106, with B Douglas batting well and was caught for 25. Many girls did their job and occupied the crease for long periods of time. This allowed the total to build and to become very competitive. Dubbo started off very shaky and wickets began to fall. Unfortunately so did the rain and hail. The game was abandoned with Wellington taking the honours with a superior run rate.

Junior Girls T20 matches.
Junior Girls travelled to Mudgee for the first round of the Lisa Keightley Trophy. First game the girls played Dubbo Christian School. Dubbo elected to bat and reached a target of 106. With the best bowlers for Wellington being Brittany Owens and Jacinta Elemes. Unfortunately when we came out to bat we struggled with the pace of the opening bowler and were dismissed for 55. The second game saw Wellington play Dubbo South. Wellington elected to bat and reached a total of 100, with Bianca-Leigh Douglas reaching 41 and B Owens 11. Dubbo failed to combat the accurate bowling of Brittany Owens who achieved a personal best of 5 wickets for 2 runs from 4 overs. She was supported well by Arki Lewsham, Rebecca Dutfield, Bianca-Leigh Douglas and Madison Hannelly. Dubbo were dismissed for 38. Well done girls on a great effort.

Boy’s Cricket and Rugby League

The year has begun successfully for both the boy’s cricket and Rugby League teams. So far in senior boy’s cricket the team has won its first two games in the Davidson shield by defeating both Forbes and Parkes. So far for the boy’s cricket team the standout players with the bat have been Jack Baker and Bailey Preston whilst Brogan Black and Mitch Preston have been the standouts with the ball. The boy’s next opponent will be Cowra High School to be played in Wellington in term 3.

The Junior boys got their campaign off to a false start this past week as their two opening round games were washed out, however, they did get a chance to bowl in the opening game before the rains came and they had their opponent at 9/59 with the best of the bowlers being Lewis McCarthy. In Rugby League firstly a big congratulations to Kotoni Staggs, Nathan Budd and Brock Naden who all got picked in the CHS Western Zone sides this past week. To continue the positive news the WHS under 14’s side played Dubbo College Delroy Campus in their first round clash and were easily able to defeat them by running in 9 tries and posting a 48 to 8 score line. Right across the paddock there were players performing their jobs to a high level but special mentions must go to Jake Davis who performed brilliantly in his first ever game of Rugby League and to Logan Conn who was able to constantly push the opposition defence back and was a brick wall in defence for his team. The WHS under 16’s side will meet Gilgandra High School on 30th March in their opening round clash.
Western Indoor Cricket Carnival - Champions

The Western Indoor Cricket Carnival was contested in Bathurst on the 9th March. Our first game was against Dubbo. Some good batting by Chris, Peter, Sebastian and Kayne saw Wellington post a score of 25. Good fielding by Chris and tight bowling by Nicole saw Wellington restrict Dubbo to 15.

Wellington’s second game was against Carenne. Another solid batting performance saw Wellington score 19 runs. Charles and Sebastian were Wellington’s top run scorers. In response Careene scored 7 runs.

Third game was against Lithgow High School. This was a close contest. Wellington fielded first and bowled well to restrict Lithgow to only 8 runs. Chris and Charles were the pick of the bowlers taking several wickets each. Peter, Sebastian and Nicole scored some valuable runs. Wellington ended up scoring 16 runs from the six overs.

Our last round game was against Cowra High School. Wellington batted strongly scoring 22 runs. Khristian, Kayne and Scott batted well for Wellington. Chris and Nicole fielded well and restricted Cowra to 3 runs.

Wellington finished the round games in 1st place. This meant that Wellington would play Lithgow in the grand final.

The final didn’t get off to the best start with our opening pair only scoring 2 runs. Fantastic stroke play by Chris and Sebastian saw Wellington post a total of 17 runs. Charles and Chris were standouts with the ball taking several wickets each. Chris and Sebastian were excellent in the field both taking great catches and successfully running out several opposition batters. This strong bowling and fielding performance resulted in Lithgow only managing 9 runs. Wellington won the final and the Western Region Indoor Cricket tournament.

Congratulations to Kayne for being awarded the best and fairest boy player of the tournament. Well done to the whole team.

Miss Bolton
With so many new novels, we are pushed for space on the display shelves, so they have been split into different groups, with each getting the opportunity for display before reaching the regular shelves as either Fiction (Stage 4) or Young Adult (Stages 5-6). The current display has been up for four weeks and will rotate at the beginning of next term. So be sure to come up and have a browse and borrow!

The magazine stand is now well utilised with students waiting for the latest editions in anticipation. I am also extremely pleased with the mindfulness of those who read them, being aware that they are for everyone and returning them in excellent condition. Students are also making regular use of the past issues stand – well done again to everyone!

It’s not only all about novels, and just this week (Week 10), the Library order of Excel SUCCESS ONE HSC 2015 series has arrived. Some of the Cambridge Checkpoint Series has also been delivered, including those for the 2015 Area of Study – Discovery in English. These will be available for loan to teachers and students shortly.

And finally, the Brag Board… Every term students who make the Wellington Times, for a plethora of reasons, find themselves on the Library Brag Board. As you can see on the left, we have had a few mentions over this last term!!! The Board will be stripped and catalogued at the end of the week, ready for Term Two when we return… So that’s it for another newsletter. In the words of this year’s Book Week theme, Books light up our world… And remember, you’re never lonely in the Library…

Mrs Turner
Hi all! Where on Earth did Term One go?? It has positively flown past and Easter is once again upon us, as is a well-earned holiday for all the hard-working students at our school.

It has been a very busy term in the Library with nearly 140 new novels and resources being introduced, some examples of which you will see on these pages. Most pleasing has been the voracity with which some of these new books have been borrowed. Some particularly popular titles have included *The Maze Runner* series (James Dashner), *We Were Liars* (E. Lockhart), *The Piper* (Danny Weston) and *Defriended* (Ruth Baron), all of which have appeared in previous newsletters (except *The Piper*, which appears below).

The Library continues to be a hub of activity, not only during lesson time but also during recess and lunchtimes. The school set of ipads are regularly used during this time by individuals and groups, as are the computers, books (of course!) and games. This term, *Connect Four* and *UNO* have been the runaway successes with regards to board games, although, with the colder weather coming, I suspect there will be a greater demand for the old Chess and Scrabble chestnuts!

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‘Please,’ she whispers.
But he simply lifts a long white pipe to his lips and begins to play again, that same, mournful tune.
Then a pair of cold, wet hands clamp tightly around her ankles. They pull back hard and she has time for one, short scream.

On the eve of World War Two, Peter and Daisy are evacuated to a remote farmhouse. From the moment they arrive, they are aware that something evil haunts the place. Who plays the eerie music that can only be heard at night?

And why is Daisy so irresistibly drawn to it? When Peter uncovers a dark family secret, he begins to realise that his sister is in terrible danger, and to save her he must face an ancient curse…
Yr. 7/8 Interior Design
This focus in Technology (Mandatory) introduces students to the practical skills of using the sewing machine and some consideration of the elements of design particularly colour and shape. Students participate in a variety of fabric decoration techniques including, fabric rubbing with crayons using rubbing plates, and nature prints using acrylic and luminous paints and dot painting. The practical skills developed include safe and responsible use of the sewing machine, including threading and inserting the bobbin case.

Yr. 9/10 Textiles
Students in this class are making excellent progress with their project. At the moment kit bags are being made by the 100hr. students, and the 200hr. students are making costumes based around a fairy tale. The kit bags have required tie dyeing, and fabric decoration using puff paint, glitter glue and spray paint. Basic construction techniques have been developed in this project. The development of the costumes has engaged the students to look at character development through design. Costumes include a sumari based costume, fairy tale, middle eastern influenced (Arabian) and north American indian.
Yr. 8 Media
This subject has focused on development and presentation of a PowerPoint. The design brief for the students was to develop a PowerPoint with music attached that highlighted attractions around Wellington for a 14 year old youth. Students have focused on dance, a wide variety of sport including fishing and archery, and of course football, numerous codes and the museum. Presentation of text and layout have all been considered for this project.

9/10 Timber
It is fabulous to see two classes of Timber running in the elective lines this year with both classes full. The boys and girls in this course have been working very hard. The first assignment was a plant/pot stand which all students had to create a base using a rebate joint, and then they had to design the top themselves. We have many variations to a plant/pot stand which is excellent to see. Students are currently making a cookbook rack.

Year 7 Food
Year 7 and 8 Food Technology students have developed many new preparation and presentation skills during the last term. They have learnt about the importance of food, personal and kitchen hygiene. The course involved preparing and plating wraps, muffins, quiches and hamburgers. Students then have to design their own version of the original recipe, changing ingredients and methods of cookery to create their own original recipe. We had some great successes and some failures on the way. All students enjoyed the 10 week course, the hamburger and milk shake proved to be the most popular recipe.
Year 10 Food Technology

This term year 9 and 10 Students have been participating in a unit called “Food Service and catering”. Students have had practical experiences in making Easter buns, Thai beef salad, meringue kisses, spring rolls, profiteroles with chocolate sauce, noodle baskets, schnitzel and coleslaw and lamingtons. They have prepared many diverse dishes involving different preparation skills, all agreed that making choux pastry for profiteroles was a very difficult skill. Some students were amazed that schnitzel was very easy to crumb as opposed to buying frozen processed schnitzels. Most students mastered the skill of cooking beef to medium rare which is a difficult skill. In the theory component students have been looking at the Food Act, case studies on the food industry and the role of hygiene in the kitchen. The assessment task on creating your own food business has proven very interesting with many wanting to own their own food van very popular in major towns.
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**Notes:**
- **ASSEMBLY** indicates assembly day.
- **NAPLAN** indicates NAPLAN testing day.
- **HSC Seminars—Dubbo** indicates HSC seminars held in Dubbo.
- **P & C Meeting** indicates P&C meeting day.
- **LONG WEEKEND** indicates long weekend.
- **YEAR 10 INTERVIEWS** indicates year 10 interviews day.
- **YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE** indicates year 10 work experience day.
- **YEAR 9/10/11 EXAMS COMMENCE** indicates year 9/10/11 exams commence day.
- **YEAR 7 and 8 EXAMS COMMENCE** indicates year 7 and 8 exams commence day.

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