Welcome back to another very busy term. Already we are off to a flying start with our Parent/Teacher evening which was held on the 21st, our girls off to the State Futsal Championships, Kotoni Staggs being awarded the prestigious Wudhagaragarra award for outstanding achievement in sport as well as 22 of our students attending the Real Madrid v Manchester City match in Melbourne last week.

I hope you enjoy reading about these and the many other things that have been happening at Wellington High School in the following pages.

I would also like to invite any of our parents who were unable to get to the parent/teacher night to please ring us and we will ensure that you have an opportunity to talk to the staff you need.

Mr Cosier has invited nominations for the position of Captain and Vice Captain of our school in 2016. We have many fine potential leaders who I trust will put their names forward.
P & C Fundraiser
The Wellington High School P & C will be conducting a cake stall at the Wellington Rotary Markets on Saturday the 22nd August. They are calling on anyone who would like to bake a cake or make a donation to help contribute to this important fundraising for the P & C. If you are able to contribute a cake or something similar they can be left at the school on the Friday before the markets or dropped off to the stall on the morning of the markets. We look forward to your assistance and wonderful support for the stall.

Rail Safety Week
August 10 – 16 is Rail Safety Week. Safety around railway level crossings and tracks is incredibly important. Did you know that a freight train travelling at 100 km/h can take approximately 2000 metres to come to a stop after applying its emergency brakes? That’s the same as 20 rugby league fields! Take some time this week to talk to your children about safety on and near trains. The same as when you cross the road, we should always stop, look and listen before crossing the tracks at level crossings. We want all of our children to go home safe every day.

Homework Centre
Wednesday afternoons from 3:10pm to 5:00pm
Come along for some extra help with your schoolwork.

Hope to see you there!
WHS Student Leaders shine at Parliament House.

Having been invited by the Department of Parliamentary Services, Wellington High School’s student leaders, Captains Sam Hunt and Bridgette Birbiles, Vice-Captain Tahnee Kelly, and teacher Mrs Jenn Turner took the opportunity to fly to Sydney on Thursday 25th June, to attend a Leadership Program at Parliament House, and later meet the Governor of NSW at Government House.

Once seated at Parliament House, student leaders from across the state were addressed by various members of Parliament. As the only school in attendance on the day from his electorate, the Honourable Troy Grant, Deputy Premier of NSW, targeted Wellington High for special mention, and requested a photo with the students, much to the envy of other schools there.

Sam, Bridgette, Tahnee and Mrs Turner listened with interest to two other members of Parliament in particular; Mr Kevin Humphries, the member for Barwon, and Ms Eleni Petinos, the member for Miranda. Ms Petinos, at only 28, and newly elected to Parliament, recounted the fact that she was sitting in exactly the same place this group of students were in 2005, which certainly gave a new and fresh perspective to the audience. She spoke eloquently of the importance of following your passions, and also the importance of community involvement as an individual.

Mr Humphries added how crucial education is, particularly at this stage of the students’ development. He implored those there to make the most of every opportunity given to them, as it will never be easier to learn, nor would knowledge ever be given more freely and willingly than right now in their education. He also highlighted the importance of being a good friend, and to listen to what your friends were saying, by hearing the messages at both levels (in terms of both what was and wasn’t being said).

At Government House, the students were treated to a guided tour of the public building before assembling in the Ball Room to be addressed by his Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley, accompanied by his wife Linda. Interestingly, His Excellency also made reference to the fact that in 1977, in his final year of school, he too sat in the same Ball Room, meeting the Governor of the time. Obviously, he never imagined it would be him standing there one day, but offered passion, diligence, application and effort as reasons as to why he was.

He also recited a favourite quote from former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, one that, when quizzed by Mrs Turner on the drive back from Dubbo to Wellington, the students clearly recalled: 
We make a living from what we get, but make a life out of what we give.

The quote neatly tied back to the importance of being proactive within the community, which remained a strong message throughout the day.

Sam, Bridgette and Tahnee were excellent ambassadors for both their school and Wellington, and all three appreciated the significance of the opportunity that was afforded them through this excursion. It may have been a very long day, but it also proved to be extremely valuable and memorable, and one that future leaders of Wellington High should look forward to very much.

Left: Sam, Bridgette and Tahnee in The Botanical Gardens. Right: Meeting the Honourable Troy Grant, Deputy Premier of NSW and member for Dubbo.
The following Behaviour Code for Students has been distributed to schools and I have brought it to the attention of our students. I have also included it here for you information.

**BEHAVIOUR CODE FOR STUDENTS**

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

**In NSW public schools students are expected to:**

- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school’s uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.
Behaviour Code for Students: Actions

Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education and Communities.

We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

Respect

- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code
- Take care with property

Safety

- Model and follow departmental, school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
- Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
- Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
- Care for self and others
- Avoid dangerous behavior and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour

Engagement

- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Arrive at school and class on time
- Be prepared for every lesson
- Actively participate in learning
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments. The department provides a policy framework and resources such as Legal Issues Bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context the NSW Government and the Department of Education and Communities will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.
Late last term, Students in Year 9 and Year 10 sat down to discuss the reality of domestic violence in our community at a Tackling Violence workshop with former South Sydney Legend Nathan Merritt, and Tackling Violence Educator Ashlee Donohue.

Merritt and Educator Ashlee Donohue delivered a workshop including information on healthy teen relationships that focused on identifying warning signs that a relationship may not be heading in the right direction.

“It is really important to talk to the kids early about their relationship and start them thinking about how they want to be treated and respected” says Donohue.

“Most of us have our first relationship at high school and it is really important to start having these conversations with kids as early as possible to get them on the right track.”

“Preventing domestic violence has to begin with a conversation about violence.

According to Merritt, men have to take responsibility for the high rates of domestic violence across the country, and this message was conveyed to our young men at Wellington High School.
WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

WHS – ALBUM DESIGN COMPETITION

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Do YOU like to draw and/or design? Would you like your artwork published? Then DESIGN an album cover for the FIRST WHS Student recorded and produced CD. Designs can be in any style – hand drawn or computer graphics.

Album designs MUST include the Wellington High School Logo and 2015

1st Prize – Featured Artwork, FREE copy of the CD Album and $30 ITunes Card!
2nd Prize – $20 ITunes Card and Headphones
3rd Prize – $10 ITunes Card

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE HANDED TO MISS BRINE IN THE MUSIC ROOM…
ENTRIES CLOSE: FRIDAY 7th August

Name of Entrant: _________________________________ Year:
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Hi all! As happens at the beginning of every term, we have had a whole new selection of novels, both children and young adult fiction, arrive. This time there is definitely an eclectic mix of mystery and drama, action and intrigue, historical fiction from culturally significant time periods and events, as well as love and relationships, dealing with families and everything in between. Certainly, at the very least, there is something for everyone’s tastes. Enjoy this newsletter’s selection and feel free to browse over the other new titles on display in the Library.

**The Accident Season – by Moira Fowley-Dowton**

*A buried fear. A forbidden love. Every secret is an accident waiting to happen.*

It’s the accident season, the same time every year. Bones break, skin tears, bruises bloom. The accident season has been part of seventeen-year-old Cara’s life for as long as she can remember: a month of mysterious injuries and tragedies, which casts a constant shadow over Cara and her family. This year the accident season will break more than just bones. Because Cara is starting to ask questions – and all her family’s secrets will rise to the surface…

Intoxicating, devastating, dark and intense – the accident season is here.

**Boy in the Tower – by Polly Ho-Yen**

*When they first arrived, they came quietly and stealthily, as if they tip-toed into the world when we were all looking the other way.*

Ade loves living at the top of a tower block. From his window, he feels like he can see the whole world stretching out beneath him. But one day, other tower blocks start falling down around him. Strange, menacing plants begin to appear and no one knows where they came from. Now their tower isn’t safe anymore. Ade and his mum are trapped and there’s no way out…

‘An unusual and impressive debut’ – The Bookseller

**Frankie and Joely – by Nova Weetman**

*Joely,’ says Frankie, ‘before it starts... this holiday... it’s about us. Right?’*

Frankie and Joely are best friends. They love each other like no one else can. It’s summer and, together, the girls are escaping the city and their mums for a week of freedom in the country. But when Joely introduces Frankie to her country cousins, Thommo and Mack, it soon becomes clear that something other than the heat is getting under their skin. As the temperature rises, local boy Rory stirs things up even more and secrets start to blister. Will they still be ‘Frankie and Joely’ by the end of their holiday?

‘A quietly mesmerising, finely wrought tale of friendship, loyalty, loneliness and “firsts”.’ – Simmone Howell, author of Girl Defective
**Freedom Ride** – by Sue Lawson

This novel is historical fiction based on actual events that occurred during the Freedom Ride of 1965, a journey that saw participants travel some 3200 kilometres through towns such as Orange, Dubbo, Walgett, Moree, Grafton, Bowraville and Kempsey, with the purpose of highlighting the health, education and housing conditions of Australia’s Indigenous communities.

Robbie knows bad things happen in Walgaree. But it’s nothing to do with him. That’s the way the Aborigines have always been treated. But in the summer of 1965 racial tensions in the town are at boiling point, and something headed Walgaree’s way will blow things apart.

It’s time for Robbie to make a stand.

And nothing can ever be the same again.

‘An important slice of Australia’s history. 4 ½ stars.’ – BOOKS+PUBLISHING

‘A brilliant evocation of the racism in Australia of the 1960s and the Freedom Ride that challenged it.’ – Ann Curthoys

‘A pivotal moment in Australia’s history is captured in this story.’ – Darce Cassidy (Ann Curthoys and Darce Cassidy were part of the original Freedom Ride)

**LOOK!! LOOK!! LOOK!! Jackie French’s new novel...**

**Ophelia – by Jackie French**

She is the girl who will be queen: Ophelia, daughter of Denmark’s lord chancellor, and loved by Prince Hamlet.

But while Hamlet’s family stab, poison or haunt one another, Ophelia plans a sensible rule, one filled with justice and delicious cheeses. Even if she has to pretend to be mad to make it happen, Ophelia will let nothing – not even howling ghosts – stand in her way.

This is Shakespeare’s play, but with what might also have happened behind the scenes. And this story has a happy ending.

There’s more to this story than murder and madness...

And finally, from acclaimed author Morris Gleitzman, the next in his ‘family’ of books that span Holocaust survivor Felix’s life experiences. You may have already read Once, Then, After and Now. This is Soon.

**Soon – by Morris Gleitzman**

I hoped the Nazis would be defeated.
And they were.
I hoped the war would be over.
And it was.
I hoped we would be safe.
But we aren’t.

With that, another scintillating newsletter draws to a close. It is still C.O.L.D. outside, which is a perfect time to keep yourself rugged up and immersed in a book... so come up and borrow one today. I have had a few requests for the Pretty Little Liars series by Sara Shepard, and am in the process of investigating their purchase. If there is a novel or series you’d love to access but cannot find, feel free to leave the details with me and I will see what I can do!

And remember... *You’re never lonely in the Library!*

Mrs Turner
CAREERS CORNER – Term 3

BOSTES Information Session
The Board of Studies were invited to speak to Year 11 and 12 students about requirements, exams and attendance for the senior years. The session was valuable and the students took quality information away from it.

Year 10 interviews
During Week 7 of Term 2 Year 10 interviews were conducted. Throughout the interview the subject selections for the students’ senior years were discussed, informing the students about subjects and what they need for their chosen career.

Light and Fire Presentation
The Light and Fire presentation is run by Nura Gili, the Indigenous Programs Unit at the University of New South Wales. The program provides pathways for future Indigenous students to study in all faculties and programs within the University itself. The students gain inside information about a range of Indigenous student support services, tutorial and study spaces for enrolled students and how to access them. This was a very informative session, and we are grateful to Nuri Gili UNSW for providing the students with this information.

Jobs Expo
On Thursday 23rd July 2015, 40 year 9/10 students travelled to Dubbo College Senior Campus to attend the Jobs Expo. There were numerous workstations for the students to access and gain inside knowledge into specific jobs and training for desired careers. This was a very valuable experience for all involved. Thanks to Mrs Lyons for her assistance in supervising the group.

Year 12 Interviews
The year 12 students are coming to the end of their schooling and the world will soon be theirs. The students will be having independent interviews to support post school options and decisions. These will be run over week 3 and 4 of the term.

UAC, SRS and Early Entry Applications for Year 12 Students
Year 12 students will soon be busy completing their trial HSC and they will also be compiling their Early Entry applications for University and looking at scholarships that they are eligible to apply for. I am running sessions after school to assist the students to complete these applications. Sessions will be run on Thursday afternoons from 3:10pm to 5pm.

The following dates are KEY dates for the upcoming University applications, Early Entry applications and Open Days for universities. If there is information that is not listed please don’t hesitate to come and see me or phone me and I will gather the required information as soon as possible.
**OPEN DAYS**

University of Wollongong Open Day - 15th August 2015
Charles Sturt University Open Day – **Everyday - book a campus tour**
Macquarie University Open Day - 12th September 2015
University of Canberra Open Day - 29th August 2015
University Western Sydney Open Day -
  - Campbelltown – 28th October 2015
  - Bankstown - 29th October 2015
University of Technology Sydney Open Day - 29th August 2015
Southern Cross University Open Day -
  - Coffs Harbour – 7th December 2015
  - Lismore - 9th December 2015
  - Gold Coast – 11th December 2015
University of Sydney Open Day - 29th August 2015
University of Newcastle Open Day - 22nd August 2015
Australian National University Open Day – 29th August 2015

**UNIVERSITY AND EARLY ENTRY**

UAC applications open – 5th August 2015
UAC applications close - **Wednesday 30th September 2015**
SRS applications open - 5th August 2015
SRS applications close - **Wednesday 30th September 2015 (midnight)**
UOW Early entry applications open – 3rd August 2015
UOW Early Entry applications close - 28th August 2015
UNE early entry applications open – 24th July 2015 (Open now)
UNE early entry applications close - 11th September 2015
SCU Early entry applications open – **Open now**
SCU Early entry applications close – 9th September 2015 (midnight)

**KEY:**

- UAC – University Admission Centre
- SRS – Student Recommendation Scheme
- UOW – University of Wollongong
- UNE – University of New England
- SCU – Southern Cross University

**YourTutor**

YourTutor is a pilot program run by Charles Sturt University. All students within Wellington High School have either been set up or will be set up with an account over the next couple of weeks. The program provides students with one on one on demand help, engaging students the moment they get stuck during study. Access to expert Australian teachers and tutors at the click of a button. The hours run from 3pm to 10pm Sunday – Friday. This is a safe and trusted program run throughout Australian Schools, universities and governments.

**GIBBER—Aim Higher Program:**

On Thursday 30th July 2015, Year 7 was lucky enough to have the opportunity to watch a performance by GIBBER and University of Western Sydney. GIBBER and University of Western Sydney work in partnership to inspire young Australians across NSW to broaden their education horizons and consider Higher Education as a realistic option. The performance was engaging and fun, the students enjoyed it thoroughly. At the end of the performance there was an evaluation, from this it showed they had learnt more about life afterschool and that University or TAFE are possible and dreams can happen no matter what.
WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL & REAL MADRID PARTNERSHIP

Recently, Wellington High School became the first school in Australia to develop a partnership with the Real Madrid Foundation. The foundation, whilst endorsed by the World’s largest Football Team Real Madrid, is a program exclusively implemented to improve educational outcomes through football, not to act as a scouting body for the next ‘Christiano Ronaldo’.

As a result, the training sessions that will be delivered at Wellington High School, will be heavily based around improving learning outcomes across all Key Learning Areas (KLAs). This will be done by ensuring the Five Blocks of Content are addressed in each training session.

The 5 Blocks of Content are:
- Educational: all KLAs
- Social: teamwork and companionship
- Physical: fitness and coordination
- Technical and Tactical: football specific skills
- Laws of the game: rules and fair play

We as a coaching group, will endeavour to address all blocks of content in each session we deliver, to improve these outcomes for the students involved in the program.

The program is open to all students, and whilst it is based around football training sessions, the ideals behind, and benefits of the program, would be beneficial to all. We invite all interested students to nominate themselves for the program, which will begin in the very near future, and will involve three hours of training per week.

The first 22 students who expressed an interest in the long term running of the program were extremely fortunate to be part of a trip to Melbourne from the 22nd-25th of July, with the major highlight being the opportunity to watch the Real Madrid Football Team train and play as part of the International Champions Cup (ICC).

We were privileged to be able to watch the team train at an exclusive session at AAMI Park and most of us were lucky enough to secure some very sought after autographs and the odd ‘selfie’. The game was played at the world renowned MCG with 99,382 in attendance. That experience alone was memorable, however Real Madrid outclassed Manchester City with a 4-1 thumping, and were crowned the ICC Champions for 2015, which was the highlight of the trip by far.

Other activities involved a scavenger hunt through Melbourne City Streets where Mrs George and Mrs Milgate were lucky enough to be part of a team with a positive sense of direction, The Melbourne Star Observation Wheel where Mr Malcolmson and Kelly conquered their fears and the Queen Victoria Markets with an array of new and exciting food and shopping experiences.

We would all like to thank Mr David Gill (Technical Director of Football Training programs in International Departments), Mrs Victoria Ugarte (Friend of the Real Madrid Foundation) and Mr Harvey for their training expertise and the coordination of the tickets to both the training session and the game. We would also like to humbly thank Mr Peter Lewsam who gave so generously of his time to drive one bus load of students and Mr Roberts who braved the terrible singing efforts of the students on his bus to get us all there and back safely.

I think I speak for us all when I say how proud I was to be part of such an amazing experience with a group of staff and students who were great ambassadors for Wellington High School. We are certainly all looking forward to the long term implementation of the program and the partnership with the Real Madrid Foundation. Stay tuned for more information and student reflections of the Melbourne trip and the program itself.
Real Madrid
On Wednesday 29th of July, Miss Ivins, Miss Barber and the U16s Girls Futsal team travelled to Penrith for the State Futsal Championships. Having finished second in the Regional stage earlier in the year, the team was excited to take on some new competitors the following day.

The competition was tough. The opposition were just as well drilled as our girls, and the battle for top spot was on. Our defence was busy all game every game. We found some hard-earned opportunities to push forward out of our own half into a counter-attack, especially against PLC and Sylvania. Unfortunately the back of the net was elusive for all except Kiara, and sadly it was too little too late.

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Congratulations to Madi Hannelly, Arlie Clout, Elle Flanagan, Kahlissa Wykes, Kiara Sullivan, Jacqui Ryan, Ella Gregory and Rebecca Dutfield – an outstanding effort by all.
Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

On the next page, you can find a sticker sheet, ready for your use.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Sarah Strahorn – Schools’ Co-ordinator
www.dubbostampede.com.au
Wellington PCYC Time-table

Timetable will start as of Monday 27th July

Monday
- KinderFun Gymnastics: 2pm to 2.45pm in Judo Hall - (Walking to 5 years) $70 per 10 week term
- Gymnastics: 3.30pm to 4.20pm in Judo Hall - (5 years to 16 years) $80 per 10 week term
- Junior All-Sports: 4.30pm to 5.30pm in Main Hall - (5 years to 12 years) $4 per session
  (Dodgeball, Basketball, Street Hockey, Indoor Soccer and Indoor Cricket)

Tuesday
- KinderFun Gymnastics: 11am to 11.45am in Judo Hall - (Walking to 5 Years) $70 per 10 week term
- Gymnastics: 4.30pm to 5.30pm in Judo Hall - (5 years to 16 years) $80 per 10 week term
- Judo: 5.30pm to 7.00pm in Judo Hall - (5 years and up) $5 per session
- Indoor Street Hockey: 4.30pm to 5.30pm in Main Hall - (5 years to 12 years) $4 per session

Wednesday
- KinderFun Gymnastics: 11am to 11.45am in Judo Hall - (Walking to 5 years) $70 per 10 week term
- Jnr Indoor Soccer: 3.30pm to 4.30pm in Main Hall - (5 years to 10 years) $4 per session
- Snr Indoor Soccer: 4.30pm to 6.30pm in Main Hall - (11 years to 18 years) $4 per session
- Dance: 4.30pm to 5.30pm in Judo Hall - (5 years and up) $5 per session
- Adult Gymnastics: 5.30pm to 6.30pm in Judo Hall - (16 years and up) $80 per 10 week term

Thursday
- KinderFun Gymnastics: 10am to 10.45am in Judo Hall - (Walking to 5 years) $70 per 10 week term
- Jnr Dodgeball: 4pm to 5pm in Main Hall - (5 years to 10 years) $4 per session
- Snr Dodgeball: 5pm to 6pm in Main Hall - (11 years to 16 years) $4 per session
- Judo: 5.30pm to 7pm in Judo Hall - (5 years and up) $5 per session
- Archery: 6pm to 8pm in Main Hall - (6 years and up) $5 per session

Friday
- FridayFunday@PCYC: 6pm to 8.30pm - (11 to 16 years) Free activities +$5.50 membership fee

All activities participants must be PCYC members.

PCYC memberships $5.50
To enrol in any of these activities call 6845 2590 or email wellington@pcycnsw.org.au
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