Welcome to the Presentation Week South Wagga Bulletin.

Last night’s Presentation Night was an excellent night for South Wagga students in every respect. Every child had the opportunity to be involved on the night and while the night recognised students who had experienced success during the year with their school work, on the sporting field and in creative performance it also displayed the talents of all students at South Wagga through singing, dance and music.

The band was fantastic and to see how far they have travelled in such a short time is an outstanding achievement. The singing and dance routines were excellent and the final Year 6 song bought a tear to my eye and many Year 6 parents.

It was also very good to be able to introduce our newest permanent staff member Mr Tim Harris to the parents and it was a great way for him to start his association with South Wagga Public School. Officially informing everyone that Mrs Diana McGregor would be leaving South Wagga at the end of the year to take up the position of principal at Junee Public School was a bitter sweet moment. It is fantastic opportunity for her and it is excellent that her skills and abilities have been recognised and rewarded with a promotion to principal, but sad for us as she will be dearly missed by all at South Wagga.

The naming of the School Captains and Vice Captains was a highlight and I would like to congratulate Harry Reynolds and Imogen Robertson on being elected School Captains and Jake Barnhill and Sidonie Carroll on being elected Vice Captains. I am certain that they will have an excellent year as captains, lead at all times by example and be superb role models for the younger students.

Congratulations also go to all award winners on the night and special congratulations to the DUX for 2012 James Forwood and Sportsperson of the Year Joshua Stains.

In closing I would like to thank the 2012 Captains for their announcing, all the staff for their efforts in making last night the success it was and a special thank you to Mrs. O’Neill and Mrs McGregor for their efforts in planning the night and making sure that everything on the night ran as smoothly as possible. Many thanks to Wagga High School for allowing us the use of their hall for the night.

Until next week.

Greg
Presentation Night 2012
Stage 1 Message

We need Christmas Party notes to be returned please.

All home readers must be returned by Monday 10 December for stock taking.

Thank you

Year 6 Farewell

Don’t forget the Year 6 Farewell is on Thursday 13th December from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the School Gym. Dress is neat casual.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT STALL

Bring some spare money with you to the Carols by Torchlight on Friday 14 December as there will be a Christmas Craft Stall.

You might just pick up those gifts you’ve been looking for. All proceeds go to P & C to support our school.

Christmas Carols By Torchlight
Friday, 14 December

Carols and BBQ will start at 6.30pm in front of the Canteen (if wet under the COLA) and the night will finish around 9.00pm. The Carols will be coordinated by the Hill Street Singers in association with some members from the Wagga City Male Choir. People can bring their own torches, blankets and chairs.

A sausage sizzle and steakettes will be available for purchase on the night for $2 per sandwich and steakettes for $2.50.

Glow candles @ $2 each will be on sale from the office and also on the night.

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER.

Christmas Carols by Torchlight - Friday 14 December, 2012

Family Name: ________________________________

Number of Sausage Sandwiches @ $2.00

Number of Steakettes @ $2.50

TOTAL COST $
Come Join the Band

The Band is open to all South Wagga Public School students in Years 2 to 6.

In addition, Parents and Staff are also encouraged to join the band.

No previous musical experience is required.

New students to the band will be welcomed by our experienced leaders and enthusiastic band members, all of whom started their band journey only 8 months ago.

Students will not only learn how to play an instrument and read music, they will also learn to cooperate with others and work as a team.

On joining the band, students will be expected to receive instruction on their instrument from a qualified music teacher (please see below).

Riverina Conservatorium of Music

The South Wagga Public School Band is closely affiliated with the Riverina Conservatorium of Music (RCM). RCM enrolment forms and flyers are available in the school office. RCM forms can be lodged directly with the RCM or at the school office.

Instrument Hire

The Riverina Conservatorium has instruments for hire to RCM enrolled students (please see over for details).

Lessons

Riverina Conservatorium tutors provide lessons at school during class time. These lessons are formed on a rolling timetable so that children do not miss the same lesson each week. Lessons are 20 minutes for individuals and 30 minutes for groups of 2 or 3. Lessons can be arranged at the Conservatorium if parents prefer.
**Costs**

**Band Fees**

There are **No School Band Fees for the 2013 School Year**

- Instrumental music book: $15.00
- Parent Band Membership: **Free**

To assist and encourage families, band fees have been waived for the 2013 school year. Band fees will commence in 2014 and will be used to subsidise the running of the band. The costs involved may include the purchase of sheet music and payment of performing rights, conductor’s fees for band rehearsals and performances, the purchase of Band Badges and equipment.

**Signing Up**

SWPS Band Enrolment Forms are available from the school office.

![Entertaining the crowd at the School Fete.](image)

**Conservatorium fees for Term 1, 2013**

Tuition fees for music lessons in 2013 are:

- 20 minute individual lesson: $24
- 30 minute individual lesson: $33.50
- 20 minute shared lesson: $12.50
- 30 minute shared lesson: $16.50

The Conservatorium teachers are ready and waiting to start tutoring your child in Term 1 2013.

**Music Lessons with the Conservatorium**

Fees are payable to the Riverina Conservatorium of Music.

Phone: 69 253522 between 9am and 5pm
Accounts are sent out by the Conservatorium.

**Band Instrument Hire**

The Conservatorium of Music offers a musical instrument hire to enrolled students at the rate of $60 per term.

In addition, SWPS Band has a wide range of instruments for hire. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of the school’s instruments to get their own musical journey started. The instruments will be hired out on a first come first served basis.

**Band Uniforms**

South Wagga Public School Band members will wear their school uniform for performances. There will be no requirement for parents to purchase different uniforms for band membership.

**Band Rehearsals**

The South Wagga Public School Band will rehearse each Thursday morning starting at 7.50am and finishing at 9.00am. Students and parents are encouraged to be at school, ready to start on time.

**Further Information**

Please contact:
Dave Mundy: 69 255048 (AH)
david.mundy@det.nsw.edu.au

The band’s first performance at the SWPS Assembly on Thursday 11th October, 2012.

**Parent Support**

Numerous studies indicate parent support and involvement are important factors in a child’s ability to successfully learn an instrument. As with any skill, interest counts far more than talent. With the right support from parents and a supportive learning environment, being involved in a musical ensemble will become a natural and enjoyable part of your child’s life.

To further encourage children, we invite parents to join the band each Thursday morning for practice.

No prior musical experience is required.
SWPS Band Application Form 2013
(Please return this form to the school office. Please note, no previous musical experience is required.)

Student’s Name: ……………………… Date of Birth: ………………… Year: …………………

E-mail address: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
(For band correspondence, band newsletters, band notes etc.)

QUESTIONNAIRE
1. Do you already play a musical instrument? Yes / No

2. If yes, what do you play? ______________________________________________________

3. How long have you been playing your instrument? ________________________________

4. Do you read music? Yes / No     Treble clef? Yes / No     Bass clef? Yes / No

5. Do you own a band instrument (please see below for list of suitable band instruments)? Yes / No

If yes, what is it? ________________________________

6. What band instrument would you like to play?
Before completing your three choices below, please note the following:
♫ Make sure that you discuss this with your parent/s / guardian/s before you choose.
♫ If you already own a band instrument and wish to play it, you will automatically be put on that instrument, numbers permitting.
♫ If you already play a band instrument, but don’t own one, we will try very hard to allocate that instrument to you from our school instruments.
♫ If you are starting a new instrument, we will try to allocate to you an instrument from your three choices.
♫ When choosing your instruments, please bear in mind there is a very high demand for Percussion (including Drums) and Guitar and only a few places for these instruments are available. We will always need Brass players. When choosing your instrument, remember that you may not get your first choice.
♫ You will need to pick from the following list:

Woodwind instruments: flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone
Brass instruments: trumpet, trombone, euphonium, baritone horn, tuba, French horn
Rhythm Section: bass guitar
Percussion: Percussionists learn to play many instruments such as glockenspiel, xylophone, snare drum, cymbals, tambourines, timpani, drum kit (very limited places available) and other drums.

1. ______________________________________________________

2. ______________________________________________________

3. ______________________________________________________

Signature of Student. ………………………………………………………………………………….

I understand there are No School Band Fees for the 2013 school year.

Signature of Parent / Guardian: ………………………………………………………………………..

Name of Parent / Guardian: ………………………………………………………………………..

(Feel free to make extra copies of this form if needed)