

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WADJA WADJA HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL REPORT

A warm welcome to the new students and their families who have joined Wadja Wadja High School this term. Engaged, enthusiastic, great fun, new found interests and what an eye opener, these are some adjectives to describe the beginning to Term 3 2022 as described by our students and community members. I had the privilege of watching our students participate in a variety of events thus far this term and each time I have not been disappointed with the involvement and student interactions. It has been a credit to the students and the staff involved. Term 3 for Wadja Wadja High School has been designed with the key words "what is your future going to look like" and "how can our school help you achieve this"? With this in mind we started the term off with a wellbeing day for the entire school at Funzone, this was an adventure for students and staff outside of their comfort zone (the classroom) where team building was a must. In week 2 the students were involved in a Naidoc celebration at Foxleigh Mine, although a long bus ride all who attended said it was well worth it. Week 3 saw the school host a careers day with a difference, 14 local business aligned with the one motto "How you can get a job with us", this day proved to be a great success with further offers of work placement / work experience, a collaborative effort for future apprenticeships and real-life connections for our students. In week 4 the students went on a day trip to Foleyvale property, this was an opportunity for students to see what working in rural operations really means. Again, this year our students had the privilege of experiencing "The Science Guy" Peter Eastwell, who educated the students in the magic of forensic science and combustion. From a bustling first 4 weeks we now settle into continuing this enthusiasm for the students to work towards a career, job, or further study, and this is possible with the new curriculum and VET subjects and the current staffing body of Wadja Wadja High School.

In week 5, the whole school welcomed Mr Terence Munns as a new director of the Board. The students and staff welcomed him with a shared morning tea at the weekly parade. Week 6 saw us say goodbye to our senior teacher Mr Adam Podlewski, we wish him well on his return to Victoria to his family and thank him for his dedication and hard work whilst with us. I would also like to acknowledge the sporting achievements of our students this term, with the continued support of Graham Leeson from QLD Reds and the Woorabinda PCYC our students had the opportunity to participate in the Western Reds comp in Emerald.

The staff have participated in professional development on the student free day, 2nd of September, where teacher aides worked within the math pathways program to gain a better understanding of the challenges students experience in this program. The teachers and truancy officers made home visits to parents to discuss how to best help their students with learning, attending, and gaining success with schooling.

Looking forward to Term 4 for 2022, there will be many more learning opportunities for the students and staff alike. I hope everyone has a well-deserved September holiday and return refreshed to finish off the year of 2022 with great enthusiasm.

Warm regards,
Daniel Hoepner



FUNZONE EXCURSION - ROCKHAMPTON

On the 14th of July 31 students went to Funzone Rockhampton. This excursion was a wellbeing day before getting into Term 3 schoolwork. Mrs Lynette Muntz confirmed that the students most definitely enjoyed themselves. From Laser Tag to Arcade games, student Rebis Thaiday was eager to tell us about his day. 'It was a fun experience. I enjoyed the racing car stimulations to the laser tag. One funny moment was when I was running around one of the corners and I got a fright from my own teammate John Stanley.'

NAIDOC CELEBRATION - FOXLEIGH COAL MINE

Monday 18th of July, 24 students got to experience celebrating NAIDOC week with Foxleigh Coal Mine, located 218.2km from Woorabinda. During the ceremony, our students were given a chance to get involved dancing alongside NAIDOC dancers.

Miss Kimberly Perks said how the students enjoyed sightseeing how the trucks work in the coal pit. Students got to learn the entire coaling process from explosions, testing of soils and extraction of coal deposits. Student John Stanley reported, "My favourite part of the excursion was being able to explore and see how to control the mine trucks. A funny moment during the trip was when we were traveling to the mines and a group of pigs ran across the road in front of the bus."



CAREERS DAY

Our school held a Careers Day alongside very well-known businesses in the Woorabinda Region. We would like to thank all participants for being a part of this day. Careers Day was held to show our students how the process to get employed happens and opened their minds to see all different types of jobs & industry.



HORIZON CAMP - COMMUNITY SPIRIT FOUNDATION

Community Spirit Foundation invited our students to BlackBoy Outstation, as a part of their Horizon Camp. Uncle Milton Lawton from the Woorabinda Rangers told a story about the Australian Honeybee nest and how it came to the spot near Blackboy. Students and Elders continued the day with lunch and storytelling. Day 2, saw the Community Spirit Foundation staff continued their Horizon Program at the school.



WESTERN 7'S RUGBY TRIP - EMERALD

We had a large number of student representatives attend the recent Western 7s Rugby Carnival in Emerald. As a two day event (Saturday and Sunday), the students had their chance to play in the jnr girls team which finished in 3rd place in a very tight competition. The girls showed how to win games with a strong defensive.

The jnr boys played some amazingly entertaining, Woorabinda style football, and they amazed the crowds with their silky skills and flair. Playing big roles throughout the carnival. The bounce of the ball let us down at the wrong moment on finals day, and we had to settle for 4th place. During the under 15s age group matches, we had some boys and girls fill in for other teams because we didn't have quite enough players to field a full team ourselves, and didn't they impress. We have already been invited back to play with those schools again if we don't managed to field enough kids for a team at the next carnival.

In the Opens Divisions for both girls and boys, the students were floating around the fields executing skills and plays that caught the attention of many onlookers. The speed and finesse on show was also supplemented by the strength and power in defence. The girls finished in 3rd place and gain with more and more confidence each game they played. The boys were hamstrung by injuries in the end and finished in 8th place.

Well done to all players and staff who attended and thanks to the families who travelled over and cheered on from the sidelines.



RHYTHM TO RECOVERY

Rhythm to Recovery (R2R) is a health and wellbeing, 10 week course provided for our students. Jeff Lawton and Lee-ann Broome from Central Queensland Child and Youth Mental Health Services conduct this fun program every fortnight. It is a great teambuilding exercise. Drumming is an emotion exercise where children can express their thoughts and feelings. Thank you Jeff and Lee-ann for your ongoing support.



YEAR 11 & 12 VOLUNTEERING

Jenney Costello HOC/ Learning Support Teacher. Accompanied three of our students Adrienne Barry, Tammy Ketchup and Dakota Saltner, on an excursion to Calliope to visit Ohana Community Services as part of the Grade 12 Volunteering component. This was to ensure these students kept up to date with their hours in order to receive a Queensland Certificate of Education.




SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

To keep updated with events and schedules happening at our school. Follow our social media links.

Website - www.wadja.com.au

Facebook - Wadja Wadja High School

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CELEBRATING SMALL SCHOOLS | "The cornerstone of our teaching philosophy is to reinforce, support, and grow the students' connection to who they are, in tandem with delivering an appropriate and comprehensive education, that will enable them to participate in the community."

Principal of Wadja Wadja High School Daniel Hoepner said the school challenged the way Indigenous students were taught and supported to reach their potential and prepare them for a fulfilling life.

"Our message for students is 'this is your chance to shape your own future and contribute to the future success of your community. You can make a mark on the world through participation'.

Education alone is not enough for children to succeed in life, which is why the school emphasises a real-life approach to education through the VET program. VET focuses on work readiness and a skill-based approach so students are ready to take on a job.

Located in Woorabinda, Wadja Wadja High School delivers education in line with the Australian Curriculum. The students of today are the leaders of tomorrow.

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Reference FB - ISQ link:
<https://www.facebook.com/IndependentSchoolsQueensland>

 Independent Education Union - Queensland & Northern Territory Branch
20 August at 08:00 · 🌐

Do you know where Woorabinda is? Last week Central Queensland Branch Organiser Richard Pascoe met with the IEU Chapter at Wadja Wadja High School in Woorabinda for a catch up about their working conditions, housing and accommodation and answer any of their questions.



Reference FB - IEU link:
<https://www.facebook.com/ieuqnt>

STUDENT BIRTHDAYS - TERM 3

A big happy birthday to our Wadja Wadja High School Students this Term.

Grade 7: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Terrence Adams 6th August- Serrah Hill 11th August	Grade 8: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tristen Saunders-Thaiday 11th July- Rhonda McKinley 26th July- Elareyamee Creed 4th August
Grade 9: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Arianna Munns 16th July	Grade 10: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jasmine Miller 26th July
Grade 11: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Delphine Cecil 25th August	Grade 12: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dakota Saltner 12th August- Adrienne Barry 7th September



DATE CLAIMERS

Friday 16/09/2022	Last day – Term 3
Monday 03/10/2022	<i>Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday</i>
Tuesday 04/10/2022	First day – Term 4
Friday 11/11/2022	Student Free Day – Term 4
Thursday 24/11/2022	Student Awards day
Friday 02/12/2022	Last day – Term 4
Wednesday 18/01/2023	Office open day for 2023
Monday 23/01/2023	Student first day for 2023

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Wadja Wadja High School wishes all our students and families a safe & happy holidays. We can not wait to see you all again in Term 4!

