



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the Term 1 Newsletter and welcome to our new parents, our new students in Kindergarten and those families that have joined us in other year groups across the school. You have chosen to come to a fantastic school. I also welcome our new staff, Ms Wauchope in secondary English, Mr McVey in Technologies and Mrs Davies who is job sharing with Mrs Sutton in Year 3/4.



I am delighted to say that student enrolments are up this year. At the same time last year we had 235 enrolments. This year on census day we commenced with 254 students. Schools are funded by the state government on the number of students enrolled at census. The more students enrolled, the more funding we have to resource staffing, programs and activities for students. An increase in enrolments is a sign of school success, that our school has a solid reputation in the community of Waroona.

I hope that you have all noticed the improvements to the school that were made over the summer break. The signage and paint work to the front fascia, the new signage to the front entrance and the refurbished administration area. We also had the old blackboards removed from our secondary classrooms and refreshed the rooms with new whiteboards, benchtops and furniture. Our kindergarten classrooms had a coat of ceiling paint. We have some further building works on the agenda this year which has been identified by the Department of Education. The secondary toilets are being completely renovated, the canteen will have new vinyl flooring and a fresh coat of paint and the rear car park will be resurfaced. These physical improvements are symbolic of the wider change occurring in the school as together with the staff we are writing a new story for Waroona District High School. It is a story of improvement in teaching and learning (our programs and teaching practices), in our learning environment (our positive behaviour approach, our support services for students) and in our relationships with our community (our partnerships with parents and wider community). These are our priority areas.

We have many new initiatives that have commenced already in 2020. In week 2 we had our inaugural Aboriginal Cultural Camp with community elder Rob Jetta, Rodger Pickett and Ashley Dadliffe from GP Down South as well as our school staff Kellie Farmer, Taneika Handley and Jodie Bonner. We also had our Year 7 Orientation Camp to Camp

Mornington with Suzanne Perrott, Nathan Costello and David Mattin. I sincerely thank these staff for the time away from their own families that they have dedicated to supporting our students. Whilst these two camps had different aims, they are both examples of what we do at Waroona to cater for the individual needs of students and groups of students within our school.

Our Basketball Academy has commenced this year and is very heavily subscribed. We have some exciting clinics and coaching sessions planned with Mark Worthington from the South West Slammers as well as players from Mandurah Magic.

In Week 1 we had Elevate Education conduct workshops with our secondary students in study skills and time management, skills that will set them up for success in their learning. Our Year 10s have commenced work readiness in preparation for Workplace Learning which will take them out of the classroom into the workplace one day per week from Week 7 onwards. They are also completing a Certificate II in Skills for Work to compliment this. This certificate will gain them valuable points toward their WACE achievement and give them a head start for Year 11 and 12 or entry into TAFE.

We have also launched Connect, which is a learning management system. In a nutshell, Connect is an online application that provides parents with access to a virtual classroom for their children. Things like notices from the classroom teacher as well as whole school notices, access to a library of resources and activities, homework, student marks, emails from teachers, and student reports. There was a great parent turn out to the information session we held in Week 3.

For parents who require further support with Connect, please contact the school. Week 3 was also our meet and greet afternoon where parents met with classroom teachers in classroom meetings in the primary rooms and less formally in the secondary rooms. If you were unable to attend this event, please make contact with your child's teacher if you would like copies of the information provided as these sessions.

The Mobile Phone Policy which bans mobile phone usage during school hours has been implemented across the state and indeed at Waroona District High School. The policy intent is to minimise disruption to learning and maximise social interaction during break times. I praise our students for their adherence to this policy.



Finally, I'd like to acknowledge those students that have settled well into the academic year. You set the standard for our school and for others to follow. We are raising the bar and our expectations in all areas at Waroona District High School as we strive to achieve our vision of being the school of choice in the local community.

Ms Jacqui Abbiss

PRINCIPAL

PRIMARY NEWS

It was so pleasing to see so many parents and carers support their child's education with their attendance at last week's **Meet & Greet**. This year we included an information session on 'Connect', which is the Department of Education's communication tool for parents, teachers and students. We had a large number of parents take the opportunity to learn more about this online tool. Connect will give parents greater access to information about their child's education and how they are progressing.



Good **parent communication** within the school goes a long way to ensuring successful outcomes for students. We welcome parents wishing to discuss issues around their child's educational experience. If you would like to discuss anything with either your child's teacher or the school administration, please do not hesitate to book a meeting via the front office. A reminder that first thing in the morning is when teachers are preparing for the day and, although they are open to a quick chat, a more formal meeting should be organised for issues requiring longer discussions.

Swimming Lessons are underway for students in Pre-Primary, Year 1, Year 1/2, Year 3/4 and Year 4/5. These lessons will run for two weeks.

Swimming lessons for the Year 5/6 class and Year 7 students will take place in Week 6 and 7. It is critical that parents return the Swimming Note attached to the email, which identifies the stage of swimming and important information for the swimming teachers.

On Entry Testing will begin in the next couple of weeks for the Pre-Primary students. This intensive individual testing helps the school understand the needs of the next cohort of students entering the school system. This testing is conducted by the Pre-Primary teachers.

Eyes on Australind visited our school on Wednesday 19th February and screened our younger students for vision. This school initiative has been effective in identifying students at a young age requiring glasses. The school is currently in negotiation with **Earbus** to provide the same service by screening young students' hearing.

Have a terrific 2020!

Mr Carl Carulli

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (Primary)

SECONDARY NEWS



Welcome to all students and families to the 2020 school year at Waroona District High School. We hope you have all had an enjoyable break over the Christmas holidays, and are refreshed and ready to do your very best for 2020.

It feels like we have started the year off at a frantic pace, especially for our Year 10's. The timetable has had significant change from previous years and now provides enormous opportunities for future student pathways. Our students are engaged in a Certificate II in Work Skills and Vocational Pathways, Work placement, OLNA preparations, Bushrangers camp planning for their Rottne trip and have completed some Elevate Study Skill sessions. Year 10 is an important stepping stone for our students and I'm pleased to see our students taking their studies so seriously.

The Year 7's have spent 2 days at Camp Mornington, Harvey on a Bushranger induction and team building camp. The activities and student engagement were a huge success and I challenge the Year 7's to continue to use the skills and knowledge taught during their time on camp, to ensure their classroom works as a team, so the best possible outcomes can be achieved by all.

At the end of this term all high school students will receive a progress report, however I encourage all parents to engage with the new "Connect" software and make contact with your child's teachers direct and regularly view their progress online.

Have a safe and rewarding term.

Mr David Mattin

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

Is it ever Okay to Bully?

Bullying has been recognised as one of the leading causes of depression and anxiety amongst youth. A lot of youth take these symptoms on to their adult life. The ongoing problems are not just for the person being bullied but also the person doing the bullying.

It is also a known fact that people who are involved in bullying as a teenager can often end up having serious consequences later on in life from; going to prison, to being involved in domestic violence.

So let's be a school and a community that takes a stand against bullying. Let's be people that make a difference now, in a way that will affect the future in a positive way.

The most common types of bullying are:

- **Verbal** – this ranges from name calling, ignoring and even ridiculing and making fun of someone.
- **Physical** – This covers all forms of physicality such as touching someone, like poking and nudging. All the



way to hitting, punching and kicking or even destroying someone else's property.

- **Covert** - including lying or spreading rumours, deliberate exclusion from friendship groups, or playing horrible jokes on somebody, and
- **Cyberbullying** - using technology to send hurtful messages or pictures on mobile devices, PCs and via social media.

Signs of Bullying

Although bullying isn't rare, a certain amount of conflict amongst children is a normal part of growing up and learning correct behaviour. When things escalate from one off incidents and become a regular occurrence we know that we are entering into the area of bullying and potentially harmful behaviour.

There are, however, some clear signs to recognise if someone is being bullied; mood swings, becoming withdrawn, frequent tears, bursts of anger, unexplained bruises, cuts, scratches, missing or damaged belongings. Other signs could include avoidance of school, fall in academic results, becoming upset after going online, hiding the computer screen and hiding mobile phones when around other people.

Things you can do if you suspect your child is being bullied or possibly even the bully:

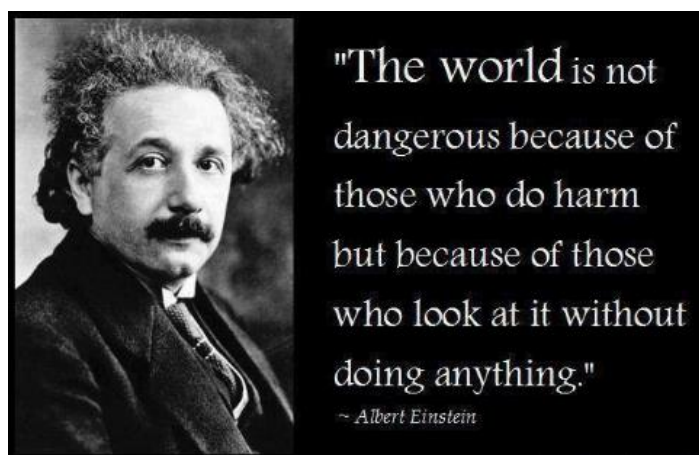
1. Communication is the key. Talk to your child about bullying, talk about the consequence. If your child lets you know they are being bullied listen calmly and reassure them that it is not their fault. Ask empathetic and open questions to inform you of the whole picture. Let them know they did the right thing by telling you. **Stay calm.**

2. Discuss strategies to help your child.
3. Contact the school if this is occurring at school. Stay in touch with the school.
4. Check in with your child and take advantage of resources like KIDS HELP LINE.

The Bystander

The bystander is the person that sees the bullying. They may not be involved at all, but they can be a vital part of stopping the bullying and bringing resolution to the situation.

It's not dobbing to inform a teacher, trusted adult or a member of the Student Service Team. We can work together to take a stand on bullying.



I hope you all have an amazing year!

Rodney van Dongen

CHAPLAIN

ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

The following students received merits at the last assembly:

Year 1	Isobel Wilson Cavalli Dias	Sydney Milne Mylie Pearce	Zaye Smith Keegan McDerment
Year 2	Amelia Hemopo	Tyler Butler	
Year 3	Savanna-Marie Hopps	Cody Speight	Hayley Clarke
Year 4	Christian Waide	Scarlett Wright	
Year 5	Eli Kelly	Blakely Slack	Zachary Lloyd
Year 6	Emily Ingram	Jasmine Aitken	
Year 7	Emma Fry Jake Paterson	Samid Wilson-Lopez	Richard Fry
Year 8	Faith Websdale Thomas Scott	Odin Lindley (x2)	Cianne Griffiths
Year 9	Tahi Ranghaeata Sophie Tyler	Deacon Wheeler Zoe Scott	Jazmyne Birch
Year 10	Catherine Righton (x2)	Joey Wheeler	



Stressed about back to school costs? Make next year different.



Saver Plus will match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500

To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

Contact
Your local Saver Plus
Coordinator

Phone
Call or SMS your postcode to
1300 610 355

Email
saverplus@bsl.org.au

Web
www.saverplus.org.au

- laptops & tablets
- specialist subjects
- uniforms & shoes
- books & supplies
- sports fees & gear
- camps & excursions



Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and AISC, delivered in partnership with Barry Street, The Brotherhood Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by AISC and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.saverplus.org.au for more information.

HOCKEY

WINTER SEASON 2020

HOOKIN2HOCKEY

School Years 1 to 4

Mixed Gender Teams
Teams Created - 17th March
Season Starts - 2nd/5th May



Tuesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm
OR / AND

Saturdays 9:30am - 10:30am

JUNIOR COMPETITIONS

School Years 5 - 12

Mixed Gender Teams
Teams Created - 17th March
Season Starts - 5th/8th/11th May

School Years 5-6 Comp Tuesday

School Years 7-9 Comp Friday

School Years 10-12 Comp Monday

SENIOR COMPETITIONS

Senior Men's Comp

Traditional format 11-a-side
Men Only Teams
Teams Created - 17th March
Season Starts - 2nd May

Senior Women's Comp

Traditional format 11-a-side
Women Only Teams
Teams Created - 17th March
Season Starts - 2nd May

Social 7's

Modified format 7-a-side
Mixed Gender Teams
Teams Created - 8th April
Season Starts - 11th May

Interested in playing? Join one of Peel Hockey Association's Local Clubs



For more information visit
www.peelhockey.com.au/winter



Waroona Junior Football Club Inc

2020 Registrations

The 2020 football registrations are now open from years 3 to 11. If you have a son or daughter that may be interested in playing for Waroona Junior Football Club, please register by contacting:

Club Registrar Rob Deleo via

email: wjfcregistrar@gmail.com

or mobile 0439 977 615

by 10th March 2020.

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

YEARS 7 TO 12
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO:

\$350

towards school expenses

DO YOU HOLD A:

- CENTRELINK HEALTH CARE CARD
- (OR)
- CENTRELINK PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD
- (OR)
- VETERANS' AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD

Applications Close
Thursday 9 April 2020

Ask School Reception for More Information

MURRAY DISTRICTS RANGERS

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN



ALL AGES

KIDSPORT AVAILABLE

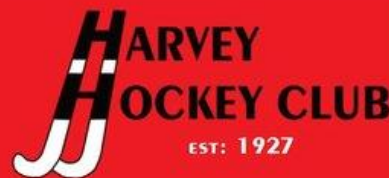
Soccer season May-Sept. All ages from Kindy to Seniors.
Email for info murraydistrictsrangers@gmail.com and come to ranga days:
Sunday 23rd Feb, South Yunderup Oval 10am-12pm
Wednesday 28th Feb, Pinjarra Junction Shopping Center 12-2pm
(Outside SportsPower)
Registrations close March 20th (email for details)

P & C Uniform Shop

Open Tuesday's between 8:30am and 9:00am
(During school term)

Contributions and Charges

Statements for Contributions and Charges have been mailed out. Please don't hesitate to contact the Front Office if you would like to arrange a payment plan.



JUNIOR HOCKEY

ABOUT US

GAMES ARE PLAYED IN HARVEY ON FRIDAY NIGHTS AT THE IVEN MANNING MEMORIAL HOCKEY FIELD (BEHIND THE REC CENTRE). A SAUSAGE SIZZLE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS EVERY FORTNIGHT.

REGISTRATION NIGHT
FRIDAY 1ST MAY
3.00-5.00PM
HELD AT THE IVEN MANNING
MEMORIAL HOCKEY FIELD

SEASON STARTS FRIDAY 8TH MAY
MINKY (KINDY-YR2) 4:30-5:30PM
JUNIORS (YR3 - YR11) 6:00PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US BY
EMAIL:
harveyhockeyclub@gmail.com



Is your child in year 7?

Sign and return your consent form for immunisation at school

The free program offers two doses of the HPV vaccine to protect against genital warts and some cancers, and a booster of the diphtheria-tetanus-whooping cough vaccine.

Protect your child.

healthywa.wa.gov.au/immunisation