



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome to the final Term 2 edition of our school newsletter. I am absolutely delighted to be able to publicly announce Waroona District High School's success in gaining Independent Public School status commencing Semester 2, 2020. As an Independent Public School we are still part of the public education system and must deliver the Australian Curriculum, but as a staff and school community, we will now have greater autonomy and flexibility to meet the needs of our students. This change in status is recognition of our increased capacity to manage our own affairs which has been achieved through our commitment to an explicit school improvement agenda and relentless focus on improved outcomes for our students. I sincerely thank our Council Chair, Mr Brad Vitale, who participated in the application and selection process with me. I also thank the School Council members, the P&C members and wider parent and community body for your support in this process. Waroona District High School is on a journey of change and improvement and having our school community on board and supporting us in this journey is critical to our success.

Term 2 has been a busy one and by the time you read this, the electronic distribution of Semester 1 reports via Connect will have occurred. At this stage I can confirm that the on-site parent/teacher interviews planned for Tuesday 27 July will proceed. We are working hard to ensure parent/carer and teacher communication is prioritised and that any parent/carer who wishes to meet with a teacher to discuss student progress is able to do so. Parent interviews this year will be centrally located in the school library with both primary and secondary staff co-located in the one area. This has been planned to make it easier for parents to see all the teachers that they may wish to meet with, in the one location. Interviews are capped at 15 minute timeslots, to enable teachers to see as many parents as possible. It is encouraged that you bring your child along as part of this feedback process. Details on the booking process for parent/teacher interviews will be provided with the Semester 1 reports.

I am pleased to report that our OLN results for Semester 1, 2020 showed significant improvement on previous years with 33% of students having met the OLN requirements after the first round of testing. This means that a third of our Year 10 students have passed all three tests; Reading, Writing and Numeracy. To put this into perspective, only 19% of students in "Like Schools" (schools like Waroona) have met the OLN requirements. Students have an additional opportunity to pass OLN in Semester 2 this year and a further two opportunities in Year 11 and Year 12. We are certainly achieving our Strategic Plan target of exceeding Like Schools in our OLN achievement. This success is due to a range of support programs embedded in Maths and English classes via our secondary teachers. I look forward to seeing the results of our second round of testing in Semester 2.

The recent production and distribution of Version 2 of the Waroona District High School Strategic Plan is the culmination of 6 months of revisioning our school as the "School of Choice" in the local community. Initial feedback from parents and community members attending the Term 2 School Council meeting, where the final Strategic Plan was tabled and accepted, was that the professional production of the Strategic Plan and Annual Report are outstanding. These views were supported at a subsequent P&C meeting. Parent and community feedback across the school this year has been overwhelmingly supportive and there is a great sense of pride within the community that our school is doing so well. This is always great for a principal to hear. Further, I was recently approached by the Principal Consultant for Behaviour and Engagement from the South Metropolitan Education Region, to use our recently produced Positive Student Behaviour Support Policy as an exemplar across the region. I am very proud to have our hard work on show, but the real success of this policy is in the consistent implementation across the school. To this end, staff have been engaged in a three-day training program on Classroom Management Strategies (CMS) as part of our commitment to providing an orderly learning environment.

As a result of our hard work in improving academic and social outcomes for our students, Waroona District High School is enjoying increased enrolments this year as the community gains confidence in our ability to deliver high quality teaching and learning. However, as an organisation we will never rest on our laurels. To achieve the best outcomes for our students, your children, we must continue to work hard at sustaining a culture of self-reflection and continual improvement. To accomplish this there is clearly a need to analyse and respond to data and the achievement of the targets contained in the Strategic Plan 2019-2021. We conduct this analysis on an ongoing basis. Our current efforts are focussed on the implementation of a teaching and learning framework and whole school instructional model.

I'd like to thank two retiring staff members, Lucy Cavallaro and Joan O'Brien, for their contributions to our school over many years. I wish them well in their retirements and know they will be missed by all.

I sincerely wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday. I hope that you make the most of the eased COVID-19 restrictions that we are so lucky to be able to enjoy in this wonderful state of ours. I look forward to Term 3 and the commencement of Semester 2, 2020. I hope to see 100% of students back at school and unless sick, attending 100% of the time. Parents, we urge you to support our efforts to increase student attendance. Regular attendance is vital for continuity of learning and improved academic and social outcomes.

**Ms Jacquie Abbiss**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## PRIMARY NEWS

Hi Waroona

As Term 2 comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to **thank parents and carers** for their understanding throughout the last 10 weeks. Many of our requests related to the COVID-19 restrictions were adhered to, without issue. Dropping students off at specific points in the school, ensuring sick students were kept home and communicating online through Connect and Dojo were all ways we were supported by our fantastic parent/carers community. Now, as restrictions ease, we can start to get back to normal school life.

**Primary Reports** have been sent home via Connect. By sending reports home via Connect, parents will be able to access this semester's report and every report on Connect from this point forward. Parent/teacher Interviews will be conducted on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July in Term 3.

The first Monday of Term 3 will be a **School Development Day** so students are asked to stay at home; Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July will be the first day back for students!

Finally, I would personally like to acknowledge the amazing work of both **Joan O'Brien** and **Lucy Cavallaro** as they now officially retire. These ladies have a combined total of 48 years of service to the Waroona District High School community. Their incredibly kind and caring personalities touched the lives of many over this time and they will be sadly missed. I now wish them an enjoyable and long retirement and hope that they still visit us from time to time to keep the special connection they have with our school.

Parents/Carers, have a terrific school holiday break with your family!

**Mr Carl Carulli**

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (Primary)**

## SECONDARY NEWS

**Secondary Reporting** – with the disruption caused by COVID reports may read a little differently this semester for most students. Staff that have been able to make a judgement about grades, based on the data available, have done so. These are mid-year grades so students have plenty of time to work on improving their grades even further for 2020.

Our Year 10 students will also receive a second report this Term; this report will focus on the "Senior School" subjects they are completing and the progress made so far. These will include their Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways, Bushranger Endorsed Program, Skills for Life Pre-Driver Education Program and their current OLNA status.

All of the reports have been sent to Parents/Carers via Connect.

**OLNA** - The Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) was conducted earlier in the year, however for a few students this was interrupted due to COVID-19. These students have just completed their "catch-up" sessions and will receive their results early next term. Whilst we are well ahead of like schools for students that have passed all 3 aspects of OLNA, our Year 10 students have another opportunity in September.



The Year 9 students will sit OLNA in August (Week 4) as a replacement for the lost NAPLAN opportunity to pre-qualify for ONLA (Achieve a band 8 or above). It would be great to see a larger percentage of our students pre-qualify and get the added bonus of not having to sit any OLNA testing into the future.

**Toilets** - At the beginning of next term our secondary students will gain access to their upgraded toilet blocks. I have monitored the progress during the term and they look amazing. The blocks have been completely re tiled, with new partitions, toilets, showers, basins and windows. They are basically brand new throughout.

I would like to thank the secondary team of teachers that have stepped up this term to ensure the best educational programs possible, have been delivered to our students. Whether it be via work packages, online or face to face, they have worked tirelessly and I thank them for their efforts. I also wish all our school community a safe and COVID free holiday break and will see you refreshed next term.

**Mr David Mattin**

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)**

## CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

Wow what a term this has been! I would be lying if I said I wasn't looking forward to the holidays. Everyone has worked so hard and diligently I think they have earned a well-deserved break.

This term a few groups of students and myself have had the privilege of working on and building some games for around the school.



We have finished a table tennis table and are now currently working on a Swish table. The Swish table is currently in its final stages and should be finished soon. This table is especially designed so that the visually impaired can play alongside the other students. I love how our school has an amazing focus on inclusivity and our CARES theme shines through.

The students have been actively involved in building the tables. It has been a great privilege seeing our students taking ownership and pride in their school.

Have a great break everyone and I look forward to seeing you all next term ☺.

**Rodney van Dongen**



## CHAPLAIN

## ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

The following students received merits at our assemblies this term:

<b>Year 1</b>	Jaxon Quinn Memphis Hutchinson	Annalee Miles Kelsey Smith	Lebron Hill Hazzel Waide
<b>Year 2</b>	Shane Finley Amelia Hemopo	Shaylah Mettam Aser Ibrahim	Tyler Butler Kingston Thomas Tauri Pisconeri
<b>Year 3</b>	Lucas Birch	Jett Grant	
<b>Year 4</b>	Alex McBlane Matilda Taylor Stevie-Lee Websdale	Harper Bevan Joel Kelly Jessica Stone	Akasha Fardella Kynan Stokes Bella Buchholz Mark Smith
<b>Year 5</b>	Zoe Lawson Chloe Pich	Dusty Buffham Marley Delaney	Lily Harrison
<b>Year 6</b>	Ryan Grant	Kaylee McKenzie	
<b>Year 7</b>	Jake Paterson (x2) Isabelle Mendoza (x2) Jasmina Wood Emma Fry	Arianah Twinamasiko Jake Pich Charlie-Storm Darby (x2) Samid Wilson Lopez	Billy Quinn Ryan Evans Loren Davis
<b>Year 8</b>	Cianne Griffiths (x2) Ethan Wright	Lachlan Birch Thomas Scott	Odin Lindley Erin Jackson
<b>Year 9</b>	Zoe Scott (x2) Tahi Rangihaeata Cyrus Howe	Sophie Tyler (x2) Joshua Ingram Jazmyne Birch (x3)	Rachel Smith (x2) Deacon Wheeler
<b>Year 10</b>	Taj Parker Bethany Ingram Joey Wheeler	Dalton Fox Kaelah Musarra Seth Janssen	Catherine Righton Sarah Darlington (x2) Ezekiel Jetta



WAROONA RECREATION CENTRE

### Holiday Fun

10am-2pm  
Wednesday  
8th July  
15th July

\$10  
7 - 15 years.

Cooking, games and  
craft. Includes lunch.  
Call (08)97332389 or  
email:



Students return  
to school for  
Term 3 on  
**Tuesday, 21 July**

**P&C**

**Uniform  
Shop**

Open Tuesday  
mornings  
between 8:30am &  
9:00am





# P&C News

The canteen will be opened next term. We have made the decision to run it just one day a week, every Friday throughout Term 3. Please refer to the menu on the next page.

We are still looking for volunteers to help us run the canteen. If you are interested, please contact us through our P&C Facebook Page or the WDHS Canteen Facebook page or contact Gemma on 0439 119 018.

Our Uniform Shop is opened each Tuesday morning during school term from 8.30 to 9.30. Order forms are available anytime from the school website or by asking the front office staff for a copy.

The P&C is entirely run by volunteers and we are always encouraging people to join us. This does not have to be a fulltime commitment, but just an hour or two to help us with our fundraising. Some upcoming fundraising events (dependent on Covid 19) are the Waroona Show gates on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and stalls at the school sports carnival. These activities bring in a nice sum of money for the P&C to put towards funding things for the school. If you are interested in helping, please get in touch, and keep an eye on our social media and classroom noticeboards. All help is appreciated!

This weekend (July 4<sup>th</sup>) we will be holding a raffle at the front of the IGA. We will be braving the weather to sell raffle tickets for a load of wood and lucky numbers guess. Come down, buy a ticket, and say hi. A big thank you Ian and Annette Spencer (trailer), Natalie and Darren Birch (wood), Carmen Tyrer (scarf and journal), Lana and Doug Lockyer (6 pack of jam), Jo Sherar (Lolly Shop voucher), Naomi and the Waroona Rural Services team and the members of the school community and P&C who have volunteered to fill the roster.

At our last General Meeting of the P&C we saw Bronwyn Chompff, step down as President to be replaced by myself, Gemma Lockyer. Our P&C members want to thank Ms Bronwyn Chompff for her time and work at the head of our committee and are grateful she will stay on the committee to assist with a smooth transition and continue to volunteer where able.



## Talking about Kids

FREE FIVE SESSION PARENTING PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND CARERS AVAILABLE  
FACE TO FACE AND ONLINE

Learn strategies to manage and enjoy this amazing age and stage in your child's life

Explore Topics Like:

- Exploring ideas and strategies to find positive solutions for morning routines, bedtime, back chat, sibling rivalry and much more.
- Building a good relationship with your child in a positive way

TUESDAYS 25 AUGUST TO 22 SEPTEMBER

DAY (LIMITED CRECHE) AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM

For more information or to register please call or email

Phone: 9581 0581 or 0402 517 389

Email: [peel.pccw@anglicarewa.org.au](mailto:peel.pccw@anglicarewa.org.au)

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## WDHS P&C Volunteer Database

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Interested in (please circle)

General Volunteering

Canteen

Fundraising Rosters

Joining P&C

Days Available (please circle)

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Please return to front office ladies once complete  
and we will be in touch. Thankyou

## Student School Reports Semester 1, 2020

Student school reports have been sent to parents/  
carers using **Connect**.

An email has been sent to parents/carers to assist  
in accessing your child/children's school report.



# Waroona District High School P&C

## Canteen Menu

**FRIDAY's Term 3, 2020**

MENU		Cost
Recess		
NO PREORDER – Come to the Canteen window with cash		
Cup of Popcorn		0.50c
Corn Chips and Salsa		\$2.00
Sweet Muffin – apple and cinnamon		\$3.00
Cheesies (Whole meal bread, low fat cheese)		\$1.50
LUNCH SELECTION – Available by order by 9.00am		
<b><u>Toasties</u></b>		
Cheese ( <i>wholemeal bread, low fat spread, low fat cheese</i> )		\$3.00
Chicken & Cheese ( <i>wholemeal bread, shredded lean chicken, low fat spread, low fat cheese</i> )		\$4.00
Ham & Cheese ( <i>wholemeal bread, low fat spread, low fat cheese, low sodium ham</i> )		\$4.00
<b><u>Wraps</u></b>		
Salad Wrap ( <i>Tortilla wrap, low fat spread, lettuce, carrot, tomato</i> )		\$3.00
With Cheese		\$3.50
<b><u>Apple and Cinnamon Muffins</u></b>		
(Wholemeal flour, sugar, egg, milk, seasonable fruit, ground cinnamon)		\$3.00
SPECIALS		
<b><u>Odd weeks</u></b>		<b><u>Even Weeks</u></b>
Pumpkin Soup with wholemeal roll	Chicken & Corn soup with wholemeal roll	
\$4.00	\$4.00	
DRINKS		
<b><u>Fruit Box</u></b>		
250ml – Various Flavours		\$1.50
<b><u>Flavoured Milk -</u></b>		
250ml – Strawberry/Chocolate		\$1.50
<b><u>Bottled Water</u></b>		\$1.00

Can you volunteer to help from 9.30am to 2pm on a Friday?

Would like to give any feedback?

Please get in touch [waroonadhspandc@gmail.com.au](mailto:waroonadhspandc@gmail.com.au)





Our Year 7 students have been busy this term in Bush Rangers class preparing the various garden beds with sand and mulch. This morning we planted many vegetable seedlings and we all got stuck into it. We look forward to seeing them grow!







## Design and Technology

During Term 2 students have been focusing on designing and creating their own tea light candle holders.







# COACH THOMMO'S COME BACK CAMP!

**15, 16, 17 JULY @ MARC**  
\$100 for all 3 days - includes merchandise!  
(or \$30 per day)

**MANDURAH BASKETBALL**

Book here:  
[www.trybooking.com/BKAQQ](http://www.trybooking.com/BKAQQ)

9am - 12pm  
Ages 5 - 9 yrs




Presented by: Janette Merendino (Talking Kids Australia)

Sponsored by: Parenting Connection

Location: Online via zoom, Details will be give closer to the start date

Dates: Every Thursday 6,13,20,27 August & 3,10,17,24 September 2020

Times: 7.00pm to 9.00pm Cost: FREE

Who should attend: Parents and Carers?

How to register: Phone 9581 0581 or 0402 517 389  
Email: [peel.pcwa@anglicarewa.org.au](mailto:peel.pcwa@anglicarewa.org.au)

#### A FREE EIGHT SESSION PARENTING PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security Parenting™ program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

#### Learning Objectives of the Training:

- Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read the emotional needs
- Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhance the development of your child's self esteem
- Honor your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure



### Protective Behaviours

A FREE PARENTING PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS IS A LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND IS DESIGNED TO HELP PARENTS TEACH AND PROMOTE SAFETY TO THEIR CHILDREN. PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS PROGRAM EMPOWERS CHILDREN TO:

- Assert their right to feel safe
- Identify trusted adults to talk to
- Recognise 'signs' their bodies give them when they may be unsafe
- Learn 'body safety' rules and safety strategies
- Learn the difference between safe and unsafe secrets

Where: Baptist Church Greenfields, 370 Peijara Road

When: 30 July 2020

Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm

Crèche: Free Limited

Bookings essential

Phone: 9581 0581 or 0402 517 389

Email: [peel.pcwa@anglicarewa.org.au](mailto:peel.pcwa@anglicarewa.org.au)



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**1PM-4PM  
10-16YRS**

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