



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



It is fantastic to be back at Waroona District High School and writing my first Principals message for 2018. As I was driving to work this morning taking in the wonderful scenery along the way, I thought how fortunate I was to be coming to such a lovely town each day. Not many people have such a lovely drive to their workplace each day. I would also like to commend all staff and students for the fantastic settled start that we have had to the New Year. This also makes it a pleasure to be here.

This year we are trialling two newsletters per term. It was felt that with a number of different communication forums such as Facebook and Dojo already in place, a fortnightly newsletter was probably not required. However, this decision is flexible and we welcome your feedback on this.

We have begun Primary Fitness sessions for the first 20 minutes of each day. Theory proves that getting outside and participating in fitness and movement activities increases student achievement. It also improves school attendance by encouraging students to be at school regularly and on time. It is fantastic to see the students and staff out there every morning at their various stations. A big thanks to Miss Handley for all of the effort that she has put into organising and coordinating this.

It is marvellous to see the transformation that has occurred in our Secondary School. All of the rooms have been freshly painted, blinds have been installed and furniture rearranged. There has also been a lot of de-cluttering and getting rid of old and obsolete resources. It is amazing what a difference this has made to the Secondary School and the students now have brighter and more inviting rooms to work in. Secondary staff have also had a much needed revamp of their work room to include a meeting area where staff can get together for meetings, planning and discussions.

"We show consideration and greet people positively" has been the Waroona CARES Focus for the first two weeks of the Term. It has been wonderful to see the way that people have been looking others in the eye and saying a happy and positive Good Morning or to enquire how they are. This is really infectious and you will find that once you start to greet others positively others will reciprocate. Our Focus for the next two weeks is "We remain safe by following Staff instructions". I look forward to seeing all students doing this each and every day. I will be

keeping a close eye out to select two worthy students for our PBS Champions Awards this fortnight.

On Thursday afternoon the primary school held a "Meet and Greet". It was an opportunity for parents and carers to come along, meet their children's teachers, play a few games and enjoy a sausage sizzle. The afternoon was well patronised and we were really pleased to see so many in attendance.

To conclude my message for this Newsletter there are two special mentions that I need to make. Firstly, Merrin McWilliams has been a fantastic advocate and supporter of our school since her arrival in 2009. She has been our P & C President for the past 7 years and prior to that was President of the Early Childhood P & C. She has been a fantastic organiser of fundraising events for our school and has built a positive and strong relationship between us and the local community. However, Merrin has decided to step down from her position as P & C President and focus on her family. We wish her all the very best in the future and thank her for all of the wonderful work that she has undertaken for us as a school. She will be missed but we hope to still see her frequently.

When we are talking about huge losses to our school it brings me to the news that Mrs Robyn Garwood has informed us that she will be retiring in March this year. Mrs Garwood has been a member of staff at Waroona District High School since 1981 when she came here as a Home Economics teacher. After completing 4 years she left to become a Mum to her three beautiful daughters returning eleven years later as the Primary Phys Ed specialist and Early Intervention Coordinator. Mrs Garwood then went on to become our Secondary Student Services Coordinator in 2011 and in so many ways fulfils the role of an additional Administrator at our school. She has a wealth of expertise and knowledge about our local community, our school, our students and our families. Each and every day she manages situations with great efficiency and brings a level of professionalism to our team which is second to none. I have really appreciated the opportunity to have been able to work closely with Robyn and will greatly miss her presence at our school. I wish her all the very best with the next chapter of her life and thank her greatly for all that she has contributed. I know that she is looking forward to spending time with her family and enjoying some travel.

**Mrs Cathy de Thierry**  
**PRINCIPAL**





## PRIMARY NEWS

Welcome to 2018!



The school has had a terrific start, thanks to the great support of our parent/carer community. Students have arrived well prepared and with 100% uniform compliance. Classes have settled extremely well and our awesome staff have wasted no time in getting down to the important task of supporting your child's learning.

We all know that good communication between the school and the community is crucial for student success - so the school has put in place a range of communication strategies:

**Class Dojo** allows parent/carers to have a direct online link with their child's classroom. Parents can view photos of special events and also have a direct communication link via the inbuilt email system.

**SkoolBag** is a downloadable App that allows parent/carers access to important school information including upcoming events and an electronic version of the newsletter.

A school **Facebook** page has been set up to give the community access to photos of current events in the school and to help spread information about what may be on the horizon.

**Newsletters** will be emailed twice a term and will include a summary of what has occurred in the school, lists of Merit Award winners and news on what will be happening in the near future.

Finally, **face to face** meetings with the class teacher or the administration are welcome as we want to ensure you are happy with your child's education at our school.

A big thank you to those parents who took the opportunity to come in for our **Meet & Greet** afternoon at the school. I hope you were able to get a sense of what is expected and also started to develop some relationship bonds with both teacher and other parents within the classroom.

Before I conclude, just a very quick reminder that **In Term Swimming Lessons** start next week for the Year 3 -7 students. Please find a roster of these lessons below.

Lesson Start Time	Class
9:00 – 9:40	Powell (Year 3)
9:50 – 10:30	Rotheram (Year 7)
10:40 – 11:20	Fee/Handley (Year 6)
11:50 – 12:30	Perrott (Year 5)
12:40 – 1:20	Sutton/Grout (Year 3/4)

Please ensure your child has their swimming gear with them each day and their clothes are labelled with their names!

Pre-Primary to Year 2 students will participate in their lessons during Week 6 and 7.

Have a great 2018 at Waroona District High School!

**Mr Carl Carulli**

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (Primary)**



## SECONDARY NEWS

Welcome to all students and families to the 2018 school year at Waroona DHS. We hope you have all had an enjoyable break over the Christmas holidays and are refreshed and ready to do your very best for 2018.

This year we have changed the format for the Year 7's. They will complete most of their core classes with Miss Rotheram in Room 4. We are seeing a number of High Schools use models similar to this to ensure a smoother transition from primary to secondary. This year we have a double advantage in that Miss Rotheram was their teacher last year and they all know each other very well. The new students into the class have settled in extremely well and I thank the students for making them feel welcome.

We have straight classes this year from 8 to year 10 in the core subjects which makes it easier for teachers to deliver their curriculum programs.

Our Bush Rangers are busy planning for their first set of excursions and camps so please look out for the communication for those. The Year 10 Bush Rangers will be off to Rottnest in the last week of term. Other groups are mammal trapping and working at Bandicoot Reserve on the edge of town.

I encourage students to work hard on getting themselves organised and set themselves some achievable improvement targets for this term. Students will be setting these in their SenseAbility classes on Fridays.

Have a safe and rewarding term.

**Mr David Mattin**

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (Secondary)**



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## 2018 Term 1 Planner

WEEK	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
4	18 Feb	19 Feb 🕒 Swim Lessons Years 3-7	20 Feb Swim Lessons Years 3-7	21 Feb Swim Lessons Years 3-7	22 Feb Swim Lessons Years 3-7 Leadership Group Exc	23 Feb Swim Lessons Years 3-7	24 Feb
5	25 Feb	26 Feb 🕒 Swim Lessons Years 3-7	27 Feb Swim Lessons Years 3-7	28 Feb Swim Lessons Years 3-7 Year 10 Heath Black Exc	1 Mar Swim Lessons Years 3-7	2 Mar Swim Lessons Years 3-7	3 Mar
6	4 Mar	5 Mar Labour Day	6 Mar Swim Lessons Years PP-2	7 Mar Swim Lessons Years PP-2 Visiting Artist – “Too cool for bullies”	8 Mar Swim Lessons Years PP-2	9 Mar Swim Lessons Years PP-2	10 Mar
7	11 Mar	12 Mar 🕒 Swim Lessons Years PP-2	13 Mar Swim Lessons Years PP-2 Health & PE Exc Heath Black Inc	14 Mar Swim Lessons Years PP-2	15 Mar Swim Lessons Years PP-2	16 Mar Swim Lessons Years PP-2 Sculptures Exc	17 Mar
8	18 Mar	19 Mar 🕒	20 Mar	21 Mar	22 Mar Year 7 Bush Rangers Camp	23 Mar Year 7 Bush Rangers Camp	24 Mar
9	25 Mar	26 Mar 🕒	27 Mar	28 Mar Faction Swimming Carnival	29 Mar Immunisations Year 8	30 Mar Good Friday	31 Mar
10	1 Apr	2 Apr Easter Monday	3 Apr Easter Tuesday	4 April	5 Apr	6 Apr	7 Apr
11	8 Apr	9 Apr 🕒	10 Apr Year 10 Bush Rangers Camp	11 Apr Year 10 Bush Rangers Camp Interschool Swimming Carnival - Primary	12 Apr Year 10 Bush Rangers Camp	13 Apr Year 10 Bush Rangers Camp	14 Apr

🕒 Indicates Early Close 2.20 pm

Red indicates suggested date only



## Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)

Well done to all those students and staff who made an effort to greet others with a hello or even just a smile it makes both you and the receiver feel better. During Weeks 1-2 this term we introduced **Considerate: We Greet people positively.** We saw lots of positive greetings which makes our school a nicer place to be.

This fortnight we are introducing **Safe: We follow staff instructions.**

It is important to follow instructions in and out of the classroom. It makes it safer when playing sport, being in the playground or working in the science lab so you are less likely to hurt yourself. Students who follow staff instructions in class are not only being

safe but are also usually the ones who do well in tests and assignments.

**Weeks 5-6 Aspiring: We set goals and work towards them.**

**Weeks 7-8 Considerate: We allow others to learn.**

A big congratulation to our recent DOJO Wheel of Fortune winners in the secondary school:

Rachel Smith, Elijah Dingwall, Mitchell Smith, Caprice Franco, Shannon Hewitt, Lilli O' Meara and Amber Smith.

**The PBS Team**



## ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

The following students received merits at the last assemblies:

<b>Year 1</b>	Lee Cross	Maddison McIntyre	Auahi Paul
<b>Year 2</b>	Faith Hill		
<b>Year 3</b>	Ashlyn Clements	Zoe Lawson	Zac Lloyd
<b>Year 4</b>	Kaylee McKenzie		
<b>Year 5</b>	Libbie Gaston	Ashlee Skinn	
<b>Year 6</b>	Odin Lindley (2)	Siah Waller	
<b>Year 7</b>	MJ Aguila	Tiara Shea	Deacon Wheeler
<b>Year 8</b>	Mitchell Smith Jordan Lloyd	Tahleisha Greenland Abby Simpson	Seth Bonner
<b>Year 9</b>	Ella-Mary Stickney	Jessica Ackerly	
<b>Year 10</b>	Amber Smith		

### WATERWISE



*Get to know your water meter. If the numbers on it are turning while no water is being used in your home, you could have a leak.*

### PROUD PARTNERS



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**MOTEL**

## 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  
**Friday 13 April 2018**

**ASK SCHOOL RECEPTION FOR MORE INFORMATION**

### WDHS P&C Uniform Shop

Open Tuesday mornings

**8:30 am – 9:00 am**

Please label all belongings as they are easier to return to your children