



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



It has been a very wet start to the term and Waroona has certainly received a considerable amount of rain. As I am driving to work each morning it is beautiful to see the ducks that have set up home in the paddocks along the way. I know that, at times, we curse the rain, particularly as it often seems to time itself to coincide with recess, lunch and the end of the school day. However, it is very welcome to get us through those dry months ahead.

The Primary classrooms and support areas were painted over the school holidays. It is amazing what a difference a coat of fresh paint has made to the area. The Primary Staff did a marvellous job of moving furniture and resources in and out of their rooms to ensure that everything was well organised for the beginning of the new term. A special 'Thank You' needs to go out to them for their efforts in this regard. I would also like to personally thank Mrs Loffler; our Manager Corporate Services, for organising this as part of our ongoing school beautification project. Her work in this area is making a real difference.

We started this term with a School Development Day where staff undertook some professional learning in regards to planning for the management of Functional Behaviour with the Team from SSENBE. This important session gave us some additional information and ideas on how to deal with the more challenging behaviours that we are faced with each year. We also completed a workshop on Instructional Teaching Strategies and investigated our Literacy and Numeracy methodology. Overall it was a very successful day for us all.

Bush Rangers Students from Years 8 and 9 recently attended a four day camp to Donnelly River. They rode bikes through the bush, went to visit caves and spent time learning lots of interesting new facts. These camps are always a very enjoyable experience for all of the students and they gain so much from attending. I have said this many times before but will say it again. These opportunities are so valuable and do not occur at many other schools mainly due to the fact that staff are reluctant to attend. We are so fortunate here to have staff who give so freely of their own time to ensure that our students are able to have these experiences. I would like to thank them all for their willingness to attend camps and excursions.

In Weeks 1 and 2 this term our PBS focus has been "We are *Responsible* when we are prepared for what we are doing." It is easy to find students who achieve this focus as their results reflect their preparedness. This is a skill is so important as they leave school and move into tertiary study or the workplace. No one is there to constantly remind them to be organised and prepared. It is a habit that they have to develop and work on themselves. Those who ensure that they meet deadlines and are ready for activities find that it has a very positive impact on their life. Our focus for the next fortnight is "We are *Considerate* when we listen when others are speaking". We will

be keeping a close eye out for students who are displaying this value.

Over the last few weeks there have been a lot of Waroona District High School students to be proud of. Our ASPIRE group from Year 9 recently visited UWA to attend the annual race around campus. There were a lot of schools represented, but our team worked collaboratively together to win the event for the day. This is a terrific program as it gives our students a taste of university life and something to Aspire to when they leave Year 12. We are very proud of their efforts.

Hannah Jenkins and her horse 'Vintage' have just received notification that they will be representing WA in the 2018 National Inter-school Championships in Weribee Victoria in October. This is a wonderful achievement for Hannah and, in turn, our school; as she is the first student ever from Waroona District High School to achieve this. We all wish her the very best.

Jayden Evans represented the State in the 2018 AFL 15's boys team which competed at the School Sport Australia National Championships in Adelaide finishing third. State representation is an honour and is often a significant stepping stone in the achievement of Senior and National selection. Jayden has worked really hard on his football and is a role model for others. We wish him every success now and into the future. In addition to this Jayden, Rick Jetta and Riley Seubert have also tried out and been selected for the Ocean Hill Peel Thunder Academies Under 15 squad. We certainly have some very talented students. I'm sure that one day we will see them playing in either the WAFL or AFL leagues.

I hope that you enjoy reading this newsletter. Please keep your eyes on the Facebook page and Class Dojo for other exciting events that are occurring around the school. Also keep your eye out for our **NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE** which goes live in the next few days. Details of how to access this will be sent to you all. Take care and have a safe and happy few weeks.

Mrs Cathy de Thierry
PRINCIPAL



PRIMARY NEWS

Hi Waroona School Community

The Primary School has had a fantastic start to Term 3 with classes settling quickly back into their learning routines. Our fantastic teachers are constantly looking for new ways to make learning fun and motivational and a couple of recent strategies are worth noting. Mrs Lorraway's PP/1 class have recently had the misfortune of **runaway gingerbread men!** Just after being baked, the sly critters made a dash for it leaving a trail of flour for students to follow. Luckily, after writing lost and found posters and making gingerbread men traps, the tasty treats were found and returned to the class who baked them. In the middle/upper primary classes students have been given a **pop-**





stick bridge challenge. Teams of students have been given 70 pop-sticks to build the strongest bridge structure possible. Research into the different structures used, has students learning Science and Maths in the process. This STEM (Science Technology Engineering Maths) activity will have a grand final in coming weeks to find out who are the bridge building champions.

PEAC Testing occurred on Tuesday for Year 4 students. PEAC stands for Primary Extension and Challenge. Students who score very highly on these tests will be offered access to District Extension Programs. Results are forwarded to the school early in Term 4.

Parent/Teacher Report Interviews for the Primary School were held this week. If you have missed this opportunity but would still like to talk to your child's class teacher then please do not hesitate to contact the school on 9782 7000 to arrange a suitable time.

Book Week begins on Monday 20th August! This year's theme is 'Find Your Treasure'. A *Costume Parade* will take place on Wednesday 22nd August. Ideas for dress up could include; Pirates, Jack & the Beanstalk, The Bear Hunt, Harry Potter, Alice in Wonderland, Wizard of Oz or Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – to name a few!

A **Primary Disco** will be held on Friday 17th August as a Fundraiser for the Year 6 Camp students. More information regarding times etc. will be sent out in coming days.

Finally, below are some **key dates** relating to the primary school this term...

Friday, 17th August – Primary Disco Fundraiser

Wednesday 29th August – Primary Jumps and Throws Day

Friday 31st August – Whole School Faction Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 12th September – Interschool Athletics Carnival (Waroon District High School host)

Have a fantastic Term 3!

Mr Carl Carulli

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (Primary)

SECONDARY NEWS

NAPLAN Item Trials - Our school has been selected by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to participate in this year's ACARA Item Trial. The trial is being held in approximately 440 schools across Australia.

Item trial tests have occurred each year since 2007. Each year a small number of schools participate. Schools are carefully selected to ensure a diverse range of student backgrounds and abilities is represented.

ACARA appreciates the participation of your child in the Item Trial. The purpose of the trial is to evaluate potential questions (items) for use in future NAPLAN tests. Your child's involvement and the results from the trial will help ACARA ensure that NAPLAN tests remain valid, reliable and fair for all students.

Please be assured the Item Trial is about *testing the questions, not students*.



No information that identifies your child will be collected during the Item Trial, and your child's results are not reported. There are no consequences for your child or the school based on how many questions your child gets right or wrong.

Our Year 7 Students will complete their test on Tuesday 14th August and the **Year 9 Students will complete their test on Wednesday 15th August**.

Bush Rangers have organised a Mammal Trapping excursion for the Thursday 11th August after school and Friday 10th August. Once again they will head to Dwellingup to trap and collect data on the mammals in the area.

Yesterday Mrs O'Meara took a group of Year 9 and Year 10 students to Perth for a tour of the Art Gallery and then on to view the banner they created for the Perth Banner Competition.

Last term 50 new iPads were purchased and 25 of these are for use within the High School. The setup has been completed and the students are making good use of the technology. Oxford books have been purchased for all core subjects and the associated online login for ours students have been rolled out to the Year 7 and 8 students. Students can now access curriculum information, worksheets and submitted work either at school or at home. Students are enjoying the updated approach to curriculum delivery and are learning the skills needed to embrace the way TAFE and Universities deliver their courses.

Mr David Mattin

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (Secondary)

Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)

During Weeks 1 and 2 we focused on **Responsible: We are prepared for what we are doing**.

Most students were prepared for their lessons with books and pencils ready for the new term. Well done! Being prepared means that you are able to get the most out of each lesson. Practicing being prepared for school each day will help you in the workforce when you leave school.

For Weeks 3 and 4 we are focusing on **Considerate: We listen while others are speaking**.

Listening while teachers or other students are speaking in class helps with your learning and shows respect. Students who listen usually have better results in their tests than students who spend their time talking with friends. So concentrate on listening when others are speaking and see how it helps you!

Week 5 & 6 **Safe: We use technology and devices responsibly and for their designated purpose**.

Week 7 & 8 **Engaged: We take part in activities and contribute to the best of our abilities**.

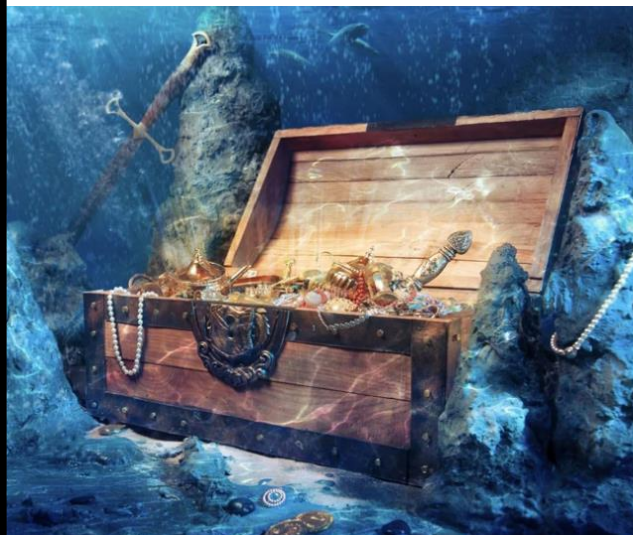
Vivos have been introduced into Secondary and some Primary School classes! This enables students to be awarded points for following our PBS values. Students can then spend their points on items from the online shop. Some students have already gained enough points and were ordering online this week so their prizes should arrive at the school soon!

The PBS Team





Book Week 2018 Find your Treasure



Waroona District High School will be celebrating Book Week from 20th to 24th August 2018.

On Wednesday 22nd August we are encouraging all students to dress up as their favourite book character. We will be having a parade in the morning to show off their costumes.

TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2019



Stay WaterWise WA

Plug the sink or use a bowl when
you're washing vegies

Outstanding Sports Achievements

Congratulations to **Jayden Evans**, **Rickardo Jetta** and **Riley Seubert** for being selected in the Ocean Hill Peel Thunder Academy Under 15's AFL squad.

If your child has achieved above and beyond outside of school, we would love to learn more about their successes, please let us know!

RU OK Day

Waroona DHS will be holding RU OK Day on **Thursday, 13th September 2018** and encourage students to wear yellow on this day.

We have been fortunate enough to have *Freestyle Now* return for a bike, scooter and skate demonstration. Following that we will have a sausage sizzle and some sports fun at lunch. St Joseph's Primary will also be joining us for the fun!

After lunch our primary students will be participating in the Colour Run. Our secondary students will follow them immediately afterwards. This was an absolute hit last year.

We are so fortunate to be able to run both events.

Another enormous thank you must be extended to Mr Brad Vitale from the Shire of Waroona.

Maths Tutoring

for Secondary Students during Term 3
Room 1, every Tuesday
3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$



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REDBACKS

Junior and Mini-ball

2018/19 Season Nomination Forms are now available.

Closing date 5 September 2018



ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

The following students received merits at the last assemblies:

Year PP	Ty-Shaune Narkle		
Year 1	Bay Tieleman-French	Sienna Pisconeri	
Year 2	Deon Sayer-Jackson		
Year 3	Eli Kelly	Dusty Buffman	James Woods
Year 4	Shaye Wright		
Year 5	Arianah Twinamasiko	Jack Bevan	Jake Pich
Year 6	Maia McWilliams		
Year 7	Blake Collyer	Jacinta Cross	
Year 8	Jordan Lloyd		
Year 9	Chelsea Spence		

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- Karen (Chaplain) has been busy with friendship group meetings every week! The children have been having a ball playing games and learning social skills. It's fantastic to see these transferring into the classrooms and the playground. She has also been cooking every week with our Cooking Club. The smells that come from the canteen are out of this world!
- Daniel (Chaplain) has been busy with numerous groups of children preparing our garden beds and planting a delicious range of vegetables and herbs. The children are enjoying watching the progress of their crops each and every day. Everything is absolutely thriving. What an asset to Breakfast Club and Cooking Club!
- We have been working closely with Karen from Ed Connect to source mentors to assist students in our school. We have three who have started this term and two who will begin next term. It is interesting to see what a range of experience we have here in Waroona. Some of our volunteers are well known and loved members of our community and some are new to Waroona. Our volunteers include literature lovers, a mathematics expert, an ex-shire CEO, a nurse and an ex-principal. We feel very fortunate to have such experienced and motivated people in our community.

If you would like to know how to become a mentor please call:

Karen Barden on 0438 028 646 or email karenbarden@edconnect.org.au

- On Thursday 30th August a group of 30 secondary students will be attending the In Your Head Conference organised by zero2hero. The theme this year is "*Do what makes you happy*". The students will be able to choose from a very wide range of sessions to attend. Some cover anxiety, social media and mental health, yoga and urban dance, to name a few. **Thanks to Mr Brad Vitale from the Shire of Waroona who has sourced funding for this fantastic event.**
- Our Year 9 and 10 students have spent many art classes during Term 2 designing, preparing and painting an eye catching and meaningful banner. It has been on display on St George's Terrace in Perth. This Thursday they went to see it on display in the city. Doesn't it look amazing?



This banner was created by our students at Waroona District High School.

It's now being displayed on St George's Terrace, Perth →



Winter is when we receive the most lost property items. Please ensure your children's uniforms are clearly labelled so they can be returned if they are brought to the office.



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