



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,



I can't believe that this is the last newsletter for 2018; the year has just flown by. The last term as usual has been extremely hectic with lots of activities and continued to be until the end of Thursday 13th December when the students left for their long Christmas holiday break.

We have had our triannual School Review which saw us achieve an effective rating. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Leadership team, my school staff, students and the wider community for assisting us to achieve this status. A school is only as effective as the people who are involved with it on a daily basis. Waroona District High School is extremely fortunate to be surrounded and supported by a fantastic network of support which enables us to be the wonderful school that we are. If you would like to read the report provided by the reviewers it is available to you all on the website.

As is the case often at the end of a year we have to say goodbye to some of our students. The majority of these are in Year 10 and are going on to Senior Secondary School at a variety of different institutions. They are travelling to Bunbury, Harvey, Mandurah and Pinjarra to pursue their courses of choice and I know that they are excited to be doing so. I would like to reaffirm my words from Friday where I said that this group were special and an extremely likeable group of young people. They have all managed to enrol in Year 11 and 12 courses of their choice and I fully expect to hear how successful they have been in the next two years. Although it is sad to see them go I wish them all the very best wishes for a successful future.

I also have the sad duty of saying goodbye to members of our staff who will not be with us in 2019. Mrs Gloria Woodley who has been our Home Economics Assistant has retired after 14 years at our school. She will be very much missed by us all; but particularly by Sue O'Meara who has worked closely with her during her time here.

Mrs Annette Bavaro is also retiring after 32 years as an Education Assistant in the Early Childhood section of our school. Annette has been an absolute delight to have working here. She is just one of those people for whom nothing is too much trouble. She is always there offering a helping hand and making sure that everything works like clockwork. I have even dropped in in the holidays and found her vacuuming the Kindy room because she felt that it needed it. We will all miss her very much. I hope that both of these wonderful ladies enjoy their retirement but will still continue to visit.

Mrs Suzanne Perrott will also be leaving us to take up a position at Treendale Primary School. Suzanne has been a fantastic teacher in our Primary School and the students who have been in her classes over the years have really benefitted from her wealth of expertise and experience. We will certainly all miss her jokes in the Staff Room and around the school but most importantly we will miss her.

Also leaving us is Miss Jasmyn Arkinstall. Jasmyn has only been with us for just over 12 months. However, in that time she has fitted in really well and has done a tremendous job with our Secondary School students in English. She is positive and bubbly and has brought a breath of fresh air to our school.



Another lady who has only been with us for a short time but has had a big impact is Mrs Cindy Woodward. Cindy has been one of our very hard working Special Needs Education Assistants. She has done a fantastic job down in the Kindy and the Year 3/4 class and has supported our students wherever she has been needed. She has also whipped us into line in the Staff Room organising all of our tea and coffee. We will really miss her special ways.

Finally we have a Specialist Teacher leaving us who is going to be extremely difficult to replace due to his huge array of skills. When I came to Waroona there was no Music program. As I said at our recent Assembly, a school without music is a sad place. Mr Jay Donaldson came along and the school was once again filled with music. However, Jay has been given a fantastic opportunity to go and dazzle another school in Perth with his skills. We will all miss him tremendously. However, we will not let the music stop here at Waroona.

On a much happier note though, I would like to congratulate Mr Donaldson and Miss Rotheram on their impending wedding day. They are certainly one of the loveliest couples that I have had the joy of knowing and on behalf of the school, all of the staff and students I would like to wish them many happy future years together.

To all of our students, their families and our wider community I would like to wish you all a safe, healthy and happy Christmas. Enjoy your holidays and we will see you all back with us on the 4th February 2019.

Take care

Mrs Cathy de Thierry
PRINCIPAL



PRIMARY NEWS

Wow, where has the year gone? Time flies when you're having fun. Over the last two weeks, we have had some very important dates that parents have attended:

Presentation Day – 7th December

Year 6 Graduation – 10th December

Mrs Evans & Mrs Lorraways' Concert – 10th December

End of Year Fun Day – 12th December

Hero Day – 13th December

As you can see, we have had a busy end to the year...





I would like to take the opportunity to thank some very important people in our school!

Firstly, a big thank you to Mrs de Thierry and Mr Mattin, you have both made me feel a part of the Administration team. I have thoroughly enjoyed working by your side and learning the ropes to be a successful leader. You have both given me the guidance and support I needed to learn the ins and outs of a Deputy Principal.

Secondly, a big thank you to our amazing parents and students! Even though it has been a long and busy term, our students have still been amazing and have demonstrated our virtues. Once again, our parents have been super supportive and helpful around the school. We appreciate your ongoing support!

My final thank you is to our amazing staff! Teaching children is why we are here, but it can be rather difficult at times. Our staff are passionate about educating your children and have continued to do a fantastic job throughout the year! All staff have been extremely supportive while I have been lucky enough to step into Mr C's role.

Once again, thank you to everyone for your guidance and support while I have been the Acting Deputy Principal. I wish you all a safe and festive holiday! I look forward to seeing you all in 2019!

Miss Taneika Handley
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (Primary)



SECONDARY NEWS

Last Friday we held our Awards Presentation Assembly and during this assembly our Year 10's were celebrated and their graduation from Year 10 acknowledged. It was a very special day for them and I would like to wish them all the absolute very best for their future.

The assembly highlighted the amazing achievements of our students and certainly created a spotlight on some of the talent that exists within the school. This talent is not just limited to the students, but also extends to the amazing work that our teachers are facilitating. Accordingly, I would also like to thank the staff for their tireless efforts throughout the year. It's very much appreciated by our Administration Team and I'm sure the parents and community.

HERO DAY

Our Kindy and Pre-Primary students enjoyed **Hero Day** one the last day of school with our wonderful volunteers from the **Waroona Fire Brigade** and **Waroona Ambulance Officers**.



During Week Nine the staff and year 10 students came together before school and enjoyed a last breakfast together as a group. The staff provided and cooked breakfast for the 10's as a farewell gift to them. During the breakfast the 10's were presented with a certificate highlighting an interesting personality trait or a memorable moment together.

As a way of acknowledging our Year 10's who graduate from Waroona District High School, we will formally place their names behind glass in the high school area. This will replace the ad hoc signing of bricks that takes place every year in this area and will allow for groups to be acknowledged up to the year 2032.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our school community a safe and relaxing Christmas break and look forward to seeing you next year.

Mr David Mattin
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (Secondary)



Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)

During Weeks 5-6 this term we focused on Engaged – We ask questions if we are unsure.

It is always better to ask questions if you are unsure. Often other people also want to know the answers to the same questions. If you don't know exactly how to complete the task set, then ask questions- it doesn't mean you're silly, it means you care about getting it right! And if you want to know how to improve ask for feedback from your teacher.

We have also focused on:

Considerate: We stay in our zones - This enables all students to be safe.

Responsible: We put our devices on charge – This allows everyone to have access to a usable device.

During Weeks 1 – 2 next year we are focusing on **Considerate:** We greet people positively. So make an effort to greet others with a hello or even just a smile it makes both you and the receiver feel better and Waroona District High School a wonderful place to be!

The PBS Team



**Lots of fun
had by all**



**End of
Year Fun
Day**



PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

Our 2018 Presentation Assembly was held on Friday, 7 December. We would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all students who have given their best efforts in their schooling throughout the year. Our sincere appreciation to all sponsors who so generously supported our school community this year. The following students received awards this year:



SECONDARY

Academic Awards

Year 7	English	Jazmyne Birch	Mitchell's Transport
Year 8	English	Bethany Ingram	Mitchell's Transport
Year 9	English	Ryleigh Scott	Andrew Hastie
Year 10	English	Liam Wheeler	IGA Waroona
Year 7	Maths	Jazmyne Birch	DeRosa's Highway Motors
Year 8	Maths	Bethany Ingram	Woodbury Plumbing
Year 9	Maths	Ryleigh Scott	Drakesbrook Hotel
Year 10	Maths	Liam Wheeler	Drakesbrook Hotel
Year 7	Science	Lily Della Franca	Curtis Electrical
Year 8	Science	Bethany Ingram	Charles Hull Contracting
Year 9	Science	Ryleigh Scott	Charles Hull Contracting
Year 10	Science	Liam Wheeler	Charles Hull Contracting
Year 7	HASS	Lily Della Franca	Waroona/Harvey Bus Service
Year 8	HASS	Abby Simpson	Waroona Home Timber & Hardware
Year 9	HASS	Ryleigh Scott	Shift Engineering
Year 10	HASS	Liam Wheeler	Shift Engineering
Year 7	Dux	Jazmyne Birch	Robyn Clarke MLA
Year 8	Dux	Bethany Ingram	Waroona Tyre & Mechanical
Year 9	Dux	Jessica Ackerly	Waroona Childcare
Year 10	Dux	Liam Wheeler	Waroona Shire

Physical Health and Wellbeing

Sportsmanship Award – Male	Jai Thomas	Harvey Medical Group
Sportsmanship Award – Female	Abby Simpson	Aztrac Mechanical

Elective Learning Area

Visual Arts	Kylie Dennis	Jackson's Drawing Supplies
Home Economics	Jessica Ackerly	CWA Yarloop
Bush Rangers	Amber Smith	Waroona/Harvey Bus Service
Performing Arts/Media	Sampson Campbell	Merrin McWilliams

Citizenship Awards

Year 7	Citizenship	Lily Della Franca	Colin Holt MLA
Year 8	Citizenship	Sarah Darlington	John & Val Salerian
Year 9	Citizenship	Shannon Hewitt	Waroona Pensioners Social Club
Year 10	Citizenship	Liam Wheeler	Shire of Waroona
Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award		Amber Smith	Australian Defence Force
All Around Achievement		Kane Parker	Caltex
Principal's Award		Sampson Campbell	Waroona District High School



Scholarships

Year 11	Scholarship (\$1,000)	Amber Smith	Waroona Lions Club
Year 11	Scholarship (\$500)	Lilli O'Meara	Alcoa of Australia

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Academic Awards



Year 1	Academic Award	Savanna-Marie Hopps	Waroona Childcare
Year 2	Academic Award	Scarlett Wright	Bendigo Bank
Year 3	Academic Award	Steven Unwin	Bendigo Bank
Year 4	Academic Award	Emily Ingram	Mitchell's Transport
Year 5	Academic Award	Isabelle Mendoza	Mitchell's Transport
Year 6	Dux	Madison Hemopo	Waroona Lions Club/P&C
Year 6	Citizenship Award	Tia Thomas	Margaret & Alex Rankin
Year 6	Scholarship (\$750)	Lachlan Birch	Waroona Lions Club
Year 6	Scholarship (500)	Ashton Parker	Alcoa of Australia
Any Year	Sportsperson Award	Jesse Grant	Shire of Waroona
Any Year	Citizenship Award	Alexzander Boaden	Annette Mason
Any Year	Music Award	Libbie Gaston	J & V Salerian
Any Year	Visual Arts Award	Emily Ingram	Waroona Newsagency
Year 6	Science (Female)	Lily Butler	Woodside Scitech
Year 6	Science (Male)	Odin Lindley	Woodside Scitech

Encouragement Awards

Room 25	Mrs V Lorroway	Mackenzie Stokes	P & C
Room 24	Mrs L Ellis	Faith Hill	P & C
Room 27	Miss T Powell	Ashlyn Clements	P & C
Room 28	Miss K Miller	Shaylene Brown	P & C
Room 21	Mrs S Perrott	Richard Fry	Professionals
Room 22	Mrs C Fee / Ms M Grout	Jake Paterson	Professionals

2019 Student Councillors

Our Student Council for 2019 is:

Year 6 – Jake Paterson & Jake Pich

Year 7 – Lachlan Birch

Year 8 – Jazmyne Birch, Lily Della Franca & Rachel Smith

Year 9 – Mitchell Smith & Eve Hornby

Head Councillors – Caprice Franco & Hannah Jenkins



Primary Faction Captains

Red

Ryan Evans

Emma Beales

Green

Ashlee Skinn

Blue

Jack Bevan

Emma Fry



Secondary Faction Captains

Red

Taj Parker

Krystal Dillon

Green

Riley Seubert

Blue

Ben McWilliams (absent)

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR FACTION
CAPTAINS SELECTED
FOR 2019**



Year 10, Class of 2018



Jamie-Lee Bennell
Sophia Bykerk
Sampson Campbell
Chelsey Della Franca
Kylie Dennis
Maverick Dodds
Jayden Evans
Sage Fiorenza
Alysha Janssen
Rickardo Jetta

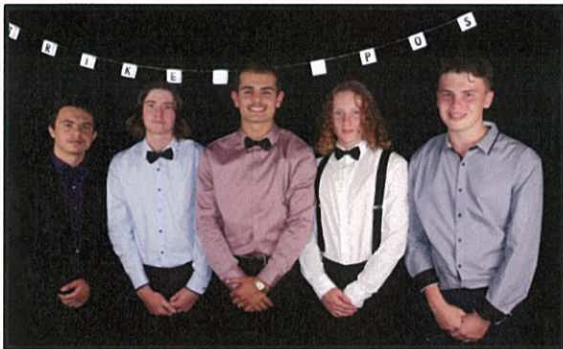


Lilli O'Meara
Kane Parker
Brock Rae
Harrison Roache
Amber Smith
Angela Stampone
Jai Thomas
Nickietta Van der Zwan
Liam Wheeler
Chayli White





School Dance



On Thursday 15th November the majority of the High School students polished themselves up and attended the School Dance at the Memorial Hall. The night was a terrific event; the dancefloor was never empty, the food was delicious, the venue looked amazing and the outfits were ON POINT. Staff enjoyed seeing the students looking so sharp and apart from having their dance moves judged, there were no negative reports from anyone. Thanks must go to Mrs Woodward and Maia McWilliams who manned the kitchen all night with help from many staff members and to Mr D who made sure the dancefloor was action-packed and full of hits from all the great decades. The Student Council put in a huge effort to plan and set up the dance and should be congratulated for a successful night for all involved.



strike a pose





SCHOOL NEWSLETTER CONTENT



Every year there is a sharp rise in the number of asthma attacks for children when they return to school after the Christmas break. This results in a significant increase in Emergency Department visits, hospitalisations and days off school. Not only is this unsettling for children as they start a new year at school, but often it impacts on time off work for the parents/carers also.

Over the Christmas holidays, we would like to remind parents and students with asthma, to continue with their Asthma Action Plan and for children using a preventer medication, continue to take it regularly over the break.

We would also like to remind parents/carers to visit their GP over the holidays to have their Asthma Care Plan for schools completed by their GP prior to returning back to school in 2019. Parents/carers should also provide schools with a clean spacer and a reliever medication that is clearly labelled with the child's details.

TerryWhite Chemmart pharmacies will be providing FREE school bag tags and spacer labels when parents come into store to discuss their child's asthma needs from 3 January – 12 February 2019 (whilst stocks last).

P & C Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open on **Thursday 31 January 2019** between **10:30 am and 12:30 pm**

The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday between 8:30am and 9:00am during school term.

We encourage parents/carers to clearly label your children's belongings to enable their quick return.

Our webpage is up and running please take the time to have a look, it is fantastic!

www.waroonadhs.wa.edu.au

HATS

Students **MUST** have a hat in Term 1 of 2019 if they want to be in the sun during break times!

Hats are also essential during Physical Education and Bush Ranger classes.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you to the Early Years P & C for raising money to purchase the reverse cycle air conditioner for the Kindy/Pre-Primary Room.

A special thank you to Catherine Stone for offering to pick it up!

Our thanks also go to Waroona Puma and Pinjarra Meat Supplies for their kind donations to our Kindy and Pre-Primary.

Waroona Recreation & Aquatic Centre



Holiday Activities

December 18/January 2019



FOR ALL ENQUIRIES & BOOKINGS CALL THE WRAC 0897332389

Program of Events Enrolment forms available at the Recreation Centre

Christmas Cookie Decorating
Wed 19th Dec
9.30 - 11am \$5



Vacation Swimming Lessons START 2nd Jan
Enroll online with department of education



MINI GOLF \$5
Mon 7th Jan 3-6pm
Tue 8th & Wed 9th JAN
9am-6pm Parent/guardian supervision required



HANDS ON SUPER SONIC SCIENCE SHOW
TUESDAY 15TH JAN
1pm \$15



DAYSTAYZ
Mum gone wild!!
8 yrs and over
Wed 16th JAN 9am-2pm
RANGE OF ACTIVITIES
SPORT, COOKING, CRAFT, SWIMMING
\$20
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

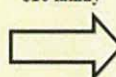
KINDY GYM \$5
AGES 0-5 years
Fri 11th & 18th JAN
9.30 - 11.30am
Supervision required



MINUTE TO WIN IT
MONDAY 21ST JAN
2-4 PM \$5



AUSSIE POOL PARTY
FRIDAY 25th JAN
2-6pm
\$6 child
\$8 adult
\$20 family



Stay WaterWise WA

Keep your showers to four minutes



ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

The following students received merits at the last assemblies:

Year PP	Tauri Pisconeri	Chloe Rico	Kingston Thomas	
Year 1	Blake Day	Rylie McCavangh	Lucas Birch	
Year 2	Charlie de Bont	Scarlett Wright	Jacob Edmunds	Mark Smith
Year 3	Jordon Dinah-Wood (x2)	Lily Harrison	Bonnie Winmar	Izabella Thomas
Year 4	Shaylene Brown			
Year 5	Jasmina Wood Baylee Jenkins	Dylan Edmunds (x2)	Isabelle Mendoza	Samid Wilson-Lopez
Year 6	Tom Twaddle	Lachlan Birch		
Year 7	Joshua Ingram	Cyrus Howe	Sophie Tyler	Nathan Hood
Year 8	Bethany Ingram	Abby Simpson	Seth Janssen	
Year 9	Jessica Ackerly	Ben McWilliams		
Year 10	Kane Parker	Kylie Dennis		

LOOK

Earbus had their official launch at Warroona District High School with the Starlight Captains on Wednesday 14th November.

They have visited three times this term and will visit again Term 1, 2019.



Many thanks to our generous sponsors and partners

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 12 April 2019

Ask School Reception for More Information



**School resumes for students in 2019
on Monday, 4 February**





Dear Parents and Carers,

JOIN A SAVINGS PROGRAM THAT MATCHES EVERY DOLLAR YOU SAVE, UP TO \$500

Saver Plus, is a community organisation that supports parents to provide financially for their children. The program assists parents to save for education expenses by matching their savings dollar for dollar up to \$500. Saver Plus is Australia's largest matched savings program. More than 36 000 people across Australia have participated in the program, saving over \$18.5 million.

It was developed by Brotherhood of St Laurence and The Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (ANZ) in 2003 and is delivered, in Western Australia, by The Smith Family and Brotherhood of St Laurence.

The Department of Education of Western Australia promotes Saver Plus to families in participating areas and eligible families now have the opportunity to participate in this initiative.

What this means for you

Saver Plus is a free, ten-month program that provides financial education, budgeting and savings tips, and matches your savings, up to \$500, for education costs. Saver Plus can help you:

- build your skills around managing money;
- become a regular saver; and
- reach a savings goal.

Once you finish the program, ANZ will match your savings dollar-for-dollar, up to \$500. You can use your matched savings for education-related costs such as computers, laptops and tablets, school uniforms, text books, sports fees and equipment, school excursions and more.

Can I join?

You may be eligible if you:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card;
- are at least 18 years old;
- have some regular income from work (yourself or your partner) including casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal work; and
- have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

Please note: a family may receive matched funds only once.

What past Saver Plus participants say

"With one child at high school and four children in primary school I found it extremely difficult to find the money for school costs. Participating in Saver Plus has really taken away the stress of these costs."

"Now I'm much more relaxed and confident that I will always have money behind me to not only support my family, but also give them the extras in life."

Your privacy

Local schools have agreed to communicate directly with families in communities where the Saver Plus program is available. Schools have not, and will not, provide your personal information to any organisations associated with this program.

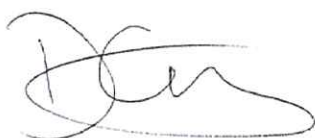
Neither the Department of Education, nor your local school, will know if you decide to participate. Your decision to participate in this program is entirely voluntary.

How do I find out more?

Saver Plus is delivered by The Smith Family in the Cities of Stirling, Swan and Wanneroo in the north and the Cities of Kwinana, Cockburn and Rockingham in the south. The program is delivered by Brotherhood of St Laurence in the Mandurah, Peel and Albany areas.

The Smith Family and Brotherhood of St Laurence invite you to join Saver Plus today. To contact your local SaverPlus Coordinator enquire online at www.saverplus.org.au, call or SMS your name and postcode to **1300 610 355**, or email saverplus@bsl.org.au.

Kind regards,



DANIEL CROTTY
A/NATIONAL MANAGER
SAVER PLUS
BROTHERHOOD OF ST LAURENCE

Saver Plus is an initiative of Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The Program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.

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.



laptops & tablets



specialist subjects



uniforms & shoes



books & supplies



sports fees & gear



camps & excursions

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



What is Saver Plus?



A free ten-month savings program providing financial education, budgeting and savings tips.



Participants receive up to \$500 in matched savings for education costs for themselves or their children.



Delivered by Brotherhood of St Laurence, Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community organisations.



Offered in communities across Australia in every state and territory.

A Saver Plus Participant's Journey



Goal

Talks to a Saver Plus Coordinator from a community organisation and, if eligible for the program, sets a goal to save a regular amount of money over 10 months



Saving

Opens an ANZ Progress Saver account and makes regular deposits



Education

Completes the MoneyMinded financial education program with support from a Saver Plus Coordinator



Matching

Reaches savings goal and receives matched funds, up to \$500, for their own or their children's education costs

Who can join?

Participants must meet all of the below criteria:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- be at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (themselves or their partner)
- have a child at school or attend vocational education themselves.

How did it start?

Saver Plus began in 2003 as a Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ pilot program with 268 participants in three sites across Victoria and New South Wales.

Since then, the program has expanded to all Australian states and territories, reaching more than 32,000 people, making it the largest and longest-running program of its kind in the world.

Since 2004¹:



32,000+ participants



\$17.3m – total amount saved by participants



\$14m – matched funds paid by ANZ



\$753 average amount saved per participant

Benefits for participants¹



87%

continue to save the same amount or more up to three years after completing the program



81%

were better equipped for unexpected expenses



93%

reported increased self-esteem



85%

had more control over their finances

Find out more

☎ 1300 610 355

✉ saverplus@bsl.org.au

🌐 www.saverplus.org.au



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¹ RMIT University, 2016. A number of Saver Plus program evaluations have been carried out since 2004. For more information see anz.com/saverplus

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