



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Carers,

As hard as it is to believe, we are nearly at the end of Term 1. It has been a busy term however, its' has gone very smoothly and we look forward to the remainder of the year continuing in the same fashion.

Our numbers have remained consistent over the last few years and we currently have 242 students in total from Kindy to Year 10. Our numbers in the early years are increasing and, as a result of this, we had to have a re-structure of our Kindy and Pre-Primary classes halfway through the term. Thanks to the hard work of our Teachers and Education Assistants in these classes, the whole transition process was seamless and all of the students are now settled in and doing well. This re-structure has ensured that we have room for growth throughout the year as we all know that growth in our early years ensures the growth of our school in years to come.

All of our Primary students have attended their annual swimming lessons this term. Swimming is such an important skill and it is fantastic that we are so close to the Recreation Centre and able to undertake these each year. To see the benefits of this you only have to look at how well our students perform at the School and Interschool Swimming Carnivals. They are confident in the water and keen to participate which is great to see. We are fortunate as a school to be able to offer this opportunity.

Our swimming carnival was a great success again this year. Miss Handley did a fantastic job of making sure that everything was organised very efficiently and the day ran like clockwork. I would again like to extend my thanks to all of the parents who attended and supported our school by helping out on the day or just coming and cheering on our students. It was a fantastic day and extremely well supported by the community.

School photos also were taken this term. This is earlier than in previous years and means that you will receive them more quickly. Our photos always look beautiful as we have a wonderful school setting in which to take them. I am pleased to see that a large number of students and families take advantage of this service for family shots as well.

I attended an information session in Fremantle for Principals regarding the Ministers new 10 point plan regarding violence in our schools. The intent of the document is refreshing and shows a level of support from the Government. However, the collective thought of principals is that it will not make a huge difference to the way schools manage behaviour. We currently have existing authorities to suspend and to move to exclusion under the Education Act. As the act has not changed we are utilising these pre-existing conditions as required. Every day our intent at Waroona DHS is to keep our students and staff as safe as possible. We will continue to do so. It was pleasing to have it affirmed that we are already a long way down the track in regards to positive initiatives due to our Waroona CARES philosophy and overarching positive plan for behaviour management under the PBS Framework.

Whilst we are on the topic of PBS; our fantastic large sign for the front of our school has arrived and we have had some of our parents who have volunteered to install it. It will look wonderful and will make a real statement regarding our culture and philosophy with our "Waroona CARES" motto boldly displayed for everyone to see. The addition of our signage in the undercover area will also help to reinforce our five values.

We will also have some additional art works to display around our school. Phil Doncon; a performance artist visited our school last Friday. He paints to music and reinforces values such as Consideration, Aspiration, Responsibility, Engagement, and Safety. He did a fabulous performance and left us with some large painted canvases to put up. A huge thank you must go to Mrs O'Meara who organised this event and made it all possible. I am really looking forward to having the finished art works on display.

Annette Mason, Brad Vitale, Grace Pisconeri and I attended a School Council Training Day in Perth on 20th February. It was a wonderful opportunity and we gained a lot of additional knowledge to assist us as we move forward together. We have already started to implement some of the processes and procedures recommended during the training and are moving forward successfully. We have a committed and extremely capable School Council here at Waroona District High School. It is vital that a school has this support in today's educational environment as it makes such a difference to the school-community relations. They are our representative body in terms of governance and ensure that we the community voice is considered in decision making.

Term 2 will also see a number of activities occurring at the school. One of these is the NAPLAN testing which occurs in Week 4 of the term. I encourage all students to approach the testing with a positive attitude and to give it their very best effort. We have a lot of capable students at our school but this is not always truly reflected in our NAPLAN scores. Although this is only "one test on one day" we do need to give it our very best shot.

Finally, I need to close my message with some news. Over the past few months I have found that I need to provide support to my Mum who has developed dementia. The support required is increasing and as a result I have had to reassess my position at Waroona DHS. I have been successful in being appointed to permanent position at a school which is 5 minutes from my home and will allow me to continue to work and be there for my Mum. It will be hard to leave Waroona as it is a terrific school with wonderful staff and students and a supportive and welcoming community. I would like to thank you all for making me so welcome during my time here. I will really miss being at Waroona DHS and it will always hold special memories for me. Mr Paul Jones from Baldivis Secondary College will take over from me as of Week 2 of Term 2 and he is very excited to be coming here. I know that you will all make him very welcome.

Have a safe and happy holiday. Enjoy your time with family and friends and we will see you when school resumes on Monday 29th April.

Mrs Cathy de Thierry
PRINCIPAL





PRIMARY NEWS

Hi Waroona

It is difficult to believe that it is Week 9 already; Term 1 seems to have been a blur!

Last week's Faction Swimming Carnival was a terrific success thanks to the awesome organisation by Miss Handley and the great work by parents and staff alike. Big thanks to our P&C Sub Committee and the Year 6 Parents Camp Fund Volunteers for the yummy food. We had one of our largest parent/community audiences in many years – so thank you for supporting this event!

As a continuation of our school emphasis on waste – (we are an accredited Waste Wise School) a new litter program has been initiated in conjunction with the High School Bushrangers. 'Eco Warriors' has started in the Primary School - which aims to reward students for considering the health of the School Environment. Already we have an enthusiastic group of 15+ students keeping our playground tidy! This benefits the local fauna as we have learned that rubbish can travel down drains to our precious waterways.

I would like to thank Paula Birch and her team of swimming teachers for, once again doing a terrific job with our In-Term Swimming Lessons. Paula has informed me that our students behaved magnificently well and that it was a pleasure to teach them!

Finally, congratulations to St Joe's Primary School for their success at the recent Interschool Swimming Carnival that was held between St Joes, Carcoola and ourselves on Friday.

Have a great end to the term

Mr Carl Carulli
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (Primary)



SECONDARY NEWS

Once again the school year seems to be disappearing fast. I have been extremely impressed with our High School students and how they are taking their education seriously. A few students early on were not remaining quiet enough in class. To their credit, once this issue was highlighted, most students now understand that for the classroom to be an effective learning environment there are times when near total silence is required. It has been a very consistent theme when I have visited their classrooms; students are listening, engaging in the activities and working hard to do their very best. This positive attitude when applied in this consistent manner will only result in better grades for the students. Well done and now the **challenge** is to keep up the effort for the rest of the year and continue to **aspire** to do you very best.

The High School will be issuing progress reports next week. This will give parents a snap shot on their child's progress so far this year. If parents have any concerns please make contact with the teacher to book a phone or in person interview. Dojo is a great way to make contact with individual staff to arrange a suitable time. If you are not a Dojo member please call the school's main number and a message will be passed on to staff.

Some of our Year 10's have just completed their OLNA testing. The OLNA is an online literacy and numeracy assessment. It is

designed to enable students to successfully meet the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) requirement of demonstrating the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy. Students who have achieved Band 8 or higher in any of the three components of reading, writing and numeracy in their Year 9 NAPLAN are acknowledged as having demonstrated proficiency in using a range of skills in that component and will not be required to sit the corresponding OLNA test.

On Monday 8th April and Tuesday 9th the Year 10's will be involved in a "My Future" expo. A range of institutions that can host studies for our Year 10 students next year will be presenting on Tuesday. These include Pinjarra SHS, Harvey SHS, Harvey TAFE, South West TAFE, SMYL and Harvey Ag. On Monday students will use the mobile career van to profile themselves. This service has been of great value to our students over the past few years, offering them an interactive space for our students to identify their interests and provide a starting point for their career development exploration.

As the Year 7, 8 and 9 students will be completing their NAPLAN early next term it is important they do their very best as it may mean that they will prequalify for the OLNA and thus not have to sit the tests in Years 10, 11 or 12. This is a great reason for them to do their very best now.

Some of our Year 10 students will be off to Rottnest in Week 1 (Tuesday) of Term 2. Mrs O'Meara has organised a range of fun educational activities, so the week will be a great way for them to start the term.

As this is the last Newsletter for the term, I would like to wish all our school community an enjoyable and safe Easter and mid-semester break.

Mr David Mattin
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (Secondary)



Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)

This fortnight we have been concentrating on the PBS value of being **Safe: when we use equipment appropriately**.

This can be in the playground, at recess and lunch when we use balls in designated areas or during Physical Education when we use sports equipment correctly. We also need to follow the teachers' instructions on safe use of equipment in Science, Home Economics, Bushrangers and Design & Technology to keep everybody safe. When using computers and iPads we need to use them appropriately so that they don't get damaged. If equipment is damaged it is very expensive to replace and other students may miss out on an opportunity to participate. So remember to use equipment appropriately so everyone can benefit.

During Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 2 we are **Engaged: when we take part in activities and contribute to the best of our ability**. To allow students the opportunity to reach their potential it is important that they participate to the best of their ability, both inside and outside the classroom.

During Weeks 3 & 4 we are being **Responsible: when we hand in set work**.

The PBS Team





Chaplain's Chat

During Weeks 9 and 10, Waroona District High School is looking at the following: **"We are SAFE when we use equipment properly"**.

As a mother and former teacher, and even now, as a Chaplain, I have found myself constantly reminding children to play or work with equipment in the way it is intended. Often, I was told that I'm stealing all their fun. But let's take a look as to why we have rules in the first place.

Whether we are at home, in school or out in the community, we must follow rules to keep us safe and keep our equipment working properly. Without rules, things would become chaotic and people could get hurt. Safety rules exist in order to keep people safe from injury and to prevent destruction of property (school equipment).

Whilst it may seem like a fun idea to climb up a slide, we know that there has been many an accident when one collides with the person sliding down! We also know that picking up school equipment after we have finished working with it ensures that no-one else will trip over it. High School students also need safety rules. In the Science Room, lab safety is very important because if equipment isn't used properly, it can result in a fire or accident.

We know that it is part of our human nature to not enjoy being told what to do and how to do it! However, most rules that exist in schools, homes and the community have one goal in mind: to keep ourselves and others as safe as possible. Following rules, helps us to be responsible and fosters a sense of stability in our every day lives.

Karen Burke
SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

P & C Uniform Shop

**Open every Tuesday
between 8:30 am and 9:00 am**

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

**Stay
WaterWise
WA**
We have to
work
together to
save water!

Literacy Tip of the Week

Label everyday objects and point to the word as you say it. Play games where children connect simple words with pictures, like "cat" with a photo of a cat, etc.

 **USBORNE**
BOOKS & MORE



Easter Craft with our Chaplain



In Week 10, we will be having some Easter craft making activities in the FRIENDSHIP ROOM (Moorditj Miya) on Wednesday and Friday at lunch time. The Cooking Club will also be making Easter Chocolates in the Canteen during recess on Wednesday.

As Term 1 comes to a close, both Daniel and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe school holiday and a wonderful Easter for those who celebrate. We will look forward to seeing everyone at the start of Term 2!

Karen Burke
In School Chaplain

Term 1 Upcoming Events

9 April: Year 10 My Future Expo 2019

10 April : Year 7 & 8 ReMedia

12 April: Kindy & Pre-Primary Messy Day

12 April: ANZAC Day Service

12 April: Last day of Term 1



Term 2 Upcoming Events

29 April : First day of Term 2

30 April –3 May: Year 10 Bush Rangers Rottneest Island Camp

Forms & money must be returned by Thursday, 11 April 2019

6 May: Year 7 & 8 Immunisations

10 May, 24 May & 14 June: Aussie Sports (Year 4-6)

14 – 24 May: NAPLAN

23 May - 24 May: Aboriginal Male Youth Health & Wellbeing Camp

31 May: Staff Development Day / Student Free Day

3 June: Public Holiday (Western Australian Day)

1 July – 5 July : Year 10 Work Placement

2 July – 5 July : Year 7-9 Bush Rangers Woodman Point Camp



ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

The following students received merits at the last assemblies:

Year 1	Tyler Butler Emily Stone	Amelia Hemopo Aser Ibrahim	Evelyn Woodley
Year 2	Sienna Pisconeri	Heath Collyer	
Year 3	Kyle Pages (x2) Davey Miller	Jessica Stone Mackenzie Stokes	Jacob Edmunds
Year 4	Lily Harrison Jordon Dinah-Wood	Bonnie Winmar Ashlyn Clements	Leah Beales
Year 5	Lexie Griffiths Ben Graham	Rebel Dillon	Ryan Grant
Year 6	Samid Wilson Lopez Alex Lloyd Isabelle Mendoza	Jake Paterson Joshua Hill	Jared McConnachy Arianah Twinamasiko
Year 7	Lachlan Birch (x2) Faith Websdale	Thomas Scott Jesse Grant (x2)	Saverio Jetta Odin Lindley
Year 8	Sophie Tyler Joshua Ingram	Ethan Look	Mia Chapman
Year 9	Seth Bonner Damien Dodds	Sarah Darlington Taj Parker	Cheyenne Bennett Mitchell Smith
Year 10	Brie Lloyd (x2) Riley Seubert	Ryleigh Scott (x2)	Ben Grant (x2)

Interschool Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all students who participated at this event. All students showed great sportsmanship between schools and were supportive of each other throughout the day.



Swimming Carnival Results

Congratulations to all students who participated and gave their very best, you are all winners! We are proud of the sportsmanship between factions that was displayed throughout the day by all students. Congratulations to Red, who took were this years' overall Champions.

Year 4	Champion Girl Champion Boy	Leah Beales ● Lachlan Hemopo ●	Runner-up Girl Runner-up Boy	Chloe Pich ● Angus Graham ● & Liam Young ●
Year 5	Champion Girl Champion Boy	Lexie Griffiths ● Ryan Grant ●	Runner-up Girl Runner-up Boy	Jasmine Aitken ● & Kaylee McKenzie ● Ben Graham ●
Year 6	Champion Girl Champion Boy	Emma Beales ● Jake Pich ●	Runner-up Girl Runner-up Boy	Libbie Gaston ● Jack Bevan ●
Year 7	Champion Girl Champion Boy	Makkiah Dittmann ● Jesse Grant ●	Runner-up Girl Runner-up Boy	Tia Thomas ● Siah Waller ●
Year 8	Champion Girl Champion Boy	Rachel Smith ● Joshua Ingram ●	Runner-up Girl Runner-up Boy	Jazmyne Birch ● Deacon Wheeler ●
Year 9	Champion Girl Champion Boy	Eve Hornby ● Taj Parker ●	Runner-up Girl Runner-up Boy	Kylaiah Jetta ● Seth Janssen ●
Year 10	Champion Girl Champion Boy	Maya Bykerk ● Ben Grant ●	Runner-up Girl Runner-up Boy	Brie Lloyd ● & Caprice Franco ● Ben McWilliams ●

