



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



We should all be very pleased with the start of Semester Two at our school. I have been extremely impressed with the quick and efficient way that students and teachers have got straight down to business in every classroom. I can see that everyone is well rested and ready for another exciting term.

All families have received the Semester One report for their child(ren). It is a really important time for parents/caregivers to work with your child(ren) to reflect on their great successes in learning. Make sure that we take the time to celebrate and maybe even have a little reward. It is also important that we look at the valuable feedback that teachers have provided to support improvement. This reflection, and the discussion that goes with it, provides the best opportunity for every young person to reach their potential. "Being our best" will be a consistent focus with students and everyone across our community.

With this, we give ourselves the greatest chance of being our best when we are at school every possible day. I took the time to review every student's report and you might have noticed that I reflected on attendance in my comment to each student. There is lots of research which shows that being your best and reaching your potential is so much more likely with regular attendance. Let's all please make it a priority to be at school for 90% or more of possible days. Congratulations to everyone who achieved this in Semester One and particularly the large number of students who still have 100% attendance. Thank you to the families, who are very important in making excellent attendance at school a priority.

Can I just take a brief moment to reflect on the contributions that we all make to our school community and the wider community of Waroona. Each of us has an important job to contribute to the communities we are a part of. Every student plays an important part in a strong learning community in every classroom. Every parent/caregiver also has an important role in this because your daily check in with your child means that you are able to support them making a positive contribution to learning. It also means that you send a little message each day that education is valuable.

Each student plays a very important role in representing themselves, their family and our school. When you get up each morning and put on your uniform, you send a clear message to yourself and to those around you that you 'mean business' and are part of a school where belonging and learning are most important. Your excellent behaviour and manners in the community means that the people of Waroona know that our young people are outstanding. Being our best means that others expect the best from us. Can I ask that every family takes the time to make sure that wearing uniform and encouraging a sense of belonging is a priority. We are going to continue to work hard on making sure that high numbers of students continue to wear their uniform with pride. If we can help with this in any way then please let us know.

This brings me to my last point..... helping others. One of the really important things that we do, particularly in small communities, is taking the time to help others. You might not believe that you have anything to offer or enough money to make someone else's life better but this is not the case. During this semester we are working with our students to look for those opportunities to support each other without spending a cent. Just including someone else in a game or conversation can be so important. As adults, we play an important role in modelling this type of care for other people. Our commitment to this can be seen in our Student Services Team. Student Services is a team of people who are here to help young people and make each day at school better. We know that working with families is very important so parents/caregivers should feel very comfortable getting in touch with Taneika Handley (Student Services Manager) and her team if you need any kind of support with your young person.

I hope that everyone has a great term and remember, it is important that you continue to talk to us about our school, what we are doing well and where we need to improve.

Mr Paul Jones
PRINCIPAL



PRIMARY NEWS

Hi Waroona

The Primary School has had an incredibly smooth start to Term Three with a clear focus of 'let's get down to work' in most classrooms. In between the hard work, we have also been having a bit of fun with a number of events capturing our students' imaginations.

The Year 1-3 classrooms participated in a very successful excursion to the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre to watch a play called 'My Robot' last week. I can't remember a performing arts-based activity having such an effect on our students like this one – they absolutely loved it!! I thank the junior primary teachers for their smooth organisation of this event.

This week we had a terrific cultural experience during NAIDOC Day. Our students were engaged in some fantastic activities all aimed at putting the spotlight on our local indigenous culture. We will soon see some of the fantastic art work displayed around our school that was created on this day. Congratulations to the Student Services Team for their organisation of this important annual event.

The term ahead also has some key events to look forward to

Mrs Sutton's and Ms Powell's class are participating in a Maths Project sponsored by Alcoa and run by Scitech. The project aims to make Mathematics both more enjoyable and more real! Next week parents/caregivers of these students will be invited in to a special 'Maths Murder Mystery' session with their children.





On the 28th August Kindy through to Year 7 students will be invited to our final visiting show for the year called 'Out of the Bag'. This show has an important focus on **growing up** and **friendships**. The performer uses puppetry to transfer this message. We hope parents will support our attempts to bring special events to the school by allowing their child to participate.

Finally, the Year 4 students were tested this week to see if they qualify for the District Extension Program called PEAC. These students sat two 20 minute tests aimed at identifying those students with elite abilities in Maths or Language.

Have a great third term – we look forward to seeing you at our Athletics Carnival in Week 7!

Mr Carl Carulli
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (Primary)



SECONDARY NEWS

Orderly Classrooms - A focus for staff and students during Semester Two is again orderly classrooms. During the first half of the year the Leadership Team attended four full days of professional learning. The days focussed on reflecting on school practice, policies and procedures with the aim of identifying opportunities for school improvement.

As a result, our staff members are implementing some adjustments. Students are being asked to attend class ensuring they line up and are quiet. The students are requested to bring the necessary equipment for the lesson. Our staff members are

delivering a rich and rigorous lesson following a basic, but consistent lesson structure. Student behaviour expectations have lifted, especially around chatter. This came from student feedback and research that clearly demonstrates the relationship between an orderly classroom and student outcomes.

I must say that most students in the High School have stepped up and the tone and levels of engagement are awesome to see within all classes. Well done staff and students.

Welcome to Mr Bickerton and Mr Costello - This semester Mr Bickerton has replaced Mrs Vogler in the Mathematics learning area in the High School and Mr Costello has replaced Ms Handley in the Physical Education learning area. We wish both new staff members a warm welcome and hope they enjoy Waroona District High School.

YEAR 10 WORK PLACEMENT - During Week 10 of Term Two, our Year 10 students were on Work Place Learning placement. The feedback from that week was amazing. All students received glowing positive reports about their attitude and general performance. Some students impressed that much, that they received part time job opportunities. Whilst others must have been outstanding, as a few employers are organising further work place learning with the view of taking these students on as trainees during Years 11 and 12.

Well done to all the students on showcasing to the community your wonderful personalities and abilities.

Mr David Mattin
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (Secondary)



Celebrating NAIDOC Day 2019



VOICE TREATY TRUTH

Let's work together for a shared future





Chaplain's Chat

Term Three has begun and students and staff are getting into what promises to be a busy term! This week and next, we are looking at **Responsibility**. What does this mean? Well, basically it means being accountable. There are many ways we can show responsibility, to ourselves, to our school and to our community. Here are a few:

- Eating healthily
- Getting enough sleep
- Showing up at school on time
- Wearing the proper school uniform with pride
- Being prepared and organised for school lessons
- Getting homework in on time
- Showing effective time management
- Asking questions if you're not sure what is expected of you
- Picking up after yourself and encouraging other to do the same
- Putting recyclables in the proper bin

With responsibility, comes positive action. This can be challenging at times. However, when we act responsibly towards ourselves, the people and world around us, we reap the rewards because we are able to get the most from our time with our families, our time at school and our time out and about in the community! We also show others that we are fair, dependable, trustworthy and conscientious; traits that others look for when choosing friends and school leaders!

Karen Burke
SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

P & C Uniform Shop

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

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

Stay WaterWise WA

A rainwater tank can be a great way to save and store rainwater to use on your garden during dryer weather.

Country Week

Students attending Country Week this year, please be advised that training will be held every Tuesday from 3pm to 4pm at the Waroona Recreation Centre.



Want to volunteer with your dog?

Local schools are looking to start the Story Dogs program but need suitable volunteers.

Do you have one morning free during the week?

Do you have a calm, obedient, gentle dog?

If yes, come and join Story Dogs.

We help young children, usually year two, to learn to read. The children who are having trouble reading come out of their classroom and sit with you and your dog for 20mins and read to your dog. You will help the same 4 – 6 children each week.



Story Dogs provides all the training, starter kit and accreditation.

Check out the web site for more information or contact your local coordinator on:

amanda@storydogs.org.au

www.storydogs.org.au



All School Faction Sports Carnival
Thursday 5th September

Secondary Students Jumps & Throws

Thursday 29th August

Primary Students Jumps & Throws

Tuesday 3rd September



ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

The following students received merits at the last assemblies:

Year 1	Tauri Pisconeri		
Year 2	Hayley Clarke	Isla Fardella	
Year 3	Mark Smith		
Year 4	Sianna Dittmann	Chloe Pich	Lilah Sander
Year 5	Declan Clements	Shaylene Brown	
Year 6	Richard Fry	Jasmina Wood	
Year 7	Ashton Parker	Addison Moore	
Year 8	Sophie Tyler	Xanthea Salkilld	
Year 9	Jerome Boyd-Collard		
Year 10	Ryleigh Scott	Caprice Franco	



We have a
Cockatube!

We would like to thank Landcare and Arboreal Tree Care for installing our Cockatube as we endeavour to support the breeding of Black Cockatoos!



This banner was designed and created by our Year 9 and 10 Visual Arts Students. It is on display until 11th August (except 4th August) on the Yagan Square digital tower at 12:22pm daily.

Enrolments for 2020 Kindergarten
NOW OPEN

For children who were born between
01 July 2015 and 30 June 2016

