



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the final edition of our newsletter for 2019. Our school is such an exciting and busy place and time has flown by this term.



The School Dance on 21 November was a fantastic evening and a really proud Principal moment for me. One of the most noticeable and heartwarming things that I have come to learn and value about our school is the inclusivity and cohesiveness of our secondary cohort. I believe that I am well positioned to say that you just don't see this in other schools. It was my absolute pleasure to attend this event and see our students turn out looking very sharp and dance and mingle with each other from Year 7 to Year 10. I thank the Student Councillors and Chelsea Donaldson for the amazing organisation and set up of the event, but most of all I thank the students themselves for doing our school and this Principal so very proud.

We have also recently celebrated the worthy achievements of our students at the Presentation and Graduation Assemblies in academic, sporting, arts and citizenship domains. It is very pleasing to see so many students making the most of the opportunities available to them to show their strengths at Waroona District High School. We wish our graduating class of Year 10 students the very best success in their future endeavours and welcome our Year 6 students into High School in 2020. We are in the unique position at Waroona District High School to be able to offer a Kindergarten to Year 10 education which enables us to support and nurture our students through the turbulent adolescent years in a familiar and secure environment. We trust that our Year 10s are well prepared emotionally and academically for the transition to senior school.

The school canteen has re-opened after many years and is providing healthy and delicious foods to students. Our wonderful P&C is behind this effort and their countless hours of voluntary work to bring about this improvement and many other contributions to our school must be acknowledged. In 2019 the P&C has contributed thousands of dollars back into the school in items such as new toys and equipment, catering, subsidising end of year activities, upgrades to the long jump pit, fundraising for camps and Country Week and the Elevate education to name a few. The P&C relies on volunteers and they are seeking as much additional support as possible to sustain the canteen, the uniform shop and their many other fundraising endeavours. If you have even just one hour per week to spare to give back to our school, please let our President Bronwyn Lawson or the school office know of your availability to help.

We have many exciting new developments and initiatives on the agenda for 2020. Over the summer break the front fascia and administration area will be refurbished with new signage to the exterior and a modernised reception area. The secondary class rooms will also have some upgrades and new furnishings to

modernise the learning environment. The Kindergarten rooms will receive a fresh coat of ceiling paint. These upgrades are symbolic of the wider change and revitalisation occurring in our school. We are currently in the process of revisioning our school to better meet the needs and aspirations of our community and reinforce our position in the community as the school of choice. We are excited to announce the following initiatives for 2020:

- Year 7 High School Orientation and Bushranger Cadets camp
- Year 7-10 Basketball Academy
- Year 10 Workplace Learning Program
- Year 10 Certificate II in Skills for Work
- Revised secondary timetable with elective courses across the week
- Year 7-10 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) Program
- Elevate Study Skills Program for Year 7-10
- Aboriginal Cultural Camp
- Connect – a learning management system which will replace various apps and other platforms for parent communication
- OLNAWA – a preparatory program for the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment for Year 10 students

These new initiatives are just the start of a range of strategies and programs aimed at delivering a world class education to the Waroona community.

Our school has now embraced electronic reporting and parents will have received notification of Semester 2 reports on Wednesday 18th December. Having seen quite a few reports at the time of writing, it is pleasing to note so many successful students. There are, however, a small number who will be (or should be) disappointed with their results. In almost every case this is the consequence of; not applying themselves and/or not completing their assignment work; and/or not attending school regularly. If your child has under-achieved in their results for 2019, please have a look at the percentage attendance figure shown on the last page of the report. If the attendance is less than 90%, not only is your child attending school less regularly on average than their fellow students but they are also placing themselves at risk of under-achieving. Success at school and attendance go hand in hand so please look at what you can do as a parent to get your child to school for an average of at least this level in 2020. I promise you that their performance will improve if they attend and complete their work.



There are some staffing changes for next year as we farewell Chelsea Donaldson to Sheoak Grove Primary School, Craig McMillan to retirement, Jazmyn Arkinstall to new endeavours, Fiona Brown to Athletics Australia and Daniel Peck to Pinjarra Primary School. On behalf of the Warroona Community I wish them the very best of luck, acknowledging from the outset that they will be missed. We are excited to announce and welcome Ms Verona Wauchope to secondary English and literacy support and Paul McVey to Technologies. Ms Wauchope brings a wealth of experience and success in improving literacy outcomes for students and I'm delighted to have recruited someone of her calibre to our school. Mr McVey comes with a wide range of skills in adult education, primary education, coaching and recent re-training in Technologies – wood, metals and plastics. We are excited to see the revitalisation of these programs in 2020.

2020 also brings a complete ban on mobile phones in schools. We have recently emailed home the new policy which takes effect on day 1 next year. Primary students are not permitted to have phones or peripherals in their possession during the school day and must sign them in at the front office. Secondary students are permitted to have mobile phones in their school

bags, but the proviso is that they must be switched off and not seen or heard. That is, secondary students are trusted to have them in their possession and do not need to sign them in, but they must be switched off and in school bags for the duration of the school day. Secondary students can, should they wish, choose to sign phones in at the office. Sanctions will be imposed for students found to be using mobile phones. For the purposes of the policy, mobile phones also includes peripheral items such as headphones and smart watches. Student and parent communication during the school day is to be made via the front office. We thank our parent community in advance for supporting this policy. It is a statewide policy that we have been directed to enforce and it attempts to reduce distractions to learning for our students.

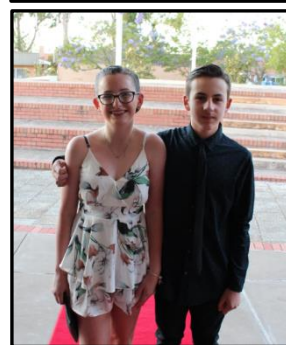
In closing, I wish the entire school and wider community a very Merry Christmas and an abundant New Year. I am extremely excited for the new school year and cannot wait to progress Warroona District High School to bigger and better things in 2020 and beyond.

**Ms Jacquie Abbiss**  
**PRINCIPAL**

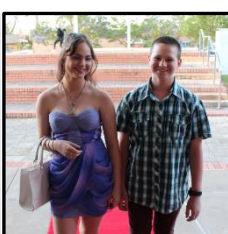
## ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

The following students received merits at the last assembly:

<b>Year 1</b>	Anarchy-Rose Gray	Evelyn Woodley
<b>Year 2</b>	Lucas Birch	
<b>Year 3</b>	Summer-Apple Thomas Matilda Taylor	Davey Miller
<b>Year 4</b>	Jaidah Riley Angus Graham	Izabella Thomas
<b>Year 5</b>	Shaylene Brown	Jasmine Aitken
<b>Year 6</b>	Merik Ngawaka	Jake Pich
<b>Year 7</b>	Rocket Dillon	Tom Twaddle
<b>Year 8</b>	Lily Della Franca Mia Chapman Bailey Maynard	Deacon Wheeler Nick Deleo
<b>Year 9</b>	Zac Twaddle Meeka Parker	Mitchell Smith



## 2019 High School Dance





## PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

Our 2019 Presentation Assembly was held on Friday, 6 December and our Graduation Day for Year 6 and 10 was held on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Year 7</b>	English	<b>Cianne Griffiths</b>	Pinjarra Bakery & Patisserie
<b>Year 8</b>	English	<b>Lily della Franca</b>	Professionals Waroona
<b>Year 9</b>	English	<b>Sarah Darlington</b>	Professionals Waroona
<b>Year 10</b>	English	<b>Benjiman Grant</b>	Charles Hull Contracting
<b>Year 7</b>	Maths	<b>Cianne Griffiths</b>	Hairy Lentil
<b>Year 8</b>	Maths	<b>Jazmyne Birch</b>	Bendigo Bank
<b>Year 9</b>	Maths	<b>Joey Wheeler</b>	Bendigo Bank
<b>Year 10</b>	Maths	<b>Ryleigh Scott</b>	Charles Hull Contracting
<b>Year 7</b>	Science	<b>Thomas Scott</b>	Rob Wheeler Electrical
<b>Year 8</b>	Science	<b>Jazmyne Birch</b>	Rob Wheeler Electrical
<b>Year 9</b>	Science	<b>Joey Wheeler</b>	Waroona Supa IGA
<b>Year 10</b>	Science	<b>Ryleigh Scott</b>	Charles Hull Contracting
<b>Year 7</b>	HASS	<b>Addison Moore</b>	Waroona Supa IGA
<b>Year 8</b>	HASS	<b>Jazmyne Birch</b>	John Salerian
<b>Year 9</b>	HASS	<b>Sarah Darlington</b>	John Salerian
<b>Year 10</b>	HASS	<b>Ryleigh Scott</b>	Curtis Electrical
<b>Year 7</b>	Dux	<b>Cianne Griffiths</b>	Colin Holt MP
<b>Year 8</b>	Dux	<b>Jazmyne Birch</b>	Andrew Hastie MP
<b>Year 9</b>	Dux	<b>Sarah Darlington</b>	Waroona DHS Parents & Citizens
<b>Year 10</b>	Dux	<b>Ryleigh Scott</b>	Brad Vitale

### Physical Health and Wellbeing

<b>Year 7-9</b>	Sportsmanship Award	<b>Makkiah Dittmann</b>	Harvey Medical Group
<b>Year 10</b>	Sportsmanship Award	<b>Benjiman Grant</b>	Aztrac Mechanical Services

### Elective Learning Area

	Visual Arts	<b>Isabelle Mendoza</b>	Merrin McWilliams
	Home Economics	<b>Seth Janssen</b>	CWA of Yarloop
	Bush Rangers	<b>Thomas Scott</b>	Forest Edge Recreation Camp
	Performing Arts/Media	<b>Thomas Scott</b>	Forest Edge Recreation Camp
	Music Award	<b>Joey Wheeler</b>	Waroona Pensioners
	Design & Technology	<b>Benjiman Grant</b>	Waroona DHS Parents & Citizens

### Citizenship Awards

<b>Year 7</b>	Citizenship	<b>Lachlan Birch</b>	Shire of Waroona
<b>Year 8</b>	Citizenship	<b>Rachel Smith</b>	Shire of Waroona
<b>Year 9</b>	Citizenship	<b>Mitchell Smith</b>	Shire of Waroona
<b>Year 10</b>	Citizenship	<b>Caprice Franco</b>	Annette Mason
	Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award	<b>Benjiman Grant</b>	Australian Defence Force
	Australian Olympic Committee	<b>Benjiman Grant</b>	Australian Olympic Change-Maker
	Caltex/Principal's Award	<b>Ryleigh Scott</b>	Caltex and Waroona DHS Parents & Citizens





## Scholarships

<b>Year 11</b>	Scholarship (\$1,000)	<b>Brie Lloyd</b>	Lions Club of Waroona
<b>Year 11</b>	Scholarship (\$500)	<b>Ryleigh Scott</b>	Alcoa of Australia

## PRIMARY

### Academic Awards

<b>Year 1</b>	Academic Award	<b>Emily Stone</b>	Waroona/Harvey Bus Service
<b>Year 2</b>	Academic Award	<b>Sienna Pisconeri</b>	Waroona/Harvey Bus Service
<b>Year 3</b>	Academic Award	<b>Scarlett Wright</b>	Waroona/Harvey Bus Service
<b>Year 4</b>	Academic Award	<b>Zoe Lawson</b>	Waroona/Harvey Bus Service
<b>Year 5</b>	Academic Award	<b>Emily Ingram</b>	Waroona Home Timber & Hardware
<b>Year 6</b>	Dux	<b>Isabelle Mendoza</b>	Robyn Clarke MLA

<b>Year 6</b>	Scholarship (\$750)	<b>Nadine Gordon</b>	Lions Club of Waroona
<b>Year 6</b>	Scholarship (\$500)	<b>Ryan Evans</b>	Alcoa of Australia
<b>Year 1-5</b>	Sportsperson Award	<b>Ryan Grant</b>	Lake Navarino Holiday Park
<b>Year 6</b>	Sportsperson Award	<b>Libbie Gaston</b>	Aztrac Mechanical Services
<b>Any Year</b>	Citizenship Award	<b>Lilah Sander</b>	Annette Mason
<b>Year 6</b>	Citizenship Award	<b>Emma Fry</b>	Lions Club of Waroona
<b>Any Year</b>	Arts – Media & Visual Award	<b>Shaylene Brown</b>	Waroona News
<b>Year 1-5</b>	Science	<b>Harper Bevan</b>	Woodside Scitech
<b>Year 6</b>	Science	<b>Sarah Bykerk</b>	Woodside Scitech

### Class Encouragement Awards

<b>Room 25</b>	Mrs V Lorraway	<b>Hayley Clarke</b>	Mitchells Transport
<b>Room 24</b>	Mrs L Ellis	<b>Summer-Apple Thomas</b>	Mitchells Transport
<b>Room 27</b>	Mrs R Sutton/Mrs K Webber	<b>Jordan Dinah-Wood</b>	Mitchells Transport
<b>Room 28</b>	Miss T Powell	<b>Lexie Griffiths</b>	Mitchells Transport
<b>Room 21</b>	Mrs M Gwatkin	<b>Jake Paterson</b>	Waroona TerryWhite Chemist

### 2020 Student Councillors

Our Student Council for 2020 is:

Year 6 – Lexie Griffiths & Kaylee McKenzie

Year 7 – Jake Paterson & Jake Pich

Year 8 – Lachlan Birch & Thomas Scott

Year 9 – Jazmyne Birch & Rachel Smith

Head Councillors – Mitchell Smith & Sarah Darlington

### 2020 Faction Captains

**Red**

Ryan Grant (Primary)

Taj Parker (Secondary)

**Green**

Blake Boyd-Collard (Primary)

Oliver O'Meara (Secondary)

**Blue**

Ben Graham (Primary)

Seth Janssen (Secondary)

## 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  
**Thursday 9 April 2020**

**Ask School Reception for More Information**

**P & C Uniform Shop**  
**Open Thursday 30 January 2020**  
**between 10:30 & 12:30pm**

We welcome students back to school in 2020 on  
**Monday, 3 February.**