



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome to the first newsletter for Term 3. The holidays now seem like a distant memory, but how lucky are we to live in WA at the moment, to have the freedoms that we do when there are restrictions in place across the globe. We are so fortunate to be able to be at school, go on excursions and camps, hold assemblies and generally do all of the things that we used to take for granted. I read a statistic recently, that coronavirus has affected 90 percent of children's education globally. Although we would be included in this statistic, I believe that Waroona District High School and indeed all Western Australian schools have been minimally impacted. However, we must continue to not only make up for any time lost in learning but make the most of the time that we do have at school because we now know that this cannot be taken for granted.

Semester One reports were posted to connect in Week 10 last term and we held a parent reporting afternoon in Week 2. It was fantastic to have so many parents attend this event, and I thank you for working in partnership with us in the education of your children. I was very impressed with the quality of our semester reports and congratulate those students who made the most of the opportunities afforded to them. I am certainly seeing students rise to the rigour and high expectations that are set for them at Waroona District High School; I am also seeing the results. Our OLNA results are vastly improved, our learning area grades are improved and our student behaviour is also improved.

We are slowly revitalising our school both aesthetically (the improvements that you can easily see), such as our new toilets, refurbished administration and secondary classrooms, state of the art touch screen technology in our Early Childhood rooms, as well as the things that are less obvious to the eye. We are improving policies, procedures, academic rigour and consequently our results. Waroona is on a journey of improvement and we are having many exciting early wins in this journey, such as becoming an Independent Public School.

I am reminded each day of what makes our school great. It is observing the inclusiveness of our students at recess; it is being greeted by students in the yard; it is students who take the time to ask their teachers if they are ok; it is students apologising to teachers when they realise they have done the wrong thing; it is the way students share; it is the way multiple year groups cooperate in class and interact with each other in the yard; it is the way that teachers go the extra mile for students with things like homework classes and opening their classes before school and during breaks. It is all the little things that makes us such a caring school, where everyone belongs and that makes me so proud to be your Principal.

This term we have the Athletics Carnival to look forward to as well as Fudge Night, RUOK Day and various fundraisers that the Student Council have organised. We now have the canteen

operating each Friday which has been extremely popular. We are so fortunate to have our P&C and parent volunteers investing their time into our school. We also have some exciting refurbishments to the library which will commence in Week 9.

This week our Year 9 students started OLNA testing and I was delighted to observe them put their very best efforts into these assessments. I thank Ms Goulding and Mr Chao for preparing our students so well for this testing. We have a number of Bushranger excursions this term such as the field trip to the Harvey River as well as the Cockatoo sanctuary. We have Mandurah Magic coaching our Basketball Academy students, we have afterschool classes for Maths, English and general homework and tuition. We have students entered into the Have Sum Fun Mathematics Competition and as a school have entered the Governor's School STEM awards. Our Year 10 students have resumed their Workplace Learning within the community and are progressing well with their Certificate II in Skills for Work. We have Literacy Week to look forward to in Week 10 with the highlight of a visiting author and illustrator to work with our students.

We are a small school, but we are vibrant and busy. We have a dedicated and hard-working staff and offer amazing opportunities and pathways for our students. It is no secret that many of our staff, including myself, have our own children at Waroona District High School. As educators and parents, this is testimony to the confidence and satisfaction we have in this beautiful little school of ours.

Ms Jacqui Abbiss
PRINCIPAL

PRIMARY NEWS



Hi Waroona

We have hit the ground running in Term 3 with classes straight back into their learning routines. We thank those parents who took the time to book an interview with their child's teacher. Education is a shared process and strong communication between home and school is vital to the success of every student.

At this stage the **School Athletics Carnival** and the **Interschool Athletics Carnival** will be going ahead as planned. Primary Jumps & Throws will be held on Tuesday 1st September and the Carnival on Friday 4th September. The Interschool Carnival will be held on Friday 18th September at St Anne's Primary School in Harvey.

The teachers and students in the Kindergarten and Pre-Primary classes are extremely excited! They have been given access to two state-of-the art **interactive televisions**. These devices will allow instant access to the world and beyond. The device also acts as a digital whiteboard making it super versatile for teachers.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our carnivals!

Mr Carl Carulli
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (Primary)



SECONDARY NEWS

Apart from the regular use of hand sanitiser in the classrooms, our classes are back to normal. Students have now settled back into their academic and social life at school.

The Parent/Teacher/Student reporting afternoon that took place on the 27th July was well received by those that attended. We encourage all parents to attend these afternoons in the future, so you can receive feedback regarding your child's progress and for you to discuss with the teachers any concerns or ideas you may have. We are always looking for opportunities to engage with parents and for their input to improve what we are doing around the school and in class.

We have already had a number of excursions this term with Mrs O'Meara taking a group to the Art Gallery for the day and Mr Chao's Bushranger group exploring the Harvey River. Already Mr Chao is arranging a follow-up excursion where the student will wade the Harvey River. Whilst in the water the students will net and take water samples to see what is living in the Harvey River. This activity is with the support of Jane Townsend from the Harvey River Restoration Task Force. Mrs O'Meara's Bush Rangers have attended the Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre. This is always an awesome excursion and I look forward to hearing about the adventures next week.

Our Year 9 students are in the middle of their three OLNA (Online Numeracy and Literacy Assessment) tests and the Year 10 students will complete OLNA in a few weeks' time. Round one of the Year 10 OLNA saw 42% of the students passing all three components which is an exceptional result; "Like Schools" are only at 19% of students passing. Well done to the students and teachers for their efforts!

Mr David Mattin
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

G'day Everyone.... Wow isn't this year just flying by? We certainly live in a fast paced world and I'm sure it won't be that long until I'm writing the final article for the year.

What I would like to talk about today is an event our school is holding in a few weeks, **R U OK Day**. With so much happening in a year (especially this year) we can be so focused on where we are and what's going on in our lives that we can forget to check in with those around us. R U OK Day is a great opportunity for us to take the time to offer our support and care for someone who may be struggling. It is equally as important to find time to support ourselves.

I have some information from the R U OK school toolkit I would like to share with you.



A range of circumstances that could lead to a child feeling low including:

- Big life changes like moving house or school
- Experiencing grief or loss
- Being bullied
- Not sleeping well
- Hormonal changes
- And many other issues

Some important indicators that your child or a friend might be struggling could include:

- Withdrawing from friends or family
- Lashing out at people and getting angry or upset easily, including towards people they care about
- Crying or becoming emotional
- Loss of interest in activities and things they usually love
- Change in sleeping patterns. Either sleeping too much or too little, or sleeping at strange hours (such as the middle of the day)
- Change of appetite. They could be eating more or less than usual

Children cannot be expected to fix someone else's problems, or know the best way to help and support.

However, they can be encouraged to listen to what their friend is saying, by offering advice, such as letting them know they care, and telling a teacher, Student Services or a trusted adult.

By promoting an environment of positive peer support and accessing support channels via an adult, children can learn that asking "Are you OK?" is a key life skill.

R U OK has 4 steps to help navigate a conversation when someone says that they are not ok.

These steps are:

1. Ask
2. Listen
3. Encourage action
4. Check in



Some useful contacts when a child is not okay:

- Our Student Services Team here at Waroona District High School
- GP or Psychologist
- Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800
- Lifeline 13 11 14
- '000' if life is in immediate danger

Thank you for reading and enjoy the remainder of the term. Remember to take the time to check in with those around you.

Rodney van Dongen
CHAPLAIN



**School Athletics
Carnival
Friday 4th September**





ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

The following students received merits at our assemblies this term:

Year 1	Anaru Waiariki Braxton Michael	Mackenzye Jackson	Katie Day
Year 2	Archie Slack Chloe Lunamaria Rico	Emily Stone	CJ Jerome
Year 3	Skyla Lawson Jaxon Wyatt	Dustin Bonnett Sienna Piconeri	Chelsee Dittmann
Year 4	Christian Waide	Jacob Edmunds	Summer-Apple Thomas
Year 5	Eli Kelly Jacob McWilliams	Natasha Mason	Lilah Sander
Year 6	Dainton Mason	Kenzy Gibson	Brody Maynard
Year 7	Katelyn McCavanagh-Smith Loren Davis Dylan Edmunds	Nadine Gordon Emma Fry Jacob Slack	Charlie-Storm Darby Jasmina Wood Merik Ngawaka
Year 8	Makkiah Dittmann Sophie Tyler	Siah Waller (x2) Lachlan Birch	Faith Websdale
Year 9	Zoe Scott (x2) Mia Chapman Joshua Ingram	Cyrus Howe Tahi Rangiaeta Deacon Wheeler	Rachel Smith Jim Thomas Cecil Fox
Year 10	Ezekiel Jetta Tyson Boyd-Collard	Meeka Parker Joey Wheeler	Damien Dodds Catherine Righton

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VACSWIM October 2020

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VACSWIM Dec 2020/Jan 2021

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Please DO NOT rely on late enrolments as swim teachers are assigned to each centre based on online enrolments.

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P&C Update

At the end of Term 2, the P&C held a wood raffle which raised \$800. The committee wish to thank the Birch family for the donation of the wood, the Spencer family for the use of their trailer, Carmen Tyrer for her donation of felt creations, Gran & Pop for their condiment six pack, Waroona Rural Services for their assortment of items and Nan & Pop's Lolly Shop for their voucher. The re-opening of our school canteen has received positive feedback from students, staff and the school community. With continued support this will allow us to adapt our menu. The P&C are on the lookout for someone to run the canteen on a weekly basis; this is currently only a voluntary position. We are still in need for parent volunteers; we rely strongly on this help to keep our canteen open.

At the school Athletics Carnival, we will see our next fundraising event. The P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle for lunch and the Early Learning P&C Subcommittee will be selling cakes, slices and coffee/tea. The Student Council will also be selling icy poles for \$1. Pre-orders for the Athletic Carnival orders close Tuesday 1st September. (Please note this will replace the normal canteen menu for Friday 4th September).

The Waroona Agricultural Show is set to happen Saturday 10th October and the P&C are volunteering time at the gates to fundraise for the school and we need your help. We are asking for a 2-hour commitment this year, however if we get plenty of volunteers this can be changed back to one-hour shifts. Please get in touch via our Facebook page, email waroonadhspandc@gmail.com or text/call Gemma Lockyer on 0439 119 018. The P&C would like to thank Merrin McWilliams for her organisation of the gate roster in past years.



CRAZY HAIR DAY

Friday Week 5, 21st August 2020

Crazy Hair Day Parade

Undercover Area at 9:00am

There will be
prizes for most
creative!



Students from Waroona District High School have participated in this year's MAWA State-wide **Have Sum Fun Mathematics Competition**. They were required to work in groups of four, engaging in a professional discussion using Mathematical languages to solve complex problems through teamwork. There are a total of nine or ten investigative type questions to complete in one hour.

Have Sum
Fun
Mathematics
Competition



Mr Chao was delighted to see that all the students who participated in the competition were able to discuss and share their thoughts professionally. This is the sort of professional conduct you will see in an engineering meeting. Well done to all students who participated today.



There are two more rounds left in the competition. Let's wish them the best of luck.





Waroona District High School P&C

Canteen Menu

FRIDAY Term 3, 2020

MENU		Cost
Recess		
NO PRE-ORDER – Come to the Canteen window with cash		
Cup of Popcorn		0.50c
Corn Chips and Salsa		\$2.00
Sweet Muffin – Apple and Cinnamon		\$2.00
Cheesies (Whole meal bread, low fat cheese)		\$1.50
LUNCH SELECTION – Available by order by 9.00am		
<u>Toasties</u>		\$3.00
Cheese (wholemeal bread, low fat spread, low fat cheese)		\$4.00
Chicken & Cheese (wholemeal bread, shredded lean chicken, low fat spread, low fat cheese)		
Ham & Cheese (wholemeal bread, low fat spread, low fat cheese, low sodium ham)		
<u>Salad Wrap</u>		\$3.00
(Tortilla wrap, low fat spread, lettuce, carrot, tomato)		\$3.50
With Cheese		
<u>Apple and Cinnamon Muffins</u>		\$2.00
(Wholemeal flour, sugar, egg, milk, seasonable fruit, ground cinnamon)		
SPECIALS		
<u>Odd weeks</u>	<u>Even Weeks</u>	
Pumpkin Soup with wholemeal roll	Chicken & Corn soup with wholemeal roll	
\$4.00	\$4.00	
DRINKS		
<u>Fruit Box</u>		\$1.50
250ml – Various Flavours		
<u>Flavoured Milk -</u>		\$2.00
250ml – Strawberry/Chocolate		
<u>Bottled Water</u>		\$1.00

Can you volunteer to help from 9am to 2pm on a Friday?

Would you like to give any feedback?

Please get in touch by email: waroonadhspandc@gmail.com