



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the final edition of the Waroona District High School Newsletter for Term 1, 2021. Wow, although a short term, Term 1 has been so incredibly busy as we condensed a regular 10-week term into 8 weeks. The week 1 Lockdown led us to revising our Guidelines for online and remote learning and teachers began the year communicating with parents and students via the Connect online platform. Although the lockdown week was considered an extra week of holidays for students, for staff it was a busy week of preparation for the possibility of remote and online learning.



We commenced the 2021 school year with a focus on consolidating the changes and improvements implemented in 2020.

Our Term 1 Highlights

- 100% of secondary students abided by the mandatory mask wearing requirement for WA schools
- We welcomed new, experienced and high quality teachers in secondary Science, English and Maths
- We welcomed a fantastic new Graduate teacher in Year 6
- We refurbished the Kindergarten and Pre Primary rooms with new sub floors, new vinyl and a fresh coat of paint
- Our Year 7 students attended an Orientation camp to introduce them to high school, the Bushrangers program and build some team work skills
- Our Year 10 students commenced a nationally recognised qualification Certificate II Skills for Work. Upon successful completion this will provide them with credit points toward their WACE in Year 11 and 12
- Staff updated their Asthma, Anaphylaxis and Team Teach training through a range of refresher courses
- Staff participated in professional learning to extend their use of Connect for differentiated learning
- We held a Meet & Greet afternoon for parents and teachers to provide an introduction to teachers and classroom practices. The afternoon included an informal meet and greet with a free sausage sizzle for families
- We conducted free eye testing through Eyes at Australind in junior primary
- We conducted On Entry testing in Pre Primary
- Swimming lessons were conducted in all Primary year groups and Year 7 to improve student swimming skills and prepare for the Faction and Interschool carnivals
- We held a highly successful Faction Swimming Carnival with Red Faction declared winners of the perpetual shield on the day
- We hosted the Interschool Swimming Carnival, with Waroona placing third overall in the competing teams
- We implemented a Teaching & Learning Framework based on our shared view of effective teaching and an explicit instruction pedagogical model to promote consistency in teaching methodology across the school
- Our Year 10 students participated in Round 1 of OLNA following test preparation in Maths and English classes
- Our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 teachers prepared for the upcoming NAPLAN testing with online training and participated in a national practice test
- All staff participated in Instructional Strategies for Engagement training, with observation and conferencing to develop staff skills in various instructional strategies designed to engage students in learning
- Our hardworking P&C re-opened the canteen on Fridays and provided students with a healthy and delicious recess and lunch menu
- Our art students attended both an Art Gallery excursion as well as Sculptures by the Sea
- We held an incursion for our Year 10 students that promoted positive mental health and wellbeing
- Our Product Design and Construction students held a market stall at the Waroona Markets to showcase and sell their fabulous products
- We held a Scitech incursion for Primary students as part of our ongoing commitment to STEM initiatives
- We held an Easter party and clown day in Kindergarten and Pre-Primary
- We held a 4-day Bushranger camp to Margaret River for our Year 8-9 students
- Our School Board re-elected Mr Brad Vitale as School Board Chair
- We called for and accepted nominations for new School Board staff members (Joanne Evans and Adrienne Waters) and acknowledged the contributions of Coranda Fee as an outgoing School Board member
- We participated in an Evacuation drill to familiarise staff with our Emergency Management procedures
- We had School Photos taken as well as some additional professional photographs for media and marketing purposes
- We participated in a range of activities for Harmony Day and Anti Bullying Day to support our commitment to an inclusive, accepting and cooperative culture at WDHS. Our Primary classes had communal lunches with a variety of foods from their places of origin.





- We delivered Progress Reports in Primary and Secondary via email and Connect We published our 2020 Annual report which documented a range of successes from 2020 in academic, sporting and cultural domains
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Finally, I'd like to sincerely thank every member of the school community for their efforts in Term 1. I wish you all a safe and relaxing Easter and term break and I look forward to just as busy and productive Term 2.

Ms Jacquie Abbiss
PRINCIPAL

PRIMARY NEWS

Hi Waroona

Term One has now come to an end and, although it began with an emergency lock down, it has been relatively smooth sailing from Week 2 onwards.

Our school has had very few behaviour issues and there has been a real sense of purpose within the classrooms. Interim Progress Reports were sent home last week and Parent Interviews will take place early in Term 2.

Last week the upper primary students participated in an Interschool Swimming Carnival against St Joseph's, St Anne's and Carcoola Primary Schools. It was our first carnival with 4 schools involved and it was a great success. The atmosphere was electric and many of us still have the ringing in our ears. Congratulations to all competitors on the way they competed and well done to St Joseph's who are 2021 Champion School. Individuals from WDHS who did well include Sianna Dittmann & Harper Bevan (Champion Girls) and Jett Grant & Kynan Stokes (Runner Up Champion Boys).

An ANZAC Assembly will be conducted on Friday 23rd April at 9am. Ms Tracey Fickling from the Waroona/Hamel RSL will be our special guest. Parents are welcome to attend this important traditional event.

Finally, next term students in Years 3 and 5 will sit NAPLAN tests in Weeks 4 and 5. Students will be tested in the areas of Writing, Reading, Language Conventions and Mathematics. These tests will be conducted online.

Have a great Term break!

Mr Carl Carulli
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (Primary)

SECONDARY NEWS

I have been extremely impressed with our High School students and how they are taking their education seriously. The vast majority of our students 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 your very best.

Progress reports have been sent via "Connect". This will give parents a snap shot on their child's progress so far this year. If parents have any concerns, please book an interview. This can be done via "SOBS" which is the schools online booking system. Please make contact with the front office if you require help. The parent interview afternoon take place on Wednesday 28th April 2021.

Some of our Year 10 students 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.

As the Year 7 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.

Our Year 8 and 9 Bush Ranger students are spending the week in the Margaret River region. Jump on our Facebook page to see the range of activities they are engaged in. I know they have been clearing invasive species from native bushland, touring caves and eating the odd ice-cream. The best part, I think, is camping under the stars at night. I would like to thank my staff for taking time away from their families to provide this opportunity for our students. I know they will be looking forward to their holiday.

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)

CHAPLAINS CHAT

G'day Everyone

We have so much to be thankful for Waroona District High school is an amazing place.

Our school is an inclusive and safe place to learn, grow and play. I find it very exciting when we come to the end of the term (not just because I am looking forward to a break) but because it a great time to reflect.

How have we grown over this term? What are some key strengths that have been developed over the term?

Resilience is an area I am passionate about and have seen some students grow in this area already! And it's only been 9 weeks of school.

I would like to share with you all 5 keys to growing in resilience.

1. Be self – compassionate

Resilience allows us to bounce back from a challenge. Be kind to yourself. Recognise that when you have been through a





challenge it's okay to be scared or find it hard, or it wouldn't be a challenge. Challenges are where we grow. Allow yourself to take a breath and refocus.

2. Be flexible

When life doesn't go as planned, flexibility allows us to form a "Plan B". As you go about your new normal, you'll probably experience moments of deep frustration. These are the times that flexibility is *most* important. Allow yourself to relax previously held standards that don't make sense in the present. Apply your creativity to solve problems that crop up. Adapt your responses to others with an awareness of their own level of stress. Flexibility will help you navigate whatever lies ahead.

3. Have a positive outlook

Resilience and mindset go hand in hand. Look for the positive in every situation. People who are able to detect good in difficult situations tend to be more resilient. Practise looking for positives and help your child do the same by role modelling and guiding them.

4. Exercise

Building our physical energy will help us to have the strength to cope when times get tough.

5. Sleep

Having a decent amount of sleep is vital to being able to deal with challenges. We all struggle when we are tired and making sure our children are well rested gives them the best opportunity to succeed.

So take some time out this holiday to rest and rebuild your energy. I am looking forward to another great term.

If you have concerns about your child and think they would benefit from a chat, please feel to call the school and ask them to refer your child. Alternatively, you are welcome to come and see me in person.

Kind regards and best wishes Rodney

<https://momentousinstitute.org/blog/5-ways-to-build-resilience>

Mr Rodney van Dongen
Chaplan



ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

The following students received merits at our assemblies this term:

Year 1	Addison Fardella	Jenny Calyan-Wood		
Year 2	Annalee Miles	Hazzel Waide	Memphis Hutchinson	Katie Day
Year 3	Shane Finley Ashlynn Scally	Marshall Kinsella Tyler Butler	Emily Stone	Jacob Griffiths
Year 4	Kaisha Lloyd Rylie McCavanagh	Hayley Clarke	Jett Grant	Isla Fardella
Year 5	Jacob Edmunds	Jessica Stone	Scarlett Wright	
Year 6	Chloe Pich Liam Young	Lily Harrison (x2)	Zachary Lloyd	Zoe Lawson
Year 7	Shanaya Ellis (x2) Douglas Scott	Kenzy Gibson (x2) Isabella Grayden (x2)	Rebel Dillon Emily Ingram	Paige-Louis Parker Peta Scott
Year 8	Dylan Edmunds (x2) Jake Paterson	Kayden Lucas Katelyn McCavanagh-Smith	Isabelle Mendoza Jacob Clarke	Richard Fry
Year 9	Thomas Scott (x2)	Cianne Griffiths	Rocket Dillon	
Year 10	Jazmyne Birch Blake Collyer	Rachel Smith Cyrus Howe	Ethan Look	Joshua Ingram



Today students from Kindergarten to Year 6 attended an exciting Scitech Incursion. The junior primary students were involved in a 'Mix and Make' show and workshop with the middle/upper primary watching an 'Element of Surprise' show and workshop.



The P&C have held their Annual General Meeting during this term with some new faces joining the familiar faces, with all committee positions being filled.

President – Gemma Lockyer

Vice President – Bronwyn Chompff-Gliddon

Treasurer – Kate Pisconeri

Secretary – Gina Slack

Uniform – Natalie Birch

And four sub committees formed, Early Learning, Canteen, Uniform and Fundraising. Members and volunteers are always welcomed.

Our Canteen subcommittee have decided that Fridays will remain Canteen day. Our menu is still being approved so please be on the lookout for the menu early next term. We are hoping to simplify the menu slightly while continuing to offer special deal. We are still looking for volunteers to help on Fridays. If you are available, please get in touch.

Our current uniform coordinator is looking to step away from the position next year, so the P&C are asking anyone interested in learning how to run the uniform shop to call in on Tuesday morning and learn what is involved. Ideally this can be a position shared by 2 people, alternating Tuesdays.

The Early Learning sub-committee have been preparing for the visit from the Easter Bunny on the last day of term and fundraising with an Easter raffle. A big thanks to the families for donating the raffle goodies and we were lucky to be recipients of returning minister Robyn Clarke who also donated some Easter gifts. They have raised approximately \$300, to go towards some new mud kitchens and outdoor play items for the students.

The P&C's goal is to assist and support our school and students by offering help wherever we can, and we have recently supported the Year 6 group with their lunch fundraiser during the Swimming Carnival. A big thanks to our volunteers for preparing the food and a thanks to those who ordered and supported the Year 6 students. The pies and sausage roll meal deal raised \$300. This money will go towards their camp in Term 4.

Next term, your P&C are trying something different! We are holding a Mother's Day stall. This will make your shopping for Mother's Day gifts easy. Small gifts will be available for purchase. More information will be posted on our Facebook page a bit closer to the date.

We also have a Containers for Change code if you wish to donate. At this point in time we are unable to collect bottles from you or take them to collection points, but any donations via the scheme are appreciated.

The P&C thank everyone for their ongoing support and hope you all keep helping us whenever you are able. Please consider joining our volunteer database by filling out the attached form and returning it to the front office or emailing us

P&C Update



Our Bush Rangers in Years 8 and 9 explored the Margaret River region for 4 days. They participated in volunteer environmental work in the region. They also practised some bush craft and learnt some survival skills.

Lots of fun and new adventures was had by all!



On photo day speciality group images (eg Student Councillor, Faction Captains) were taken at your school.

These images can be viewed and purchased at a unique website, which is DIFFERENT to where you order the portraits and class photos online.

1. To place your Order online simply go to <https://mspphotography.shootproof.com/>
2. Locate the Schools Name, then select the album titled: **Waroona DHS Specialist Groups - 2021**
3. You will then be required to enter a password to view the Album. The password for this **JKSDJE21**
4. Please ensure that you use your child's name at the checkout
5. The images you are viewing are uncropped and will be cropped to fit to a 10x8 print (as per the first image in your gallery, a sample of layout & colour)
 - The online orders will be open until **midnight on Sunday, 4 April 2021 – for the Bulk Pricing Offer**
 - **The Bulk Pricing Offer is \$20 per print and these will be delivered to the school BY CLASS GROUP**
 - After the \$20 pricing expires, the photos will remain available online, but the photos are now at a cost of \$35 per image and delivered to a preferred address.

If you have any queries please contact MSP Photography on **9240 8000** or via email on ordering.perth@msp.com.au



P&C Uniform Shop

Open Tuesday
mornings between
8:30am & 9:00am



There were clowns all around as our Kindy and Pre-Primary students enjoyed a clown party and Easter lunch on the last day of term.

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

This year we were able to hold our annual Faction Swimming Carnival for Year 4 to Year 10 students who are swimming level Stage 5 and above.

There was fantastic sportsmanship shown throughout the day with Team Red the overall champions for the day followed by Team Blue and Team Green.

Congratulations to the following individual year group Champions and Runner-Up's.

Year Group	Girls Champion	Boys Champion	Girls Runner-Up	Boys Runner-Up
4	Chelsee Dittmann Green	Jett Grant Red	Sienna Piconeri Red	Jaxon Wyatt Blue
5	Akasha Fardella Blue	Kynan Stokes Red	Harper Bevan Blue	
6	Sianna Dittmann Green	William Butler Red	Chloe Pich Red	Blakely Slack Green
7	Lexie Griffiths Blue		Kory Ewing Red	
8	Gypsy Fardella Blue	Jacob Slack Green		Jared McConnachy Red
9	Makkiah Dittmann Green	Lachlan Birch / Siah Waller Red / Green	Ella Prosser Blue	Ashton Parker Red
10	Rachel Smith Red	Jim Thomas Green	Jazmyne Birch Red	Joshua Ingram Green



Government of **Western Australia**
Child and Adolescent Health Service
WA Country Health Service

“Welcome to the new school year. My name is Julie Singleton and I am the School Health Nurse who visits your school.

School Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program. Additionally, the nurse can be contacted at any time throughout primary school if you have concerns about your child’s health, development or wellbeing.

School Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. They also work in partnership with schools to support teachers in health related curriculum and can assist in the development of health care plans for students with complex and chronic health needs.

The services provided are free and confidential.
Please contact me on **0427737294** or
Julie.singleton@health.wa.gov.au.”



Waroona Support Group

Are you affected by someone else’s drug or alcohol use?

Then please come along to this therapeutic support group and enjoy a tea or coffee in a relaxed and supportive environment!

Wednesdays 10.30 – 12.00 noon

Where: Waroona Community Resource Centre
10 Henning Street, Waroona

Starting 10th March



Come Join Us!



No Charge to participants

For more information phone Kathryn 0448 985 089

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Phone: 0407080671
Email: leo.chairman201w2@gmail.com**

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Waroona DHS P&C
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FOR HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT



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Most glass, plastic, aluminium, steel and paper-based cartons between 150mL and 3L.



2021 Season Information

29/3/21

IMPORTANT DATES

AGM 30th March
Registrations Open
31st March
Registrations Close
April 16th

NETBALL IS BACK!!

Registrations open 31st March through my.netball.com.au

<https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/welcome.aspx?type=6&id=94497&entitvid=42365>

If you cannot remember your login please do not create a new one we can assist you in finding it. Wednesday 31st March and 14th of April 5-6pm at the Waroona Rec centre we will be available for assistance with registration and questions regarding the season and competitions. Registrations close April 6th, team allocation and round robins on April 21st with season to commence April 28th.

NETSETGO

This season NetSetGo is packed full of fun activities for enjoyable skill development. Sessions will be held on Wednesday at 4pm starting 28th April and will run for 8 weeks. We look forward to bring a friend day in week 2 and fancy dress sessions.

C AND B GRADE

We have an exciting season ahead for both these age groups! On 2nd of May Waroona is hosting a 3 Tier Hub run by netball WA. This will be a talent ID competition as well as an opportunity for kids to play in their own age groups against clubs of similar skill level.

Our c graders will compete in the annual 4 game comp with Harvey to hopefully win back the shield.

GREEN SHIRT PROGRAM

Last year we successfully ran the green shirt program and had 4 girls do their umpiring training. We will be running this program again this year so make sure you register your interest.

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on the 30th of April at the Waroona Tavern at 5:30pm. Most committee members are stepping down and I would like to thank the outgoing committee who were a great bunch of ladies who did a fantastic job. It is time for some new blood to step up, the hard work is done and an exciting season planned. There is plenty of support from existing committee who are staying on and netball WA, so you will not be thrown in the deep end. If we don't fill the roles of president and treasurer our season will not go ahead so now is the time to raise your hand.

The Product, Design & Construction

students completing orders and getting ready for the upcoming Easter Markets in Waroona.



INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

This year there were 4 schools competing at the Interschool Swimming Carnival hosted by Waroona District High School at the Waroona Recreation Centre. It was very loud and competitive with fantastic sportsmanship displayed between students at each of schools. Well done to all schools and the individual medallists.

Year Group	Girls Champion	Boys Champion	Girls Runner-Up	Boys Runner-Up
4	Larissa Italiano St Annes	Lack LeRoy St Josephs	Payton Gaston St Josephs	Jett Grant Waroona District High School
5	Harper Bevan Waroona District High School	Kade Dagostino St Annes	River O'Connell Carcoola	Kyanan Stokes Waroona District High School Tom Leveridge Carcoola
6	Sianna Dittmann Waroona District High School	Malachi Jones Carcoola	Lilly Vincent St Josephs	Luke McAlinden St Josephs