



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the first edition of the school newsletter for Term 1 2021. Welcome to our new parents, our new students in Kindergarten and those families that have joined us in other year groups across the school. You have chosen to come to a fantastic school! I also welcome our new staff; Miss Beattie in Year 6; Mrs Waters in Secondary English; Ms Poepjes in Secondary Mathematics and Miss Stella in Secondary Science/Physical Education. We are excited to have you on board.



I am really pleased with the start to the 2021 school year. The calm, happy and productive feel in the school has been commented on to me by many staff. Our new teachers have told me that the students here are "great kids" and likewise, students have told me in their words, that our new teachers are "nice". What this means to me is that our teachers show care and respect and this is a great foundation to build relationships and support students with their learning.

The start to the 2021 school year was delayed due to lockdown. We must be mindful that things can change very quickly when it comes to managing the COVID-19 pandemic. We must be prepared to change to a distance mode of learning at a moment's notice. Staff must be prepared, students must be prepared and parents must also be prepared. Staff have already been working on their own readiness for this possibility as well as ensuring that their students and parents are as ready as possible too. For now though, we are grateful to be able to deliver face to face teaching and learning in a state that has remained largely COVID free.

I'm currently writing the Annual Report for the 2020 school year. The focus is certainly *not* on what didn't happen because of COVID-19. The focus is on the amazing successes we had *despite* COVID-19. For example, 95% of our Year 10 students achieved a Certificate II in Skills For Work and Vocational Pathways, giving them a massive head start towards their WACE Certificate in year 11 & 12. Our Bushrangers Program became an endorsed program with SCSA, gaining students further credit toward their WACE. The Year 10 OLNA achievement was double that of Like Schools. Our percentage of students achieving ABC grades in Year 1 to Year 10 was significantly above our Like Schools in almost every year group. We are seeing strong gains in reading in early childhood due to the explicit teaching approach we have implemented. We laid some great foundations for academic success in 2020 to further build upon in 2021.

We also made some significant improvements to our physical environment with refurbishments across many areas of the school including classrooms, toilets, carparks, canteen and admin. Most recently we completed the major refurbishment of the library into a modern ICT and Resources Hub. It is a fantastic facility. The new furniture to complement this renovation was generously provided via a community sponsorship from ALCOA.

Our kindergarten classrooms are currently getting a refresh with new flooring and new paint. Thank you to the Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students, parents and teachers who had to move classrooms to enable this to happen.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge those students that have settled well into the academic year. You set the standard for our school and for others to follow. We are raising the bar and our expectations in all areas at Waroona District High School as we strive to achieve our vision of being the school of choice in the local community.

Ms Jacquie Abbiss
PRINCIPAL

PRIMARY NEWS

Hi Waroona



As most people would know, the start of the year was unusual given we had to re-room the Kindergarten and Pre-Primary classes while floor restoration took place. I thank my fantastic Early Childhood staff for the amazing way they have coped with this unexpected change. We will begin the movement back into these rooms starting with Miss Miller's Kindergarten Class next week.

I would like to personally welcome Miss Nicole Beattie to our Primary Staff. Nicole has made a terrific start to her first teaching post, demonstrating strong organisational skills and a quiet, caring and firm manner with her class. We look forward to a great year ahead.

Swimming lessons are now well under way with around 98% of the Primary students involved. This is a terrific response from our parent community. Having students learn how to swim from an early age could perhaps save a life one day.

Finally, just an update on our swimming carnivals this term. Our School Faction Swimming Carnival will be held on **Friday 19th March** and our Interschool Carnival has been changed to **Friday 26th March**. We look forward to seeing you there.

Take care,

Mr Carl Carulli
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (Primary)

SECONDARY NEWS



Welcome to all students, families and new staff to the 2021 school year at Waroona District High School. We hope you have all had an enjoyable break over the Christmas holidays and are refreshed and ready to do your very best for 2021.

Due to the additional week of holidays, we have started the year off at a frantic pace, especially our Year 10 students. The timetable continues to provide enormous opportunities for future student



pathways. Our students are engaged in a Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways, work placement, OLNA preparations and Bushrangers Camp planning. Year 10 is an important stepping stone for our students and I'm pleased to see all our students taking their studies so seriously.

The Year 7 students are preparing for their Bushrangers Team Building Camp to Eaton next week, whilst preparations are well under way for the Year 8 & Year 9 Bushranger Camp to Gracetown later in the term.

At the end of this term all High School students will receive a progress report, however I encourage all parents to engage with the online "Connect" platform, make contact with your child's teachers directly and view their ongoing progress online.

Have a safe and rewarding term.

Mr David Mattin

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)



ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

The following students received merits at our assemblies this term:

Year 1	Elizabeth Smith			
Year 2	Emily Clarke	Kelsey Smith		
Year 3	Shane Finley	Shaylah Mettam		
Year 4	Jaxon Wyatt	Skyla Lawson		
Year 5	Kynan Stokes			
Year 6	Talia Clements	Zachary Lloyd	Blakely Slack	Sianna Dittmann
Year 7	Murray Prosser	Peta Scott		
Year 8	Samid Wilson Lopez	Jacob Slack	Ryan Evans	Isabelle Mendoza
Year 9	Cianne Griffiths	Faith Websdale		
Year 10	Blake Collyer	Rachel Smith		



Last week our Year 7 & 8 students were at the Waroona Weir where they were given materials and guidance of how to build a raft that would accommodate the whole team. There were a few "obstacles" which created a great deal of chaotic fun as they checked out their handy skills craftsmanship.



The P&C need YOU!

We need members for our P&C and to create sub committees for the Canteen, the Uniform Shop & Early Learning classes.

If interested, please come along to our first General Meeting

**Wednesday 3rd of March 2021
2pm in the Community Building at
Waroona District High School
(please sign in at admin building)
Membership costs \$1 and as little or
as much time as you can spare!**

Thank You,
Your WDHS P&C

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P&C Update

Our first General Meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 3rd of March at 2pm in the Community Building at Waroona District High School. If you would like to attend please sign in at the front office.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held before the end of Term 1 (date still to be confirmed so please keep an eye on our Facebook page for further details) where all office bearer positions will be opened for nominations.

To join our subcommittees or to have voting rights on our P&C you will need to pay a \$1 membership fee at any general meeting or our AGM.

We have subcommittees to raise money/look after specific areas - canteen, uniform shop and Early Learning (the Kindy & Pre-Primary classes). But you are welcomed to join us at our meetings or fundraising events and volunteering as little or as much time as you like.

Our canteen is always looking for volunteers, please contact Gina Slack for further information via the canteen Facebook page or P&C email - waroonadhspandc@gmail.com

P&C

Uniform Shop

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

Waroona District High School P&C

Canteen Menu

FRIDAYS Term 1, 2021

RECESS NO PREORDER – Come to the Canteen window with cash	LUNCH Available by order by 9.00am	DRINKS
Popcorn \$0.50	<u>Sandwiches</u>	Fruit Juice Box \$1.50 250ml – Various Flavours
Corn chips and salsa \$2.00	Vegemite (wholemeal bread, low fat spread, vegemite) \$2.00	Flavoured Milk \$2.00 250ml – Chocolate/Strawberry
Cheesies (wholemeal bread, low fat cheese) \$1.00	Salad (Wholemeal bread, low fat spread) \$3.00	Bottled water \$1.00
Pikelets \$0.50	Salad – lettuce, cucumber, carrot, tomato	
Frozen Pineapple \$1.00	Add cheese/egg 50c extra each	
Icy Poles \$1.00	Add ham/chicken/tuna \$1.00 extra each	
Vegie sticks & Dip \$2.00	<u>Toasties</u>	
	Cheese (wholemeal bread, low fat spread, low fat cheese) \$3.00	
	Cheese and Tomato (Wholemeal bread, low fat spread, low fat cheese, sliced tomato) \$3.50	
	Chicken and Cheese (Wholemeal bread, shredded lean chicken, low fat spread, low fat cheese) \$4.00	
	Ham and cheese (wholemeal bread, low fat spread, low fat cheese, ham) \$4.00	
	<u>Wraps</u>	
	(Tortilla, low fat spread, lettuce, carrot, cucumber, tomato) \$3.50	
	Add cheese/egg 50c extra each	
	Add ham/chicken/tuna \$1.00 extra each	
	LUNCH SPECIALS	
	<u>ODD WEEKS</u>	<u>EVEN WEEKS</u>
	Hamburger (Wholemeal roll, home made burger pattie with salad – lettuce, tomato, carrot) \$4.00	Quiche & Salad (lettuce, tomato, carrot, cucumber) box \$4.00
	With cheese extra 0.50c	

CASH ONLY

Can you volunteer to help from 9.00am to 2.00pm on a Friday? Got feedback?
Please get in touch waroonadhspandc@gmail.com



WAROONA COMMUNITY PRECINCT TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!!



<https://www.waroona.wa.gov.au/community/community-engagement/waroona-community-precinct.aspx>



BALD BESTIES BRAVE THE SHAVE

MARCH 14, SUNDAY @ 2PM
ONE TREE PARK YARLOOP

CONTACT: TASH 0407992209

PLEASE SPONSOR US TO RAISE
MONEY FOR THE LEUKAEMIA
FOUNDATION WORLDS GREATEST
SHAVE

DONATE YOUR CONTAINERS

WE RECEIVE 10 CENTS FOR EACH

WHEN RETURNING YOUR CONTAINERS, USE OUR SCHEME ID:

Waroona DHS P&C

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND
FOR HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT



ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS



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