



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the final edition of our newsletter for 2020. Our school is such an exciting and busy place and time has flown by this term.



The School Dance on 19th November was a fantastic evening. One of the most noticeable and heart-warming things that I have come to learn and value about our school is the inclusivity and cohesiveness of our students. 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 Coranda Fee for the amazing organisation and set up of the event.

Our Year 7-9 students have just returned from a Bush Ranger Cadets camp to Albany where they participated in a range of activities such as volunteer work with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, a tour of the Historical Whaling Centre, the Australian Wildlife Centre, a visit to The Gap and the Natural Bridge, a jetty jump and canoeing adventure as well as ten pin bowling. Staff commented on the fantastic behaviour of our students. Acknowledgement must also go to the staff who sacrificed a weekend away from their families to supervise this trip.

Our Christmas Concert was a huge success and I thank the Primary staff and Mr Carulli for the organisation of this very enjoyable event. It was fantastic to see so many parents and grandparents in the crowd supporting their children and our school.

The secondary STEM Camp was another noteworthy success as our students participated in the First Lego League Competition. Waroona placed 14th and 16th overall in the competition and found it a valuable experience to build upon for next year.

Our Year 6 students recently visited Adventure World as an end of year activity and had so much fun that it almost made up for not having a school camp in 2020. Unfortunately, COVID affected the ability to fundraise and take students on camp during the year.

We have 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 2021. 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. Our Year 10s are well prepared for the transition into senior school, with many of them now holding a Certificate II in Skills for Work,

endorsed program recognition for Bush Ranger Cadets and OLNA achievement. This is a fantastic head start for them in achieving their Western Australian Certificate of Education in Year 12.

The school canteen has been operating one day per week this year and has provided a healthy menu for 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 2020 the P&C has contributed thousands of dollars back into the school. 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 Gemma Lockyer or the school office know of your availability to help.

Despite being a "COVID" year, Waroona DHS has many things to celebrate from 2020. Over the summer break the front fascia and administration area was refurbished with new signage to the exterior and a modernised reception area. The secondary class rooms received some upgrades and new furnishings to modernise the learning environment. The Kindergarten rooms received a fresh coat of ceiling paint. The secondary toilets were completely refurbished as well as the school library into a modern ICT/STEM learning hub. These upgrades are symbolic of the wider change and revitalisation occurring in our school. We achieved Independent Public School status in 2020 and revisioned our school to better meet the needs and aspirations of our community as the school of choice.

Our school fully embraced electronic reporting in 2020 and parents will now have received notification of Semester 2 reports today Wednesday 16th 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 2020, 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 2021. 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 Coranda Fee to Cooina Primary School for a 12 month contract; Tania Powell has been seconded to Meadow Springs Education Support Centre for a 6 month contract; Catherine Ferraro and



Kimberley Davies have both completed their 12 month contracts at Waroona DHS and are taking maternity leave; Miin-Ty Chao is taking Terms 1-3 on Long Service Leave; Paul McVey has been appointed to Rockingham SHS; Cheryl Goulding has completed her contract at Waroona DHS; Nathan Costello has been appointed to Byford Community College; Fiona Brown will be extending her leave for 12 months and Alisha Comley (Education Assistant) is taking 12 months leave. On behalf of the Waroona Community I wish them the very best of luck. We are excited to announce and welcome Ms Rachel Forsyth to secondary English, Ms Monique Stella to secondary Science, Health and Physical Education, Ms Sherrie Poepjes to secondary Maths and Ms Nicole

Beattie to Year 5/6. Mrs Suzanne Perrott will be returning to Primary and teach the Year 4/5 class and Ms Taneika Handley will be taking the Year 7s in 2021.

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 Waroona District High School to bigger and better things in 2021 and beyond.

Ms Jacque Abbiss
PRINCIPAL

Merry
CHRISTMAS

2020 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Our 2020 Presentation Assembly was held on Friday, 4 December and our Graduation Day for Year 6 and 10 was held on Wednesday, 16th 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

| | | | |
|----------------|---------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Year 7 | English | Isabelle Mendoza | Harvey Medical Centre |
| Year 8 | English | Cianne Griffiths | Drakesbrook Motel |
| Year 9 | English | Zoe Scott | Waroona Mitre 10 |
| Year 10 | English | Catherine Righton | Waroona/Harvey Bus Service |
| Year 7 | Maths | Isabelle Mendoza | Charlies Hull |
| Year 8 | Maths | Thomas Scott | Charlies Hull |
| Year 9 | Maths | Jazmyne Birch | Charlies Hull |
| Year 10 | Maths | Joey Wheeler | Waroona/Harvey Bus Service |
| Year 7 | Science | Isabelle Mendoza | Woodbury Plumbing |
| Year 8 | Science | Thomas Scott | Woodbury Plumbing |
| Year 9 | Science | Jazmyne Birch | Shift Engineering |
| Year 10 | Science | Joey Wheeler | Waroona/Harvey Bus Service |
| Year 7 | HASS | Isabelle Mendoza | Waroona DHS P&C |
| Year 8 | HASS | Faith Websdale | Curtis Electrical |
| Year 9 | HASS | Jazmyne Birch & Zoe Scott | Mr and Mrs Salerian |
| Year 10 | HASS | Catherine Righton | Waroona/Harvey Bus Service |
| Year 7 | Dux | Isabelle Mendoza | Colin Holt MLC |
| Year 8 | Dux | Cianne Griffiths | Mr Andrew Hastie |
| Year 9 | Dux | Jazmyne Birch | Waroona DHS P&C |
| Year 10 | Dux | Catherine Righton | Brad Vitale |

Elective Learning Area

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|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Visual Arts | Sarah Darlington | Jackson's Drawings |
| Home Economics | Richard Fry | CWA |
| Bush Rangers | Faith Websdale | Rob Wheeler Electrical |
| STEM | Jake Pich & Jake Paterson | Merrin McWilliams |
| Design & Technology | Sophie Tyler | Waroona DHS P&C |
| Music | Emily Ingram | Rob Wheeler Electrical |
| Digital Media | Joey Wheeler | Waroona Pensioners Social Club |



Citizenship Awards

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|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Year 7 | Citizenship | Emma Fry | Shire of Waroona |
| Year 8 | Citizenship | Cianne Griffiths | Shire of Waroona |
| Year 9 | Citizenship | Rachel Smith | Shire of Waroona |
| Year 10 | Citizenship | Sarah Darlington | Annette Mason |
| | Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award | Catherine Righton | Australian Defence Force |
| | ADF Future Innovators | Joey Wheeler | Australian Defence Force |
| | Principals Award | Joey Wheeler | Waroona DHS P&C |

PRIMARY

Academic Awards

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|---------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Year 1 | Academic Award | Isobel Wilson | Mitchell's Transport |
| Year 2 | Academic Award | Emily Stone | Mitchell's Transport |
| Year 3 | Academic Award | Savanna-Marie Hopps | Mitchell's Transport |
| Year 4 | Academic Award | Scarlett Wright | Mitchell's Transport |
| Year 5 | Academic Award | Zoe Lawson | Mitchell's Transport |
| Year 6 | Dux | Emily Ingram | Robyn Clarke MLC |

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| Primary | Sportsperson Award | Ryan Grant | Brad Vitale |
| Secondary | Sportsperson Award | Taj Parker | Bendigo Bank |
| Any Year | Citizenship Award | Chelsee Dittmann | Annette Mason |
| Year 6 | Citizenship Award | Rebel Dillon | Lions of Waroona |
| Any Year | Arts – Media & Visual Award | Lachlan Hemopo | Waroona Newsagency |
| Year 6 Male | Science | Declan Clements | Woodside Scitech |
| Year 6 Female | Science | Lexie Griffiths | Woodside Scitech |

Class Encouragement Awards

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|----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Room 25 | Mrs Lorroway | Annalee Miles | IGA Waroona |
| Room 24 | Mrs Ellis & Mrs Ferraro | Shane Finley | IGA Waroona |
| Room 27 | Mrs Sutton & Mrs Davies | Isla Fardella | Professionals |
| Room 28 | Mrs Fee | Brody Maynard | Robyn Clarke MLC |
| Room 21 | Miss Powell | Sianna Dittmann | Professionals |

SCHOLARSHIPS for 2021

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|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Year 6 | Scholarship (\$500) | Kenzy Gibson | ALCOA |
| Year 10 | Scholarship (\$500) | Mitchell Smith | ALCOA |
| Year 6 | Scholarship (\$750) | Brody Maynard | Lions of Waroona |
| Year 10 | Scholarship (\$1,000) | Seth Janssen | Lions of Waroona |



Year 6 Dux
Emily Ingram



Year 7 Dux
Isabelle Mendoza



Year 8 Dux
Cianne Griffiths



Year 9 Dux
Jazmyne Birch



Year 10 Dux
Catherine Righton



Presentation Day
Award Winners
Years 1-5 and 7-9





Graduation Day Award Winners Years 6 and 10



Scholarship Awards



Brody Maynard
Lions Club of Waroona



Seth Janssen
Lions Club of Waroona



Kenzy Gibson
ALCOA



Mitchell Smith
ALCOA

2021 Student Councillors

Our Student Council for 2021 is:

Year 6 – Talia Clements & Lilly Harrison

Year 7 – Brody Maynard & Kenzy Gibson

Year 8 – Jake Paterson & Emma Fry

Year 9 – Lachlan Birch & Thomas Scott

Head Councillors – Jazmyne Birch & Rachel Smith

2021 Faction Captains

Red

William Butler (Primary)

Green

Jazmyne Birch (Secondary)

Blue

Sianna Dittman (Primary)

Joshua Ingram (Secondary)

Jacob McWilliams (Primary)

Blake Collyer (Secondary)



2020 Recycling

This is Room 25's recycling stash for the year.

The bottle lids will be going to Precious Plastics in Margaret River, the bread tags will be sent off to fund wheelchairs and the pens/textas will be given to Officeworks for recycling. They have also been composting our lunch scraps throughout the year.



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My dog Abbey and myself have been a Story Dog team for 5 years at Waroona High and in that time, we have had 36 kids. With the exception of 2, they have all improved their reading, out of sight! Sadly, Abbey is too unwell to continue.

IF YOU HAVE A DOG, LOVE KIDS & ENJOY LISTENING TO KIDS STORIES & WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED AS A STORY DOG TEAM

CONTACT ME.....JOHN CLARE

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**2021 School returns
On Monday 1 February
First Bell - 8:50am**

**P&C
Uniform Shop**

(run by volunteers)

**Will be open on
Thursday 28 January 2021
between 10:30am & 12:30pm**






COACH THOMMO'S **MANDURAH BASKETBALL**

SUMMER CAMP 2021

27TH, 28TH, 29TH JANUARY

MORNING SESSIONS
9-12PM : 5 - 10 YEARS OLD

AFTERNOON SESSION
1-4PM : 11 - 16 YEARS OLD

TO REGISTER : [HTTPS://BIT.LY/MBASUMMERCAMP21](https://bit.ly/mbasummercamp21)



WANT TO WRITE ORIGINAL SONGS BUT DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START?

**ARE YOU 12 TO 18 YEARS OLD?
DO YOU SING OR PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?**

Book yourself a spot at one of our
songwriting workshop series across WA in Jan and Feb
to learn about songwriting from talented, local songwriters

If you play an instrument, please bring it along!

What: Songwriting workshops, 2x3hr sessions
Where: Claremont, Mandurah, Denmark, Karratha, Fremantle
When: Jan & Feb 2021
Cost: \$40 total (for both sessions)

For more info and to book tickets, check out

www.fairbridgequest.com/workshops

Want to enter our songwriting competition for your chance to perform at
Fairbridge Festival and win a dazzling array of prizes including a recording
session and a performance at Denmark Festival of Voice?

The Act Belong Commit Fairbridge Festival Quest
youth songwriting competition for 12 to 18 year old West Aussies
opens on 1st Jan and close on 28th Feb
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youth songwriting competition



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Sea to Scarp: Your Community



Thursday
17.12.20
WAROONA
RECREATION CENTRE
6.30 PM



Year 10



Year 6

