



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the first edition of the newsletter for Term 4. The term is rapidly speeding by and it's hard to believe we have finished Week 4 already. Term 4 2020 marks my first full year as Principal of Waroona District High School. It has been a huge 12 months and I am so proud of all that we have achieved, the direction that we are heading, and the results that we are achieving. Last week we celebrated World Teachers' Day and students had the opportunity to write messages to their teachers. As professionals we receive feedback all the time, sometimes positive, sometimes negative. The feedback that I received on World Teachers' Day from the students was some of the most powerful feedback I have received in the last year, mainly because it came from the students (which is the reason we are all here), but also because they thanked me for making a difference at this school. Messages such as "you make our school better" certainly make the hard work, the challenges and the push for change worthwhile.



Our recently released Year 10 OLNA data for 2020 is outstanding and our target of equalling or exceeding Like School performance has been well and truly met, with 45% of our Year 10 students successfully passing all three tests in Numeracy, Reading and Writing. By comparison only 30% of students in Like Schools passed all three tests in Year 10. Well done to Mr Mattin, Mr Chao and Ms Goulding for supporting students to achieve these results. Students have a further two opportunities in both Year 11 and Year 12 to pass OLNA as a requirement of achieving their WACE Certificate.

There are many events and activities on the calendar for this term such as Kindergarten Orientation, Remembrance Day Ceremony, Year 7-9 Bushranger Camp to Albany, STEM camp, Thank You Morning Tea, the School Dance, NAIDOC Day, Christmas Concert, Student Council and Faction Captain elections, Presentation Assembly and Graduation Ceremony. On **Wednesday 16 December**, both the **Year 6 and Year 10 Students will participate in a combined Graduation Ceremony at 9am**. At this ceremony all Year 6 and 10 awards and scholarships will be presented as we take the opportunity to narrow our focus onto the individuals of these graduating years. A **Presentation Assembly will be held on the Friday 4th December at 9:00am**. All Primary Academic and Class Awards for Years 1 to 5 and all Subject Awards for Years 7 to 9 will be presented at this assembly. We look forward to the continued support we receive from our community at these annual events. I look forward to seeing many of our parents and carers at one of the many upcoming events this term.

Already we have had a very successful Year 10 Bushrangers Camp to Rottnest. These events and activities require an enormous amount of planning and supervision by our staff and I thank them sincerely for their commitment to our students in making these things happen. It is also fantastic to receive great feedback about

our students from members of the public, tour guides and staff. Seeing our students living our school values as considerate, aspiring, responsible and engaged citizens is very rewarding.

At our most recent whole school assembly we acknowledged outstanding attendance for term 3; 22 students achieved 100% attendance for term 3 and a further 104 students achieved over 90% attendance. Seven students on individual attendance plans demonstrated significant improvement in attendance and were also acknowledged. All students were rewarded with certificates or entry into prize draws. If your child's 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 90% or more.

Ms Jacquie Abbiss
PRINCIPAL

PRIMARY NEWS

Hi Waroona



A big thank you to Jenny McNamara and Danielle Wilson, our local **St John Ambulance** volunteers, for their informative visit last week. Students from Kindergarten to Year 8 received vital information about our emergency support services and their role in our community. We are so lucky to have community members giving back like this.

The **school reporting** process is about to begin. This semester, teachers will be allocating grades as well as comments on student reports. These reports will be made available to parents via Connect in the last week of the term.

Given the great attendance at last year's **Christmas Concert** the Primary School will once again be hosting this event. Please keep Monday 14th December free. This year we will start a little later (6pm) to avoid the sun and heat. A BYO picnic dinner at the end of the concert will be encouraged to help create a sense of community as we lead into the festive season. Our fantastic P&C have purchased two new special microphones to ensure the quality of sound can be heard by all who are watching.

Have a great end to Term 4!

Mr Carl Carulli
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (Primary)



SECONDARY NEWS

Business like in the Secondary School - I would like to commend our secondary school students on the way they have approached the first three weeks of term. I have completed a number of classroom observations and the students are extremely engaged and focussed on working hard. This attitude and diligence is perfect for this time of year as it can make all the difference in achieving those extra marks, in order to receive a higher grade. Well done and keep up the fabulous work.



School Dance - The annual secondary School Dance is taking place on Thursday 19th November. Students who have good standing are able to attend. A few students are going to be disappointed as they are not maintaining a 90% or above rate of attendance. I encourage those students to talk to Student Services to see what they need to do to participate.

Year 10 Transition – Our Year 10 students are invited to attend Pinjarra Senior High School on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th November to engage in transition activities and also attend the Rotary Western Australia Drivers' Education (RWADE) Course. It has been arranged that Year 10 students can either catch the bus

to Pinjarra Senior High School at 7:45am from the town oval or be dropped off by parents at Pinjarra Senior High School.

Year 7 NAPLAN - The school has just received the alternate Year 7 NAPLAN testing results conducted by "Best Performance". We are extremely pleased with the progress that has been made by our stable cohort from Year 5 to Year 7. This data set informs the school that the quality of teaching, educational programs and learning environments over the past two years for the Year 7 cohort is producing excellent results. The data has also provided a snap shot for the teachers on what the students currently know and understand and where the gaps exist. I thank the students that took the test seriously and tried their very best.

Year 9 and 10 ONLA Results - Both sets of OLNA data have been received by the school and once again we are extremely pleased with the results. We have the most Year 9 students ever to pre-qualify for one or more of the three dimensions tested for OLNA, with 25% passing OLNA before Year 10. Well done Year 9 students. Of the Year 10 students 48% have passed all three dimensions of OLNA, well above the 30.2% for like schools. Another pat on the back for those Year 10's.

Mr David Mattin
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)

Tag-a-long Bike



Waroona District High School strives to make a difference for its students.

Last week a project to enable our beautiful vision-impaired student Lily to be active during Physical Education sessions came to fruition.

Through the support of Youth Care (Chris Benson), Waroona District High School P&C (Gemma Lockyer and Kate Pisconeri) and our beloved Chaplain (Rodney Van Dongen) a Tag-A-Long bike has been sourced and modified to enable Lily to ride a bike with her peers.

This will give Lily vital opportunities for physical exercise and provide an avenue to strengthen relationships with her class mates.

Secondary School Dance

Thursday 19th November 2020

Tickets can be purchased before school or during break times from the front office.

Piano donation

The 'Preston Beach Progress Association' have donated an upright piano to our school which our Music Department is very excited to have received. We thank Ray Sherry for organising it to be safely delivered earlier this week.

The piano keys have already received a workout by our enthusiastic music students.

We look forward to more music being performed on this beauty!



Dates to Remember

Presentation Day

Friday 4th December

Year 6 & Year 10 Graduation Day

Wednesday 16th December 2020



ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

The following students received merits at our assemblies this term:

Year 1	Annalee Miles Mackenzye Jackson	Margaret Mendoza Memphis Hutchinson	Zaye Smith	Keegan McDerment
Year 2	Evelyn Woodley	Tyler Butler		
Year 3	Mackenzie Stokes	Leah Prosser	Savanna-Marie Hopps	Cody Speight
Year 4	Dion Ngawaka	Te Ata Milne		
Year 5	Lily Harrison	Zac Lloyd	Chase Dillon	
Year 6	Shanaya Ellis	Paige Parker	Damien Mason	Felon Buchholz
Year 7	Jake Pich (x2) Alex Lloyd	Emma Fry Charlie-Storm Darby	Jake Paterson (x2) Jacob Clarke	Jared McConnachy
Year 8	Makkiah Dittmann Thomas Scott (x2)	Cianne Griffiths Saverio Jetta	Faith Websdale (x2) Lachlan Birch	Ella Prosser
Year 9	Blake Collyer Jazmyne Birch (x2)	Jeremiah Kelly	Nicholas Deleo	Zoe Scott
Year 10	Catherine Righton	Kaelah Musarra	Jordan Lloyd	

Student Attendance

At the beginning of Semester Two Waroona District School received a grant to improve attendance of students.

We have fantastic incentives for students to attend school on a regular basis.

All students who meet the following criteria will be entered into prize draws for the following prizes.



90% attendance or higher for Primary & Secondary Students



95% attendance or higher for Primary & Secondary Students



100% attendance for Secondary Students



100% attendance for Primary Students

These prizes will be awarded in Week 10 of this term.

P&C

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

Waroona Town Oval
Wednesday 9am to 1pm
Saturday 8am to 12pm

DONATE YOUR CONTAINERS

WE RECEIVE 10 CENTS FOR EACH

WHEN RETURNING YOUR CONTAINERS, USE OUR SCHEME ID:

Waroona DHS P&C
C10313256

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.



P&C Update

Term four has seen us operate our canteen on Monday. This isn't proving as popular as Friday's but will remain for this term. Our pizza options on odd weeks has received some rave reviews from staff and students.

We are still asking donations of sealable containers for some of our pantry staples. If you think you have containers suitable please get in touch.

The P&C are still on the lookout for someone to take on our Canteen coordinator role (ideally into 2021), this is an unpaid role. However, the opportunity may arise for this to become a paid position - depending on profits and continued support from our school community. But we are still on the lookout for volunteers, for this year and 2021. It would be incredibly sad to see the canteen not run in 2021 after all the hard work the P&C have undertaken this year to get it running again. But we do rely heavily on volunteers, if you can spare some time please get in contact with Gina Slack on 0427 990 532 or through the Facebook pages or P&C email waroonadhspandc@gmail.com.

The P&C uniform shop is opened on a Tuesday morning and our current uniform coordinator Natalie Birch is looking for some volunteers to learn how to run the uniform shop. Ideally this person or persons will become part of an alternating Tuesday roster. Please get in contact if you are interested or see Nat on a Tuesday.

WDHS P&C also has a scheme ID for the containers of change program. If you are looking for a cause to donate please consider us, using our ID – **C10313256**. The mobile collection point is Waroona Town Oval Wednesday 9am to 1pm and Saturday 8am to 12pm.

Thank you for your continued support.

Your P&C

Waroona District High School P&C Canteen Menu

MONDAYS Term 4, 2020

RECESS NO PREORDER – Come to the Canteen window with cash	LUNCH Available by order by 9.00am	Lunch Specials \$4.00
Popcorn \$0.50 Corn chips and salsa \$2.00 Cheesies \$1.50 (wholemeal bread, low fat cheese) Cookie of the Week 2 for \$0.50 Check the canteen noticeboard	Sandwiches Vegemite (wholemeal bread, low fat spread, vegemite) \$2.00 Salad (Wholemeal bread, low fat spread) \$3.00 Salad – lettuce, cucumber, carrot, tomato Add cheese/egg 50c extra each Add ham/chicken/tuna \$1.00 extra each Toasties Cheese (wholemeal bread, low fat spread, low fat cheese) \$3.00 Cheese and Tomato \$3.50 (Wholemeal bread, low fat spread, low fat cheese, sliced tomato) Chicken and Cheese \$4.00 (Wholemeal bread, shredded lean chicken, low fat spread, low fat cheese) Ham and cheese \$4.00 (wholemeal bread, low fat spread, low fat cheese, ham) Wraps (Tortilla, low fat spread, lettuce, carrot, cucumber, tomato) \$3.50 Add cheese/egg 50c extra each Add ham/chicken/tuna \$1.00 extra each	Odd Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 Ham and Cheese Pizza \$4.00 (pizza base, sauce, ham and low fat cheese) Even Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 Extreme Veggie Nachos \$4.00 (vegetable salsa, corn chips, cheese, sour cream)
Drinks Fruit Juice Box \$1.50 250ml – Various Flavours Chocolate/Strawberry Milk 250ml – \$2.00 Bottled water \$1.00		<div>  LIMIT </div> <div>  CHOOSE CAREFULLY </div> <div>  BEST CHOICE </div>

CASH ONLY

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

Friday, 20th November 2020 – students do not attend this day