



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 4, our busiest term of the school calendar, is well underway.



Term 4 2021 marks my second full year as Principal of Waroona District High School. It has been a huge 2 years and I am so proud of all that we have achieved in so many areas; the direction that we are heading, and the fabulous results that we are starting to see.

Last week we celebrated World Teachers' Day, a day that we recognise our teachers for the amazing work that they do. We have so many great teachers at Waroona DHS and I am privileged to lead this team of caring and committed staff.

Our recently released NAPLAN data for 2021 is outstanding. We are performing significantly above expectation, exceeding our Like Schools in almost every domain in each year group tested. This is a vast improvement on previous years. How well our students achieve in NAPLAN and the progress that they make is a direct reflection of the quality of teaching and learning at our school. It is a never ending goal to continually improve the quality of teaching and learning at Waroona District High School, and in so doing continue to raise the standard of student achievement.

This year we have also made significant improvement in our rates of regular attendance and although I don't yet have the data to compare us to our Like Schools, I am confident that we are exceeding them in this area also. At each whole school assembly, we now acknowledge regular attendance (>90%) with entry into prize draws. If student attendance is less than 90%, not only are they 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 ensure your children attend school for an average of 90 percent or more.

Our suspension rate for the number of days of suspension is massively reduced in 2021, by 40%. The reason why I am focusing on NAPLAN, attendance and suspension rates to demonstrate our improvement is because these are areas that we are monitored on by the Department of Education and being "green flagged" in these areas is the aim of every school in the state. We are well and truly "green flagged" at Waroona District High School. So well done staff, students, parents and carers – these results are a team effort. A result of a culture of high expectations of students and staff and support from our parents and care givers.

On another matter, you may have heard the mandate that all school staff must be fully vaccinated by 27 January next year. This mandate applies to all Waroona District High School staff. The reason behind this mandate is so that schools can remain open in the event of an outbreak, to minimise impact on the

education of students across the state. Parents of students that are 12 years and over have been given the opportunity to have a COVID vaccination at school. This will be on 10<sup>th</sup> November and 2<sup>nd</sup> December. These vaccinations are optional and you are free to make the best decisions for your children given the current health advice and your particular circumstances.

A big thank you to those parents who took the time to complete our recent Parent Opinion survey. I am delighted to say that our parent participation in completing the survey this year is the highest ever. This is evidence in itself of our improved parent engagement. The survey data helps us to identify areas of celebration and areas of improvement. Students from Year 5 and above and all staff were also asked to complete these surveys to gain the perspectives of our key stakeholders.

There are many events and activities on the calendar for this term such as our Leap into Learning Program for pre-kindergarten children, our official Kindergarten Orientation, Remembrance Day Ceremony, Year 7 Orientation, Year 10 Bushrangers Camp to Rottnest Island, Year 6 Camp to Dwellingup, Christmas Concert, Student Council and Faction Captain elections, Presentation Assembly and Graduation Ceremony. 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.

I can confirm that on **Friday 3 December at 9am** we have our **Presentation Assembly**. 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.

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. We will also take this opportunity to narrow our focus onto the individuals of these graduating years.

We look forward to the continued support we receive from our community at these important ceremonies.

Thank you.

**Ms Jacquie Abbiss**  
**PRINCIPAL**



## PRIMARY NEWS

Hi Waroona

Term Four is in full swing with teachers and students very focussed in the lead up to the reporting period.



I have included below the dates of events in the coming weeks:

Thurs 11 November	Remembrance Day Town Service
Mon 22 to Wed 24 November	Year 6 Camp at Nanga Bush
Fri 3 December	Whole School Presentation Assembly
Mon 13 December	Primary Christmas Concert
Wed 15 December	Year 6 and 10 Graduation Assembly

We look forward to seeing parents & carers at the Assemblies and the Christmas Concert!

Congratulations to Mrs Sutton who is currently running a very successful 'Leap into Learning' Induction program for 3 and 4 year olds on Wednesdays, in preparation for their Kindergarten years. We have had a Petting Zoo, a Teddy Bears Picnic and Builders & Creators in the first three weeks with other exciting sessions such as Messy Play Fun to come.

A reminder to parents/carers that both the leadership team and teaching staff are always available for a meeting or phone conversation if you have had an issue with your child's schooling. Your child's safety, engagement and achievement at school are our priorities.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

**Mr Carl Carulli**  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (Primary)

LEAP INTO LEARNING  
**Messy Play Fun**  
Wednesday 10 November 2021  
9am to 10am



## SECONDARY NEWS

**Heads down and working hard in the high school** - I would like to commend our high school students on the way they have approached the first three weeks of term. I have completed a



number of class observations and the students are extremely engaged and focussed on working hard. Students are *aspiring* to do their very best. 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.

**Year 10 Rotary Driver Education** - An excursion has been booked for the Year 10 students. Students will be attending Pinjarra Senior High School on the 10<sup>th</sup> December to engage in the **Rotary Western Australia Driver's Education (RWADE) Course**. Students can either catch a school bus from the Waroona Community Hall or be dropped off at Pinjarra Senior High School. Further details will be provided through Consent2Go in the coming weeks.

**Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN** - The school has recently received the detailed analysis of the 2021 NAPLAN testing. We are extremely pleased with the progress that has been made by our Year 7 and Year 9 students. This data set advises the school that the quality of teaching, educational programs and learning environments over the past three to four years is producing excellent results. The data has also provided a snapshot 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.

**Design and Technology** - Part of the Year 9 and 10 Design and Technology course last term was to design and produce a project that will satisfy a need for our school community, hence named "Community Project". Students have worked in teams to complete three major projects. A team constructed a special attachment for a stack trolley so large stacks of chairs can be transported to the stores before and after assemblies. Another project was to create a chess/checker board for use in the library and the last project was to make a metal table tennis table. I would like to thank the students for their engagement and the whole school can now enjoy the fruits of their labour.

**Mr David Mattin**  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (SECONDARY)





## ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

The following students received merits at our assemblies this term:

<b>Year 1</b>	Isabella Bertucci	Ruby-Rose Johnson		
<b>Year 2</b>	Dakota Webster	Damiano Eades		
<b>Year 3</b>	Sophia Miller	Archie Slack	Tauri Pisconeri (2)	Ivie Bombara
<b>Year 4</b>	Maddison McIntyre	Jett Grant	Rylie McCavanagh	Anouk van Hinsberg
<b>Year 5</b>	Akasha Fardella	Harper Bevan		
<b>Year 6</b>	Sianna Dittmann	Liam Young		
<b>Year 7</b>	Damien Mason			
<b>Year 8</b>	Jasmina Wood (2)	Katelyn McCavanagh-Smith	Loren Davis	
<b>Year 9</b>	Thomas Scott Bailey Sharland	Saverio Jetta	Ashton Parker	Tia Thomas
<b>Year 10</b>	Lochlan Ashwell	Kaelin Ireland	Ethan Look	

## P&C UPDATE

A massive thank you to those volunteers who took the time out of their show day to run a show gate on behalf of the school. This is by far the biggest fundraiser for the school and the WDHS P&C are incredibly grateful for the support. An extra special thanks to Kate Pisconeri who put together the roster and did her best to be available for any trouble shooting.

The P&C are still looking for someone to take on the uniform shop. Ideally this will be a two-person role, with alternative week roster. The day and time of operation is negotiable. The uniform shop is often the first introduction to our school and is a great place to promote the school's positives. If you are interested, please pop in to the uniform shop and have a chat to Natalie Birch or Bronwyn Gliddon-Chompf.

Our canteen team are still working hard to make sure lunches and deals stay exciting, if you can volunteer some time on a Wednesday please let us know.

Canteen Lunch Special for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>  
November

**Cheeseburger  
combo**



Orders due to the front office  
by Monday 8 November

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WE RECEIVE 10 CENTS FOR EACH

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**Waroona DHS P&C**  
**C10313256**

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**ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS**

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

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

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
School Development Day  
Students DO NOT attend



# YOUTH CENTRE LASER TAG

**OPEN TO ALL YOUTH  
7-17 YEARS OLD**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH  
5-7PM**

**OUTSIDE REC CENTRE**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

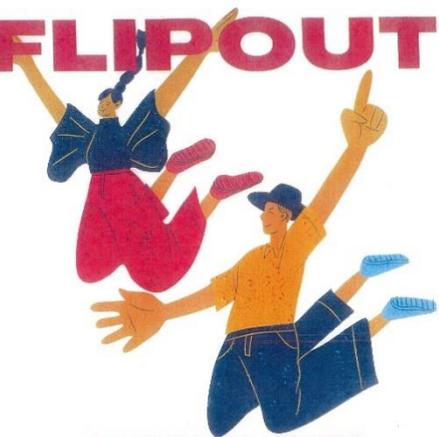
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TO BE PAID AT TIME OF BOOKING**

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# YOUTH CENTRE FLIPOUT



**OPEN TO ALL YOUTH  
7-17 YEARS OLD**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH  
6-8PM**

**BUS LEAVES AT 5PM & RETURNS AT 9PM**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL  
\$20 PER PERSON  
TO BE PAID AT TIME OF BOOKING**

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