



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome to the first edition of the school newsletter for Term 1 2022. 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: Ms Kerry Jaxon in Year 1/2, Mrs Holly Howell in Secondary English, Mr Jaydyn Keeler in Health & Physical Education and Mr Gareth Smith Deputy Principal (Primary / Secondary). We are excited to have you all on board.

I am really pleased with the start to the 2022 school year. The calm, happy and productive feel in the school has been commented on to me by many staff. Our attendance rates have been exceptional and our new teachers have told me that the kids here are "great kids". 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 2022 school year has once again included a mask mandate for staff, parents and secondary students. 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 an online 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 all classrooms.

Our Year 7 students recently participated in a two-day orientation program. Due to COVID restrictions preventing school camps, this was rescheduled at the last minute from a camp into two day adventures. Our students certainly did not miss out and I thank those staff that supervised these day trips as well as those that worked very hard to re-program them into day trips.

The 2022 school year has seen the inception of the WISHE (Waroona Integrated Speech Hearing Education) program at Waroona District High School. This program has been made possible through sponsorship by Alcoa and Perpetual. We are incredibly fortunate to be embarking on an exciting new partnership with Telethon Speech and Hearing to provide ALL of our Kindergarten, Pre-Primary and Year 1 students with FREE specialist assessments provided by Telethon AND in school support also provided by Telethon:

- ear screening clinics
- audiology assessments
- speech & language screenings
- speech assessments
- weekly in class, group therapy

I'm currently writing the Annual Report for the 2021 school year. And what a fabulous year it was with some amazing successes. For example, we received a Certificate of Academic Excellence for our 2021 NAPLAN results signed by the Minister and Director General of Education. Further, the majority 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 also gained students further credit toward their WACE. The year 10 OLNA achievement was equal to 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 2021 to further build upon in 2022.

We continued to make improvements to our physical environment in 2021 with new furniture to Kindergarten, Pre Primary and Art classrooms as well as new teacher chairs across the school. We also placed into reserve, funding to support the replacement of the evaporative air-conditioning and gas heaters in the Primary block with reverse cycle air-conditioning. We are hopeful this replacement program will commence in 2022.

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. I am delighted to advise that our student enrolments are up significantly in 2022 which is a great indicator of community confidence in our school.

Ms Jacquie Abbiss
PRINCIPAL





FROM THE DEPUTIES

Kindy to Year 4

The start to 2022 has been a surprisingly settled one! Although COVID lurks in the background, our school has seen excellent student attendance and all classes have transitioned smoothly into their learning routines.

Our staff are COVID ready, with work packs and online programs ready to go should we have a COVID case in our school. As we have seen in other schools, we will communicate quickly and clearly if this was to happen.

A reminder that **Swimming Lessons** begin next week for all students from Pre-Primary to Year 6. Unfortunately, parents are not able to attend due to COVID protocols. A timetable of lesson times is below.

9:00	Yr 5/6 Handley
9:45	Yr 3/4 Powell
10:30	Yr 1/2 Jaxon
11:40	Yr 1/2 Lorroway
12:25	Yr 4/5 Perrott
13:10	PP Evans

Our **2022 School and Interschool Swimming Carnivals** have been cancelled for 2022. The Recreation Centre Swimming Pool is an inside environment with poor ventilation. These carnivals would also be held during the expected peak of the WA Omicron wave.

Have a great 2022!

Mr Carl Carulli
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Year 5 to Year 7

I would like to thank everyone in the community for the wonderful welcome I have received as a new member of staff at Waroona District High School this year.

I have been really impressed with how the students have started the year calmly and committed to their learning, showing a no-fuss attitude to the ever-changing COVID-19 world in which we live. This was really brought home to me when we had to reorganise our Year 7/8 Bushrangers Team Building Camp at the last minute, due to changed COVID-19 guidelines. The Year 7/8 students took it all in their stride and consequently had two fantastic separate day trips of activities, despite not being able to stay overnight.

Work is well under way to plan for our Year 6 Camp towards the end of the year. I know the Year 6 students will also take the format of this in their stride, depending on the guidelines at the time. Information about this camp will be sent out to parents later in the year.



Finally, I wish everybody a safe and happy term and encourage parents and students to engage with and make use of the 'Connect' platform to keep up to date with student learning.

Best wishes,

Mr Gareth Smith
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Year 8 to Year 10

Two years ago we start to realise that a virus called COVID-19 was creating quite severe health issues with the world population. Western Australia has managed to avoid the trauma and major disruptions the rest of Australia and the World has endured, up to this point in time. As I type this newsletter we are on the cusp of disruption.

As a school we have spent the past month preparing for the inevitable disruption that comes with the virus spreading through our population. Teachers have placed large amounts of their curriculum material online (Connect system) for when staff or students are required to isolate. I encourage parents to spend an hour with their child getting to know the system and what it offers. Those High School students (30%) that have their own devices will have a seamless transition to and from school and are well placed for the disruption.

In 2021 the school received recognition of academic performance from the State Government and the Education Department. I commend the High School students for their part in the achievement. Once again I am 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 you very best.

The High School students attended a reward afternoon last Friday. All that was required was a 90% attendance and no reflection slips. The vast majority achieved that target and enjoyed an afternoon getting wet on a slippery slide or playing board games in the library. The next reward will be in the last week of this term. A trip to the Waroona Weir is being organised and all student need to do is attend for 90% of the time and behave in a positive and respectful manner in the classroom.

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. A great reason for them to do their very best now.

Mr David Mattin
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL





ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

The following students received merits at our assemblies this term:

Year 1	Donna Miller Harper Stokes	Brodie Ireland	Addison McGregor	Jarrad Woodley
Year 2	Steele Clarke	Vada West	Jude Purcell	
Year 3	Annalee Miles			
Year 4	Alex Gliddon Brandan Matairavula	Ashlynn Scally	Chloe Lunamaria Rico	Bayden Licciardello
Year 5	Skyla Lawson	Chelsee Dittmann	Oliver Wilcox	Sienna Pisconeri
Year 6	Christian Waide			
Year 7	Chloe Pich	Lily Harrison	Jasmine Edmunds	
Year 8	Kory Ewing	Lexie Griffiths		
Year 9	Jacob Clarke			
Year 10	Odin Lindley	Bailey Sharland		

P&C UPDATE

Our P&C will hold their Annual General Meeting on Wed 2nd of March at 9am, in the new P&C Hub/Uniform shop on Hill Street. This meeting will decide the formation of the 2022 P&C - positions available President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Uniform Shop coordinator as well as forming a sub-committee for Early Learning and the canteen – if numbers allow. To become a member, it only costs \$1 and we are all volunteers, we give as much or as little time as we can spare.

The Early Learning committee organise the little extras for our little people – the special visits from the Easter Bunny, Santa as well as fundraising for incursions, excursions, and resources.

We have had some feedback from caregivers voicing their disappointment in the canteen only being opened every fortnight. I stress, we are all volunteers and can only operate if we have the help, and currently we have a limited volunteer database. This does not have to be an all-day commitment we appreciate any time you can give, so if you can help or would like the canteen to operate weekly, please get in touch.

Our uniform shop has a brand-new home – it is looking fabulous and much more spacious than our previous home. The P&C wish to thank the Waroona District High School admin for the use of the building, the amazing Lisa Fry for her skills and assistance in moving and fixing things and Dion for being some extra moving power. A massive shout out to Kate and Nat for turning a “let’s look at the space” into a “let’s get it sorted, cleaned and ready”. At present we are still looking for someone to assist with the running of the uniform shop and currently open Tuesday mornings between 8.30am and 9:00am. Uniform order forms are available on the school website and can be left at the front office for us to fill.

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

YEARS 7 TO 12
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO:

\$350
towards school expenses

DO YOU HOLD A: ● CENTRELINK HEALTH CARE CARD
(OR) ● CENTRELINK PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD
(OR) ● VETERANS' AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD

Applications Close
Friday 8 April 2022

Uniform Shop
Open Tuesday mornings
between
8:30am & 9:00am
In the P&C Hub
(Hill Street demountable)

DONATE YOUR CONTAINERS
WE RECEIVE 10 CENTS FOR EACH
WHEN RETURNING YOUR CONTAINERS, USE OUR SCHEME ID:
Waroona DHS P&C
C10313256



Waroona District High School P&C Canteen Menu Term 1 2022

Opened – Every 2nd Friday

Feb 11 and 25, Mar 11 and 25, April 1st

Recess
Pre order not necessary

Biscuits x 2		50c
Popcorn		50c
Cheesies		\$1.00
	plain cheese or with spaghetti	
Fruit Sorbet	small	\$1.00
	Large	\$2.00

Lunch Menu –
Please order by first bell

*Toasties		
	Cheese	\$3.00
	Tomato & Cheese	\$3.50
*Sandwiches and wraps		
	Salad	\$3.00
*Salad and egg bowls		
Lettuce, carrot, cucumber, tomato		
	small	\$2.50
	large	\$3.50
* all available with Ham, Chicken, or tuna for additional \$1.00*		
Hotdog		
	1/2	\$3.00
	Whole	\$5.00
Chicken & cheese roll		
	1/2	\$3.00
	Whole	\$5.00
Fried Rice		
	small	\$3.00
	large	\$5.00

Lunch Box 1
Skinless hot dog, two biscuits and a fruit box

small (1/2)	\$5.00
large	\$7.00

Lunch Box 2
Chicken & cheese roll, two biscuits and a fruit box

small (1/2)	\$5.00
large	\$7.00

Drinks

Milk 250ml	\$2.00
Chocolate or Strawberry	
Fruit Box	\$1.50
Water	\$1.00

BIRTHDAY BUCKET \$20
Buy a class set of icy poles to help celebrate a special day

WDHS Canteen operates under the traffic light system.



Traffic Light Guide to Healthy Food Choices

Green for Go: Eat as much as you want	Yellow or Slow: Can eat but with limit (the 'sometimes' foods)	Red- Whoa foods: Once in a while foods
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Interested in volunteering your time on every 2nd Friday?
Please contact the P&C via the school office (08) 9782 7000
Or email us waroonadhspandc@gmail.com