



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome to the second edition of the Waroona District High School Newsletter for Term 1, 2022. Term 1 has been so incredibly busy as we have implemented the rapidly changing COVID-19 operating guidelines and tried to keep a 'business as usual' approach to teaching and learning. The COVID-19 climate led us to once again revise our guidelines for online and remote learning and teachers began the year communicating with parents and students via the Connect and Dojo online platforms. Staff are to be commended for their preparation for the continuity of teaching and learning in the creation of their online Connect classes and work packages.

### Our Term 1 Highlights

- We received a Certificate of Academic Excellence from the Department of Education for our 2021 NAPLAN achievement
- We published our Waroona District High School Business Plan 2022-2024
- We launched the WISHE program with Telethon Speech and Hearing to provide free speech and hearing screenings for our K-1 students and conducted our audiology screening this term.
- We welcomed many new students to Waroona District High School and increased our enrolments to 255 students for the 2022 school year
- We welcomed a new, experienced and high quality teacher in Year 1/2. Welcome Ms Jaxon!
- We welcomed a fantastic new Graduate teacher in Physical Education. Welcome Mr Keeler!
- We welcomed a new, experienced and high quality Deputy Principal Year 5-7. Welcome Mr Smith!
- We published our 2021 attendance data which demonstrated us exceeding our set targets with above Like Schools and in some cases above state average achievement
- 100% of secondary students abided by the mandatory mask wearing requirement for WA schools and almost 100% compliance for the mandatory mask wearing requirement for Year 3-6 students
- We refurbished several classrooms with new desks and Kindergarten and Room 24 received new student seating mats
- We installed a new water fountain with bottle fillers in secondary
- We installed custom made bag racks to the library
- Our Year 7 students attended two Orientation 'day camps' to introduce them to high school, the Bushrangers program and build some team work skills
- Our Year 10 students commenced a nationally recognised qualification Certificate II Skills for Work. Upon successful

completion will provide them with credit points toward their WACE in Year 11 and 12

- Staff participated in professional learning to improve students reading and spelling proficiency
- Staff participated in workshops in preparation for our School Review in Term 2
- We conducted On Entry testing in Pre Primary
- Our Year 10 students participated in Round 1 of OLN following test preparation in Maths and English classes
- Our Year 3,5,7,9 teachers prepared for the upcoming NAPLAN testing with online training and students participated in a national practice test and preparatory activities in class
- Our art students participated in an online workshop for Sculptures by the Sea
- Out Year 1 and 2 students participated in an online workshop with an author/illustrator
- We called for and accepted nominations for new School Board staff members (Joanne Evans and Vicki Lorraway)
- We participated in an Evacuation drill to familiarise staff and students with our Emergency Management procedures
- We held a Defence Force career incursion
- We participated in a range of activities for Harmony Day and Anti Bullying Day to support our commitment to an inclusive, accepting and cooperative culture at Waroona District High School
- We rewarded our Primary class with the highest attendance each week and held attendance draws for students with 90+ attendance at our 3 weekly virtual assemblies
- Our P&C relocated the Uniform Shop to the Community Room for greater space and parent access
- We delivered Progress Reports in Primary and Secondary via email and Connect.
- We held a Parent Reporting afternoon via telephone due to face-to-face restrictions
- We managed to keep our COVID-19 transmissions low and keep our students and staff safe by practicing good hand washing hygiene, mask wearing compliance, and restricted activities

Finally, I'd like to sincerely thank every member of the school community for their efforts in Term 1. I am so proud of our continued efforts to improve our school and heartened by the outstanding results that we are achieving in many domains. I wish you all a safe and relaxing Easter and term break and I look forward to a just as busy and productive Term 2.

**Ms Jacquie Abbiss**  
PRINCIPAL





## FROM THE DEPUTIES

### Kindy to Year 4

Term 1 has been an incredibly successful term considering it was within Western Australia's highest case load of COVID-19. We have been able to maintain high attendance figures and classes have maintained normal learning routines. We thank parents and carers for trusting us and ensuring their children attended regularly.



Our usual **ANZAC Day Assembly** will go ahead at the end of this term, however, without parent attendance. School staff will ensure that this important commemoration is in the forefront of our students minds as we move into the school holidays.

The **Year 3/4 class** presented an item at last Friday's whole school virtual assembly. This was recorded and shared with parents via Connect.

**NAPLAN Testing** for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 begins Week 3 Term 2. Students have been engaged in practice tests in preparation for the official NAPLAN testing.

Last Thursday, the **Constable Care Puppet Show** toured our school. Students in Kindy and Pre Primary were treated to a show about when to dial 000. The Year 1 and 2 classes learnt about Protective Behaviours. The students in Years 3 to 6 watched a show about Cyber Safety.

As we move into the colder months, a reminder to ensure students have the **correct school jumper** to wear on those chilly days. Students should wear the official green and black uniform jacket available from the uniform shop or a plain black jumper/jacket. Logos and multi-coloured jumpers are not suitable.

Enjoy the Easter Holidays!

**Mr Carl Carulli**  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

### Year 5 to Year 7

Term 1 seems to have flown by. It has been great to see our students engaged in their learning with real purpose, despite some of the disruptions caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Our students continue to impress me with their positive attitude and their interim reports showed very pleasing progress.



Parent interview afternoon was telephone based this term due to restrictions but was very successful with many parents booking an appointment time for a phone call from their child's teacher(s) to discuss their child's progress.

Over the last few weeks our Year 3,5,7 and 9 students have been completing online NAPLAN practice tests to help them prepare for the upcoming NAPLAN assessments. We have just received data back from these practice tests, which will now allow us to target specific areas to help us further support our students for these assessments. NAPLAN assessments will take place over weeks three and four next term (10<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May).

Finally, I would like to wish you all a safe, happy, and relaxing Easter.

Best wishes,

**Mr Gareth Smith**  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

### Year 8 to Year 10

A very consistent theme has emerged this term when I have visited classrooms; students are listening, engaging in 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. I witnessed this last year and the school produced some excellent academic results that we are very proud of. Well done and now the **challenge** is to keep up the effort for the rest of the year and continue to **aspire** to do your very best.



The High School recently published progress reports via Connect. This gave parents a snapshot on their child's progress so far this year. Numerous parents have completed phone interviews to get a more detailed picture of their child's progress. Please feel free to discuss any issue with your child's classroom teacher, just simply ring and book an appointment or you can contact the teacher directly via Connect.

As the Year 7 and 9 students will be completing NAPLAN early next term it is important they do their very best as it may mean that they will prequalify for OLNA and thus not have to sit the tests in year 10, 11 or 12. This is a great reason for them to do their very best now.

Year 7-10 students that have qualified for the end of term reward are going to the Waroona Weir for lunch and some fun activities on Friday afternoon. We strongly encourage students to attend 90% or more of the time (excluding COVID-19 issues) and ensure they demonstrate expected classroom behaviours. Well done to the vast majority that have been offered the reward afternoon.

As this is the last Newsletter for the Term 1 would like to wish all our school community an enjoyable and COVID-19 safe Easter and mid-semester break.

**Mr David Mattin**  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

**Term 2 commences**  
**Tuesday 26 April 2022**  
**First bell 8:45am**

HAPPY EASTER!





## Chaplain's Chat

G'Day Everyone,

As we come to the end of the term, I have noticed a number of people feeling tired and worn down.



The stresses of life and with WA now living with COVID-19 the continuation of mask wearing can take a toll on people.

Sometimes when people feel worn out, they can become abrupt, short-tempered, and their most negative side comes out. Some could say they have become prickly and have sharp edges.

Did you know that in California there is a beach called glass beach and up until 1967 this beach was used as a dumping ground? The place was covered in trash and lots and lots of broken glass. Some people decided to clean up what they could to undo some of the damage. Unfortunately, the task of removing all the glass was a task beyond their capacity.

Thankfully after many years the sea wore down all the individual pieces of glass making them lovely, round and smooth.

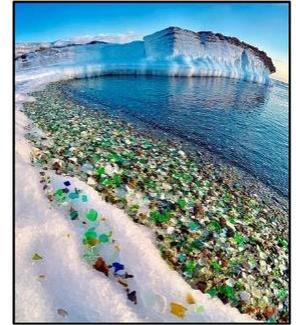
The lesson in this is with a bit of care for one another and allowing the struggles of today to shape us for tomorrow, we too can lose our sharp edges. My encouragement for anyone feeling tired and worn down is to look for the beauty that we all have within. If someone is struggling and short-tempered, respond with kindness and care to help them find their inner beauty.

Take some time out this holiday to not only care for yourself but also someone around you.

Please feel free to book a time to see me if you or your child have any concerns or worries and would like a chat.

Best wishes,

**Rodney van Dongen**  
**CHAPLAIN**



## ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

The following students received merits at our assemblies this term:

<b>Year 1</b>	Thomas Wilson (x2) Donna Miller	Leilani Lomani (x2) Ally Melling	Emily Wilson	Harrison Ferraro
<b>Year 2</b>	Baylen Thomas Addison Fardella	Rylan van Hinsberg	Vada West	Quinn Bombara
<b>Year 3</b>	Angel Lagavakatini Margaret Mendoza	Isobel Wilson	Toby Lockyer	Katie Day
<b>Year 4</b>	Tyler Butler (x2)	Archie Slack (x2)	Marshall Gilbert	
<b>Year 5</b>	Lucas Birch Isla Fardella	Jett Grant Kaisha Lloyd	Maddison McIntyre	Dantae McKenzie
<b>Year 6</b>	Akasha Fardella	Jessica Stone	Matilda Taylor	
<b>Year 7</b>	Ella Scally (x2) Liam Young	Zachary Lloyd Nate Mason	Jacob McWilliams	Jasmine Edmunds
<b>Year 8</b>	Laura Totten (x2) Jasmine Aitken (x3)	James Bennell Kenzy Gibson (x3)	Declan Clements	Emily Ingram
<b>Year 9</b>	Jake Paterson (x2) Jacob Slack	Gypsy Fardella Jasmina Wood	Arianah Twinamasiko (x2)	Isabelle Mendoza Tyler Trivett
<b>Year 10</b>	Lachlan Birch Ashton Parker	Tia Thomas Erin Jackson	Siah Waller Cianne Griffiths	Thomas Scott Samuel Minnaar



## P&C UPDATE

The WDHS P&C recently held their Annual General Meeting and first General Meeting for 2022. At these meetings the committee was voted in for the year as follows:

President – Gemma Lockyer  
 Vice President – Kristy Vernon  
 Treasurer/Secretary – Kate Pisoneri  
 Natalie Birch – Uniform Coordinator  
 Gina Slack – Canteen  
 Michelle Bombara – Early Learning  
 General Members:  
 Catherine Ferraro, Cara Conroy and Kim Davies  
 WDHS representative – Joanne Evans



An Early Learning and Canteen subcommittee was also formed.

The P&C want to thank the outgoing committee members and volunteers.

During the meeting WDHS P&C also approved approximately \$3,000 worth of spending to support various aspects of the school.

Term 2 will see the canteen run every Friday. The menu is the same as Term One. We hope to hold some special lunches next term also. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for future details. Without volunteers though the P&C cannot always open the canteen. If you are available on a Friday please contact us, or see one of the canteen volunteers for further information or to put your name down for our roster.

The Uniform Shop continues to operate on Tuesday morning from 8.30am to 9:00am. The current Uniform Coordinator has declared this year will be her last, so we are actively looking for someone to take on the Uniform Coordinator role. All training will be provided. If interested, please contact us. The time and day is flexible. If the P&C are unsuccessful in filling this role, we may have to find a business to take on selling our uniforms which will see an increase in prices.

Our next general meeting will take place early next term and will be advertised on our Facebook page. You can become a financial member (for \$1.00) at any General Meeting or are more than welcome to come along to see what the P&C do. We are a small but energetic bunch, however, more bodies would make less work.

Thanks,

**Gemma Lockyer**  
WDHS P&C President



**Net Set Go**

**Kindy - Year 1**

**Start date 2nd May**

**MONDAYS 3:00PM - 4:00pm**

**Waroona Recreation Centre**

**REGISTRATION INFO WILL BE AVAILABLE AT A LATER DATE**

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 8 APRIL LAST DAY OF TERM 1
- 25 APRIL ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 26 APRIL FIRST DAY OF TERM 2
- 26 MAY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
- 3 JUNE SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY (STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND)
- 6 JUNE WESTERN AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC DAY
- 1 JULY LAST DAY OF TERM 2 / STUDENT REPORTS



# Waroona District High School P&C

## Canteen Menu Term 2 2022

### Open Fridays

#### Recess

*Pre order not necessary*

<b>Biscuits x 2</b>	50c
<b>Popcorn</b>	50c
<b>Cheesies</b>	\$1.00
plain cheese or with spaghetti	
<b>Icy Poles</b>	\$1.00

#### Lunch Menu –

*Please order by first bell*

\* all available with Ham, Chicken, or tuna for additional \$1.00\*\*

\***Toasties**

Cheese	\$3.00
Tomato & Cheese	\$3.50
* <b>Sandwiches and wraps</b>	\$3.00
* <b>Salad and egg bowls</b>	
Lettuce, carrot, cucumber, tomato	
small	\$2.50
large	\$3.50

**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

**Chicken Nuggets**

small 4 nuggets	\$3.00
large 8 nuggets	\$5.00

Interested in volunteering your time?  
Please contact the P&C via the school office  
(08) 9782 7000 Or email us  
waroonadhspandc@gmail.com

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

**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

**Lunch Box 3**  
Chicken Nuggets, two biscuits and a fruit juice

Small 4 Nuggets	\$5.00
Large 8 Nuggets	\$7.00

#### Drinks

<b>Milk 250ml</b>	\$2.00
Chocolate or Strawberry	
<b>Fruit Box</b>	\$1.50
<b>Water</b>	\$1.00

*WDHS Canteen operates under the traffic light system./*



**Traffic Light Guide to Healthy Food Choices**

<b>Green for Go:</b> Eat as much as you want	<b>Yellow or Slow:</b> Can eat but with limit (the 'sometimes' foods)	<b>Red- Whoa foods:</b> Once in a while foods
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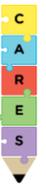
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## **Are your child's eyes ready for the classroom?**

Healthy vision is important for your child's educational, physical and social development and to help them reach their full learning potential.

**Did you know that 1 in 5 children has an undetected vision problem?**

**And that HALF the world's population is set to be short - sighted by 2050? With currently 36% of Australian's being short-sighted by 2020 there has never been a more important time to ensure your child has regular eye tests.**

Myopia (short- or near-sightedness) is becoming a major public health crisis and is already having an impact on young Australians, increasing their risk of developing sight-threatening conditions later in life.

By 2050 there will be almost 5 billion people with myopia globally. Nearly 1 billion will be in the high myopia category, placing them at significantly increased risk of potentially blinding conditions like cataract, glaucoma, retinal detachment, myopic maculopathy and macular degeneration.

This alarming increase in prevalence is happening in Australia, with studies around Sydney having shown a doubling of rates of myopia in recent decades. It is projected that 36% of Australians will be myopic by 2020, increasing to 55% by 2050.

**With 80 per cent of all learning experienced through vision, it is no surprise that children with undetected vision problems often fail to progress well in school.**

Children's vision can change dramatically from one year to the next, so a thorough eye examination before school starts is recommended to ensure your child has healthy vision.

Many children continue to experience undetected and unnecessary vision problems and often they assume that how they see is normal. We need to be able to recognise the signs of a vision problem, and to ensure children are examined regularly to detect any problems early.

### **Symptoms to watch out for:**

- **complaints of blurred vision, headaches, or sore eyes**
- **delayed progress in reading ability**
- **a turned eye, red or watery eyes, and frequent blinking**
- **poor hand-eye co-ordination**
- **losing their place or omitting words and skipping lines when reading**

Once recognised, these problems are usually easy to correct, which is why early detection and treatment of eye and vision problems are important.

Give your kids the right start. Get their eyes ready for the classroom.

Schedule an appointment today to make sure your child is ready for another big year of learning, development and fun!



**DRUG AWARE**

# YOUTH FUSION MEGA-FEST

Fun & creative activities celebrating young people ages 10-25

*Youth Week 2022*

**A Free Event!**

**A SMOKE, ALCOHOL & DRUG FREE EVENT**



## What to expect

Indoor Inflatables, Virtual Reality and Gamer Zone, Interactive Skateboard Deck, Painting, Live Music, Face Painting, Photo Booth and food available to purchase.

**WEDNESDAY  
13 APRIL  
12-3PM**

**Where?  
Waroona Rec Centre  
88 Hill Street,  
Waroona**

 **SEA TO SCARP: YOUR COMMUNITY**



**MASK WEARING AND PROOF OF VACCINATION WILL BE REQUIRED AS PER CURRENT GUIDELINES.**



**DRUG AWARE**



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# MANDURAH BASKETBALL

## CAMP #1

**WHEN:** April 11 - 13  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**WHO:** Boys & Girls 5-10yrs

**COST:** \$130 (3-Day Camp)  
or  
\$150 (3-Day Camp + Camp Tee)

## CAMP #2

**WHEN:** April 11 - 13  
12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

**WHO:** Boys & Girls 11-16yrs

**COST:** \$130 (3-Day Camp)  
or  
\$150 (3-Day Camp + Camp Tee)

## CAMP #3

**WHEN:** April 20 - 22  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**WHO:** Boys & Girls 5-10yrs

**COST:** \$130 (3-Day Camp)  
or  
\$150 (3-Day Camp + Camp Tee)

## CAMP #4

**WHEN:** April 20 - 22  
12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

**WHO:** Boys & Girls 11-16yrs

**COST:** \$130 (3-Day Camp)  
or  
\$150 (3-Day Camp + Camp Tee)

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