



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the mid-term newsletter for Term 2. Well, after two years of ever-changing directions and preparations, it is safe to say that COVID is well



and truly upon us. Whilst it has thrown us a few challenges with student attendance, staffing and maintaining teaching and learning face to face and remotely, I can honestly say that the staff of Waroona District High School have "just got on with it" with their usual professionalism and commitment, taking the additional challenges and workload in their stride. I thank them sincerely for their absolute dedication to their students and our school.

We commenced the term with an easing of restrictions, with masks no longer mandatory for year 3 and above, staff meetings, parent meetings, camps and assemblies now allowed to resume. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our students and parents for their cooperation and compliance with the mask wearing mandate. It was an awesome effort by all, particularly our primary students who were new to this requirement. Whilst the eased restrictions have allowed us to return to some sort of normality, it has also allowed the virus to spread rapidly throughout the school community. I urge parents to collect the free RAT tests that we now have available and use these tests to enable students who are close contacts to come to school, as well as resume attendance for those who have completed their 7-day isolation period. Close contacts with symptoms must still isolate at home even with a negative RAT, however non symptomatic close contacts may attend with daily negative RAT testing and year 7 and above must wear a mask.

We are currently in the midst of NAPLAN testing. NAPLAN testing is used to measure our school performance as well as group and individual performance. It enables us to identify any gaps in student learning and reteach concepts, skills and content to try to close those gaps. Well done to our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students who have sat these tests recently and given it their very best effort.

Despite COVID restrictions in Term 1, we had a fabulous term, with excellent student engagement, behaviour and attendance. I am pleased to report that our Year 10 students achieved outstanding results in Round 1 of the 2022 OLNA testing. It is a requirement of the WACE to pass all 3 tests by Year 12, and the majority of our Year 10 students have already achieved this. We also recently received our 2021 student attendance data compared to our Like Schools. Our Primary, Secondary & Aboriginal attendance data was well above our Like Schools and in some areas above state average. This is yet another outstanding achievement for our school.

Despite the recent surge in COVID cases, we have continued to provide outstanding learning opportunities for our students this term. Our Kindergarten staff held a fabulous Mother's Day

afternoon, complete with a red carpet entry to the classroom, manicures, a photo booth, afternoon tea and craft activities. Next door our Pre-primary class staff organised LILAC Day (Ladies I Love And Cherish) with similar pampering, photo opportunities and craft activities for students and their parents.

On Sunday 15 May a team of Year 6-10 students cycled their human powered vehicle at the Pedal Prix race meet at Perth Airport. We placed 10<sup>th</sup> overall in our division and gave it our very best shot, but unfortunately the Waroona Hoonas were not strong enough at this event to beat our rivals the Pinjarra Mosquitos.

Mr Chao's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) class has been working on an autonomous car project that will use artificial intelligence to autonomously drive the vehicle. This project has been sponsored by ALCOA and is a collaboration between Waroona DHS and UWA Robotics Club.

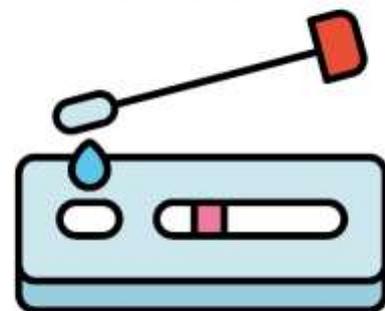
The team from Telethon Speech and Hearing have been conducting speech assessments this week as part of the WISHE project, a fully funded project thanks to the generosity of ALCOA and Perpetual that provides free in school screening for our Kindergarten to Year 1 students.

I hope that by the time I am writing the next newsletter article the COVID wave has passed our community and that we are back to high levels of student attendance. In the meantime, stay safe and well and reach out to us for support with work packages, online learning, RAT tests and student attendance re-engagement strategies.

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

**COVID-19**

## RATs are ready!



**Every student receives a free pack of RATs.**



Parents, please collect from the Front Office



## FROM THE DEPUTIES

### Kindy to Year 4

I would like to thank parents, students and especially our staff for coping so well in such difficult circumstances. Overall parents and students have been doing the right thing regarding their communication of COVID-19 cases to the school. This term has seen many classrooms decimated by the numbers of students with or suspected of having this horrible virus. Despite this, our school has continued to function smoothly. This is largely due to the professionalism of our staff and the great support and clear communication given by our parent/carer community.



Online NAPLAN testing of Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 has been completed for 2022. As you can imagine, this year's testing was somewhat affected by COVID-19, as several students were absent. If your child was away, where possible they will have an opportunity for a catch-up test.

Interschool Winter Sport (Year 4-6) this year will only occur on one date, instead of the normal three. On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June, students in Years 4-6 will be invited to walk down to the Town Oval to participate in AFL, Soccer, T-Ball or Hockey. All games are a modified version. A 'Consent-2-Go' email will be distributed to participating students in the coming weeks.

Here is hoping for a healthier second half of the Term for our students and Staff!

**Mr Carl Carulli**  
**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

### Year 5 to Year 7

I would like to commend our students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 for conducting themselves in an exemplary manner during the recent NAPLAN tests. Despite the ongoing COVID-19 disruptions to NAPLAN they have shown that they uphold the school's CARES (Considerate, Aspiring, Responsible, Engaged and Safe) values.



The CARES values are part of our Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) system at Waroona District High School. This system offers a consistent whole-school (K to Year 10) approach with common language regarding positive behaviour expectations. As part of our PBS journey this term, we working to place framed CARES posters in every room in the school, alongside our new PBS matrix. These will give a regular visual reminder of our values and positive behaviour expectations and can be referred to time and time again by teaching staff and the wider school community, helping us to build our PBS language and expectations further. Going forward into terms 3 & 4 we are hoping to develop new rewards and incentives programs to support our ongoing PBS journey.

I wish you all a fantastic rest of the term and look forward to meeting more of you over the coming weeks.

Best wishes,

**Mr Gareth Smith**

### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

### Year 8 to Year 10

It is pleasing that I can once again commend the High School students on their work ethic and continued positive behaviour around keeping each other safe, whilst in these COVID affected times.



An embedded outcome whilst teaching is to prepare students for an ever-changing world. Our students are demonstrating that they have these skills which bodes well for their future.

Our Year 10 students have performed extremely well in their OLNA testing with 58% passing all 3 domains (Reading, Writing and Numeracy). Most remaining students only need to pass one more domain, which they will get another chance to pass in September.

Once again, the calendar is now full of interesting events for the High School students to participate in. In particular, the School Dance will take place in the evening on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Students need to ensure they have attended for 90% or more and meet our expected behaviour standards.

A BIG thank you to all the staff, parents and students that were involved in the WA Pedal Prix last Sunday. We had a wonderful day racing over 100km over 6 hours. The school will next compete at Bunbury in June and then the International race in Busselton in August.

**Mr David Mattin**  
**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

### Chaplain's Chat

On Sunday our school had an amazing opportunity to attend the pedal prix. It was great event full of excitement. The students who attended all put in 110% effort. A good thing to do when being involved in an event is to look back later and see if there were any lessons that can be taken away and applied to life.

The biggest lesson that stood out for me personally was I had forgotten to take a chair. This may sound like a small thing but after 6 hours standing, a chair is an amazing thing to have with you.

What are some things in your life you can prepare for?

During the race we would check the tyres for wear and tear during our pit stops. We had spare tyres on hand ready for such an emergency. We saw another HPV on the side of the track at the far end and while they pushed it back into the pits, we began to close the gap and made up some valuable laps.

Being prepared helped our race. How can being prepared help you?

Is it a footy game you need to prepare for or maybe you have a test coming up? How will you prepare to give you the chance to succeed in your endeavour?

Take your time beforehand to prepare for whatever challenge or life event you're about face. Don't be like me looking for some where to sit during 6-hour race. 😊

Have a great rest of your term.

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

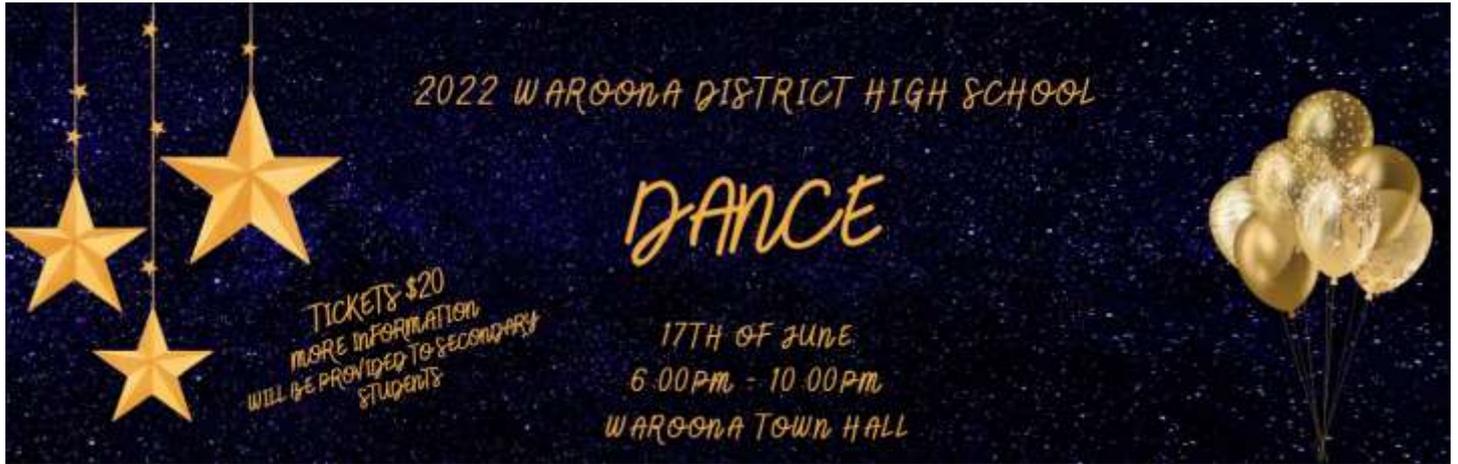


## P&C UPDATE

Even with COVID craziness the WDHS P&C are still behind the scenes supporting our school wherever possible. Term two's general meeting of the P&C is proposed for next Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 9am in P&C Hub off Hill Street, this may change so please check our Facebook page for details and changes. At these meetings we organise fundraising activities and approve financial donations to the school for the purchase of new library books, resources, equipment, excursions and incursions.

Our canteen is running every Friday this term and we thank everyone for their ongoing support. We **still need** more volunteers, if you can volunteer some time on Fridays please get in touch via the ladies at the front office or see our amazing canteen helpers.

Thanks,  
**Gemma Lockyer**  
WDHS P&C President



## PBS EXPECTED BEHAVIOURS

*At all times we are expected to be*



**WAROONA**  
DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

	Considerate	Aspiring	Responsible	Engaged	Safe
<b>C</b>	considerate when we communicate positively with others.	aspiring when we take ownership of our own learning and behaviours.	responsible when we make positive decisions that impact our learning.	engaged when we are actively involved and have a go.	safe when we are following school rules and staff instructions.
<b>A</b>	considerate when we are using all school equipment and devices appropriately.	aspiring when we set goals and aspire to achieve them.	responsible when we positively influence our peers.	engaged when we actively listen, ask questions and complete our work.	safe when we include others at all times and have zero tolerance for bullying behaviours.
<b>R</b>	considerate and respectful when we allow others to learn and teachers to teach.	aspiring when we ask and apply feedback to reach our full potential.	responsible when we make positive choices that impact our environment.	engaged when we submit all homework and assessment tasks.	safe when we are playing appropriately with our peers within school boundaries.
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# PEDAL PRIX 2022

The first Pedal Prix for 2022 was held at the Driver Risk Management facilities near the Perth Airport.





**Waroona District High School P&C  
Canteen Menu Term 2 2022  
Open Fridays**

**Recess  
Pre order not necessary**

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

**\*Sandwiches and wraps \$3.00**

**\*Salad and egg bowls**

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**

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

WDHS Canteen operates under the traffic light system./



<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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As part of our STEM program the Pre-Primary students designed, created and evaluated a bed that would be just right for Goldilocks.



**IMPORTANT DATES**

26 MAY	SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
3 JUNE	SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND
6 JUNE	WESTERN AUSTRALIA DAY (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)
10 JUNE	PRIMARY WINTER CARNIVAL
17 JUNE	SECONDARY SCHOOL DANCE
19 JUNE	PEDAL PRIX RACE 2, BUNBURY
1 JULY	LAST DAY OF TERM 2