



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the final Term 2 edition of our school newsletter.



Term 2 has been a busy one and by the time you read this, the electronic distribution of Semester 1 reports via Connect and email will have occurred. Parent interviews this year will again be centrally located in the school library with both primary and secondary staff co-located in the one area. This has been planned to make it easier for parents to see all the teachers that they may wish to meet with, in the one location. Interviews are capped at 15 minute timeslots, to enable teachers to see as many parents as possible. It is encouraged that you bring your child along as part of this feedback process. Details on the booking process for parent/teacher interviews was provided with the Semester 1 reports.

I am pleased to report that our Year 10 OLNA results for Semester 1 2022 are outstanding with 43% of our students having met the OLNA requirements. This is not only a significant improvement on previous years with almost half of our Year 10 students having passed all three tests; Reading, Writing and Numeracy. To put this into perspective, only 14% of students in "Like Schools" (schools like Waroona) have met the OLNA requirements. So yet again we are performing well and truly above our Like Schools. Students have an additional opportunity to pass OLNA in Semester 2 this year and a further two opportunities in Year 11 and Year 12. We are certainly achieving our Business Plan target of exceeding Like Schools in our OLNA achievement. I look forward to seeing the results of our second round of testing in Semester 2.

The recent production and distribution of our 2022-2024 Waroona District High School Business Plan and 2021 Annual Report to the school community has been overwhelmingly positive. Initial feedback from parents and community members is that the professional production of the Business Plan and Annual Report are outstanding, as are our results. Parent and community feedback throughout the semester has been overwhelmingly supportive and there is a great sense of pride within the community that our school is doing so well. This is always great for a principal to hear. Further, I was recently contacted by the Department of Education regarding our outstanding Year 3 relative NAPLAN performance, and in particular asked to share the early childhood literacy strategies that are contributing to this success. Our focus on the explicit instruction of synthetic phonics across K-3 is achieving significant growth in

student performance as indicated by our NAPLAN data. I am very proud to have our hard work acknowledged.

As a result of the improved academic and social outcomes of our students, Waroona District High School is enjoying increased enrolments this year as the community gains confidence in our ability to deliver high quality teaching and learning. However, as an organisation we will never rest on our laurels. To achieve the best outcomes for our students, your children, we must continue to work hard at sustaining a culture of teaching excellence. To accomplish this there is clearly a need to analyse and respond to data and the achievement of the targets outlined in the Business Plan 2022- 2024. Our current efforts are focussed on the implementation of our teaching and learning framework and whole school instructional model.

Week 10 this term has seen our school participate in a range of activities to celebrate NAIDOC week. These activities celebrated the history and culture of our First Nations people, including the story of Bibdjooll (gecko), traditional food and the 2022 NAIDOC theme "Get Up, Stand Up, Show Up". Thank you to Mr Robert Jetta for your warm Welcome to Country and to Mr Bradley Vitale for you inspiring NAIDOC address.

The end of term sees us farewell Ms Leah Greathead and welcome Ms Alison Wells to the permanent Manager Corporate Services role. We thank Leah for her valued contributions to our school. We congratulate Ms Holly Howell on her permanent appointment to the secondary English role and also welcome Mrs Gina Slack to a temporary position. We also extend a very sincere thank you to two retiring School Board members, Mrs Grace Pisconeri and Mrs Bronwyn Chompff-Gliddon. Their time and commitment to our school over many years has been most appreciated. We are currently calling for nominations for parent and community members to join our Board. Please feel free to contact me should you wish to nominate or find out more.

Finally, I sincerely wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday. I look forward to Term 3 and the commencement of Semester 2, 2022. I hope to see 100% of students back at school and unless sick, attending 100% of the time. Parents, we urge you to support our efforts to increase student attendance. Regular attendance is vital for continuity of learning and improved academic and social outcomes for your children.

Ms Jacquie Abbiss
PRINCIPAL



FROM THE DEPUTIES

Kindy to Year 4

Term Two has been a blur! Like most organisations, our school has been impacted by COVID-19, however our staff and student's ability to get on with the job during challenging times has been so very pleasing.



Today our Year 4-6 students walked down to the Town Oval to participate in **Aussie Sports** with St Josephs and St Anne's Primary Schools. AFL, Soccer, T-Ball and Hockey were the sports on display. The aim of Aussie Sports is participation not necessarily competition, so no scores are recorded. We just want as many students involved as possible.

Well done to our Kindergarten, Pre-Primary and Year 1/2 classes for leading the celebrations at this week's **NAIDOC** Assembly. Your singing was beautiful! Our school activities during this week were very well organised by our NAIDOC Committee.

In Term 3 our Year 4 students will be completing a **PEAC** (Primary Enrichment And Challenge) Test on Friday 29th July. This test is completed by Year 4 students across the state. The top 2-5% of students will then be offered access to special district enrichment and extension programs.

I wish your family a safe and enjoyable winter break.

Mr Carl Carulli
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Year 5 to Year 7

This week we rounded off what has been a fantastic semester by celebrating NAIDOC week as one community throughout the school. Everyone at Waroona District High School from Kindergarten to Year 10, staff member or student has been able to get involved and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Across the school in classrooms, students have explored this year's theme "Get Up, Stand Up, Show Up" and what this means to them, whilst hearing and learning about people who have stood up for their rights. We celebrated NAIDOC at a whole school assembly, and we had some delicious food, to make this a very special occasion.



Students and staff have also learned about the Noongar story of Bibdjoole (the Gecko), who in the creation time was given the responsibility of placing the stars in the sky. He climbed into the sky with a sack of stars on his back and spread them across the sky forming the Milky Way. Eventually, he became tired and fell asleep, falling back down to earth, and landing on his back. The sack and the remaining stars were squashed into his back and stuck to

him, and that is why Bibdjoole has the Milky Way on his back. After learning about this story, all students and staff have been painting a small metal Bibdjoole, and these will form part of a larger piece of artwork at the school hopefully later this year. It has been a fantastic way to end the semester.

I wish you all a wonderful mid-year break.

Mr Gareth Smith
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Year 8 to Year 10

Two weeks ago, the Student Council held our annual Secondary School Dance. It was a wonderful night and a great success. The Town Hall was beautifully set up with lights, tables of food and a photo screen. Students dressed up and looked amazing. Once the music started with the help of DJ Eddie (Mr Edwards) the students danced the night away enjoying each other's company. A big thank you goes to Taneika Handley and her Student Council team and for the teachers that helped on the night.



Secondary student reports will also be placed on the Connect system this week highlighting the progress students have made this semester. I encourage all students to read their report and discuss with their parents the progress they have made.

For those students that do not have 90% attendance it would be a good conversation starter to plan how you will get your attendance above 90%. Students who were absent for more than 10% of school time, those absent for 20 or more days are missing at least a month of school over the schooling year. Think what opportunities have been missed in a whole month!

Our Year 10 student OLN results have been uploaded to the "Schools Online" system. Whilst we knew our students did well, we did not know how they compared to like schools. We have had 43% of our students passing all 3 tests compared to 14% of students in like schools. Once again that is an amazing effort from our Year 10 students.

I would like to thank the Secondary team of teachers that have stepped up this semester to ensure the best educational programs possible have been delivered to our students, whilst managing the Covid outbreak. They have worked tirelessly and I thank them for their efforts.

I also wish all our school community a safe holiday break and we will see you refreshed next term.

Mr David Mattin
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



STUDENT COUNCIL DANCE







ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

The following students received merits at our assemblies this term:

Year 1	Ryan Lockyer	Aria Stanton	Thomas Wilson	Harper Stokes
Year 2	Maxwell Hardie Saoirse West	Savannah Young	Steele Clarke	Misha Rico
Year 3	Toby Lockyer	Kacee Weil	Emily Clarke	
Year 4	Shane Finley Chloe Rico (x2)	Deegan Hall (x2) Tauri Pisconeri	Bayden Licciardello Evelyn Woodley	Lilly Wilcox (x2)
Year 5	Leo Levitzke Maddison McIntyre	Mackenzie Stokes Lucas Birch	Sienna Pisconeri (x2)	Skyla Lawson
Year 6	Christian Waide	Alex McBlane	Matthew Larkman	Te Kanawa McMillan
Year 7	Talia Clements Ellah Curtis Shanaya Ellis	Zoe Lawson Oliver Barr Chloe Pich	Natasha Mason Zachary Lloyd	Maddison Webster Kayleigh Fitzpatrick
Year 8	Emily Ingram	Isabella Grayden	Peta Scott (x2)	Shaylene Brown
Year 9	Jake Paterson	Katelyn McCavanagh-Smith		
Year 10	Tia Thomas	Lachlan Birch	Bailey Gallop	Saverio Jetta

P&C UPDATE

Our P&C is small in numbers, but we do incredible things. However, we are in danger of not having enough volunteers to operate as of 2023.

Don't think our closure will affect you? If the P&C stops operating, what this means for you –

No uniform Shop – the cost of uniforms will increase to \$45/shirt. There will be a high chance you will need to order through either a retailer in town, but most likely have to go to Pinjarra or Mandurah, so there will be their added mark up.

No Canteen – Although this is a pretty new area for the P&C we have seen a steady amount of orders. Unless the school chooses to employ (which is not realistically within their budgets) someone to operate the canteen there will be no school lunches or lunch fundraisers.

No school dance food donation – The P&C donate a between \$250 to \$300 towards food at the secondary school dance.

No country week donation

No FUDGE evening food

No end of year celebration for the Kindy/Pre-Primary

No EB visit at Easter for the Kindy/Pre-Primary

No financial assistance for extra incursions or excursions

No assistance with purchasing end of year book awards

No Book club – this also benefits the school with credits building from your purchases for new books for the library.

No reimbursements for our Library officer who hunts down pre loved books in pristine condition

No morning tea for merit award winners

No catering/fundraising events at Swimming or Athletic carnivals

To stop this happening the P&C would love more people to step forward to assist us. Our current uniform shop coordinator is willing to assist and to train anyone willing to take on this role. We are looking for someone or a small group of people to run this. The opening times and days are completely negotiable. At present the uniform shop is only opened every 2nd Tuesday, 8.30 to 9:00am.

Our Treasurer is also willing to train someone to take over this role for 2023.

Term 3 - The Canteen is ready to introduce online ordering – stay tuned for more information on this. We have made a few tweaks to the menu, swapping biscuits to milo balls for the lunch box specials, losing the chicken and cheese rolls and fried rice and adding mac and cheese. Keep your eye on the P&C Facebook page for specials and online ordering updates. We have had a few fresh faces come and volunteer, but we always need more. Ideally the P&C wish to get the canteen operating on both a Monday and Friday but to do this we need more bodies!!

Show Gates – we will soon be calling for volunteers to help us staff the show gates, if you have a regular slot (e.g., early one) please let us know. This is generally our biggest fundraiser for the year and has kept us afloat during the covid chaos. Our next P&C meeting will take place in the first 3 weeks of Term 3 – date, time and venue will be advertised on our Facebook page.

Gemma Lockyer

WDHS P&C President



Waroona District High School P&C - Canteen Menu Term 3, 2022 Opened Fridays

Recess Pre order not necessary

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

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

PREORDER BY WED to avoid disappointment

Drinks

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

Mac & Cheese

small	\$3.00
large	\$5.00

Chicken Nuggets

4 nuggets	\$3.00
8 nuggets	\$5.00

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

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

Lunch Box 2
Chicken Nuggets, 2 Milo balls and a fruit juice

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

GO SLOW WHOA

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? Please contact the P&C via the school office (08) 9782 7000
Or email us waroonadhspsc@gmail.com

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS





School Based Immunisation Program using VaccinateWA

The School Based Immunisation Program (SBIP) is a well-established service that offers National Immunisation Program immunisations to students in Years 7 and 10.

This year, the SBIP will also offer COVID-19 vaccinations to eligible students in Years 7 through to 12 at selected schools as part of the regular schedule of immunisations based within schools.

The VaccinateWA system is now to be used by parents/carers to complete the vaccination consent form in order to consent to their children/dependents receiving vaccinations whilst at school. (Note: VaccinateWA is not being used to book appointments for the School Based Immunisation Program).

To provide consent for vaccination, the first step is to register the child/dependant on VaccinateWA. Log into your [VaccinateWA](#) account and follow the steps to “Add or manage dependants”. If you do not have a VaccinateWA account, you will need to create one for yourself first.

Step by step information for using VaccinateWA is available on the [HealthyWA](#) website. Please call 13 COVID (13 26843) if you have any technical issues with VaccinateWA.

If you are unable to complete the online consent form - and you have not already handed in a paper consent form – the school will have forms available for you to use. If the information you provide needs to be clarified, you may be contacted by a staff member from the vaccination team.

If you have already completed and returned a paper consent form, the SBIP team are currently uploading the information into the VaccinateWA system. This process may take several weeks, and you will receive an email confirming once it has been done.

[School-based immunisation program \(healthywa.wa.gov.au\)](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au)

Term 3, 2022
Students return on
Tuesday 19 July 2022