



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome to the first edition of the Term 4 newsletter for 2022. It is the Aboriginal season of Kambarang, symbolised by the colour yellow and signals the return of hot weather. I think that we are all looking forward to some warmer weather after what feels like a very cold winter.

I am pleased to see our rates of attendance returning to our pre-COVID levels of very high attendance, particularly in Primary. Thank you to our parents for supporting our efforts to raise attendance levels. I urge our parents of Secondary students to support us with regular attendance. Please ensure that your child(ren) attend 90% or more as any absence has a significant impact on learning.

We recently received our results for Round 2 of OLNAs for our Year 10 students. Congratulations to those students who have now passed all 3 OLNAs tests and met the requirements of the WACE. We are well ahead of our Like Schools with our OLNAs achievement, and this gives our Year 10 students a big head start as they go into senior school next year. There are still 4 more opportunities for students to pass OLNAs in Year 10 and Year 11.

Since our last newsletter our students returned from Country Week with some fantastic results.

Basketball:

A-Grade Boys Basketball finished 1st

Mixed Basketball finished 2nd

Badminton:

Waroona #1 finished 3rd (A-Grade)

Waroona #2 finished 7th (C-Grade)

Waroona #3 finished 3rd (D-Grade)

Waroona #4 finished 6th (D-Grade)

Our Year 10 students spent Week 1 and 2 on their final Bushranger Camp to Shark Bay. They had an incredible adventure, taking in many experiences such as the Skywalk at Kalbarri, an Aboriginal cultural tour, kayaking at Dirk Hartog Island, a boat cruise, feed line the dolphins at Monkey Mia, a visit to the Ocean Park Aquarium. I sincerely thank those staff that attended this camp and Country Week for the personal time

they committed away from their families to provide this opportunity to students.

Thank you also to DJ-C and the supervising staff of the Primary disco in Week 2. It was our best attended disco yet, raising over \$1000 to subsidise the Year 6 camp. Our Year 6 students will soon be heading to Busselton to celebrate the end of their Primary schooling and participate in a range of activities including the Busselton Jetty tour, Ngilgi Cave tour and Xscape at the Cape Fun Park.

A parent information session for Year 7 2023 has been set for Wednesday 16th November 2022 as well as a Year 7 Orientation Day on Tuesday 6th December 2022 from 9am to 10am each week.

Our LEAP into Learning Program for pre-Kindergarten students commenced last week with a petting zoo of beautiful animals for students to experience. This 4-week program engages students in a range of play-based activities and familiarises children with the Kindergarten teacher and classroom, leading toward a successful transition to Kindergarten in 2023. Orientation days for Kindergarten will be held on Wednesday 23rd November, Wednesday 30th November and Wednesday 7th December 2022.

Last week our Student Council visited Parliament House, had lunch in the exclusive dining room with local member Robyn Clarke MLA as well as meeting the Premier Mark McGowan. It was a very memorable and educational experience for the young leaders of our school.

Term 4 is a hectic term and we have many things on the calendar ahead, such as: Remembrance Day Ceremony, Year 6 camp, Year 7 Orientation, Kindergarten Orientation, Bushranger Camp to Collie, Presentation Assembly, Graduation Assembly and Semester 2 reports. These will be issued in Week 10, so students need to ensure that they attend regularly and apply themselves to their classwork, homework and assessments in order to achieve the final grades that they are capable of.

Ms Jacquie Abbiss

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FROM THE DEPUTIES

Kindy to Year 4

As the end of 2022 approaches the school calendar goes into overdrive with many events just around the corner.



On Friday 11th November students in Years 3-7 and Student Councillors will walk down to the Town Memorial to participate in a *Remembrance Day Service*. Our Head Councillors, Lachlan Birch and Thomas Scott along with Summer-Apple Thomas will all play a role within the service. Parents are always welcome to attend.

On Thursday 10th November our Kindergarten group will be hosting our *final school assembly* for the year. We have moved this assembly to a Thursday to accommodate the Kindergarten timetable.

The *Presentation Assembly* will be held on Friday 2nd December at 9:00am. At this assembly students in Years 1-5 and 7-9 have an opportunity to win an award for their work throughout the year.

This year's *Christmas Concert* will take place on Monday 12th December at 6:30pm. For this year, the Lions Club Train will be offering free rides as well as the usual sausage sizzle.

Finally, on Wednesday 14th December the Year 6 and 10 group will have their moment of glory. The *Graduation Assembly* will take place on this day at 9:00am.

As you can see – a very busy run to the end of the year!

Mr Carl Carulli
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Year 5 to Year 7

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, our staff started Term 4 with a staff development day on *Cultural Intelligence and Awareness Training*. This helped us all to develop our understanding of cultural and historical influences which affect our diverse society today. It will support us in the work we do with our students and the wider community as we continue to plan and develop into the future. This day was hosted at Waroona District High School but was a joint development day with St Joseph's School Waroona, the Shire of Waroona, and Waroona-based members of WA Police. The feedback from the day was extremely positive and shows the strength of our wider community here in Waroona. Waroona District High School staff will now be using the knowledge and understandings gained to inform their practise and planning going forward.



Term 4 is a very busy Term, and we have lots of events going on as we head into the end of the year. I particularly want to wish our Year 6 students all the best for their last Term in the Primary School as they prepare for the Year 6 Camp and their Graduation.

I wish you all a wonderful Term 4.

Mr Gareth Smith
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Year 8 to Year 10



Attendance continues to remain a focus for the whole school. Whilst improvements have been made on term 3 data, some students still need to lift their weekly attendance rates to achieve regular attendance. Regular attendance at school is an important habit which transfers for consistent attendance at work. Employers rate regular attendance as a key component to maintaining a job. I encourage parents and caregivers to support their child by ensuring they regularly attend school.

An excursion has been booked for the Year 10 students. Students will be attending Pinjarra Senior High School early in 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 by parents/caregivers. Further details will come from Consent2Go in the coming weeks.

The school has recently received the detailed analysis of the 2022 NAPLAN testing. We continue to be pleased with the progress that has been made by our Year 7 and Year 9 students. This data set tells the school that the quality of teaching, educational programs and learning environments over the past 3-4 years is producing consistent 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 absolute best.

Our year 10 students have now completed their second OLN attempts for the year. Once again our students have produced *excellent* results. 74% of our students have passed all three OLN tests which is significantly above like schools. 95% passed Writing, 89% passed Reading and 79% passed Numeracy. I commend all the students on their results as all improved from their Term 2 attempts.

Mr David Mattin
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

The following students received merits at our assemblies this term:

Year 1	Odinn Thomas	Cruz Smith	Jacob Wood	Ryan Lockyer
Year 2	Lilly Dryburgh	Savannah Young		
Year 3	Oliver Cavallaro	Archer Morgan		
Year 4	Ivie Bombara	Deegan Johnson		
Year 5	Hayley Clarke	Isla Fardella		
Year 6	Summer-Apple Thomas	Dixie Cavanagh	Matilda Taylor	Kodie Whitfield
Year 7	Lucas Dupreez	William Butler	Zoe Lawson	Aiden Walker
Year 8	Sophie Stanton			
Year 9	Kaleah Benck			
Year 10	Erin Jackson	Ella Prosser		

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
Thursday 6 April 2023

Ask School Reception for More Information

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 16 November	Meeting of Year 7 Parents for 2023
Thursday 1 December	Year 10 Transition to Pinjarra Senior High School
Friday 2 December	Presentation Assembly for Years 1-5 and 1-9
Tuesday 6 December	Year 7 Orientation
Monday 12 December	Christmas Concert
Wednesday 14 December	Graduation Assembly for Year 6 and Year 10
Thursday 15 December	Last day of School for students in 2022
Wednesday 1 February	First day of school for students in 2023



P&C UPDATE

Massive thanks to those caregivers and friends who filled in positions on the show gates on behalf of the P&C. This is by far our biggest fundraiser of the year and without those people who put their hand up to step in and work the gates we would lose vital funds for the school.

The unpopular decision to not run the Canteen this term was made after we exhausted our volunteer base. We hope to re-establish the canteen next year, but we do need people willing to volunteer their time to help the P&C run it.

Our Term 4 meeting was postponed this week, please keep an eye on our Facebook page for a possible reschedule date. And early in 2023 the P&C will run its AGM to create a new committee. If the P&C fails to be formed the school will lose the Uniform shop, Canteen, funding for some presentations awards, donations towards country week, bake sales at carnivals and addition funding for resources and experiences, so if you are interested in helping us help the school please get in touch.

Gemma Lockyer

WDHS P&C President

Remembrance Day 2022

11 NOVEMBER LEST WE FORGET

Remembrance Day

Commemorative Service at the Waroona War Memorial
from 10.30am

Held in partnership by the Shire of Waroona, Waroona District High School and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

MSP PHOTOGRAPHY

On photo day speciality group images (eg Student Council, Faction Captains) were taken at your school. These images can be viewed and purchased at a unique website, which is DIFFERENT to where you order the portraits and class photos online.

1. To place your Order online simply go to <https://mspphotography.shootproof.com/>
2. Locate the Schools Name, then select the album titled **Waroona DHS Specialist Groups – 2022**
3. You will then be required to enter a password to view the Album. The password for this **WARDHS22**
4. Please ensure that you use your child's name at the checkout
5. The images you are viewing are uncropped and will be cropped to fit to a 10x8 print (as per the first image in your gallery, a sample of layout & colour)

- The online orders will be open until **midnight on 14/11/2022 – for the Bulk Pricing Offer**

- **The Bulk Pricing Offer is \$25 per print and these will be delivered to the school BY CLASS GROUP**

- After the \$25 pricing expires, the photos will remain available online, but the photos are now at a cost of \$40 per image and delivered to a preferred address.

PLEASE NOTE ANY ORDERS PLACED AFTER Monday 21st November 2022. WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED DELIVERY BY THE END OF TERM 4 2022. THESE ORDERS WILL BE SENT TO THE PREFERRED ADDRESS BY THE END OF FEBRUARY 2023.

If you have any queries, please contact MSP Photography on **9240 8000** or via email on ordering.perth@msp.com.au





YOU ARE INVITED TO
**MULTICULTURAL MENTAL HEALTH
EXPO**

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2022

10:00 am – 3:00pm

at

St Patricks' Catholic Parish

Corner South West Hwy & Millar Street

Waroona

**A day to raise awareness of mental health and well being among
migrants and refugees living in regional areas.**

Connect with the wider community and to key services in the area.

Get practical information to improve mental health and well being

Activities

Interactive Session on Mental Health & Wellbeing

Craft and Calm Workshop: Making Christmas Stockings

Local business and community service provider stalls

Traditional food and entertainment





Waroona Youth Centre Christmas Pyjama Party



Little Youthie
Thursday 8th December
3.30pm till 5.30pm



Big Youthie
Friday 9th December
6pm till 8pm

THESE ARE THE FINAL YOUTH CENTRE DATES FOR 2022

We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in February 2023



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Christmas Colouring Competition

The countdown to Christmas has begun and we are running a colouring competition.

The competition is open to children aged 4 - 12 and there are a total of 4 prizes which will be divided into two age categories.

Ages 4-8 - 1st prize, 2nd prize
Ages 9-12 - 1st prize, 2nd prize

Fill in your contact details and hand your entry into the
Waroona Community Resource Centre
NO LATER than 12pm on December, 2nd, 2022

