



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kaya,

Welcome to the first edition of the school newsletter for Term 1 2023.



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 that is growing in numbers. I also welcome our new staff, Mrs Blackburn in Room 28, Mrs Davies in Primary, Miss Beattie in Primary, Miss Edgar in Secondary English, Ms King in Secondary Mathematics and Miss Jetta in LOTE (Language). We are excited to have you all on board.

I am really pleased with the start to the 2023 school year. I have received comments from many staff and parents about the calm, happy, and productive feel in the school. This is the first start to a school year in three years in which we have not had to contend with some type of COVID-19 restriction or disruption. We certainly seem to be back to 'business as usual' as we continue to build on our successes over the last few years despite the challenges of COVID-19.

I'm currently writing the Annual Report for the 2022 school year. The focus of this is on the amazing successes we had over 2022. For example, 95% of our Year 10 students achieved a Certificate II in Skills for Work giving them a massive head-start towards their WACE Certificate in Year 11 & 12. Further, our Year 10 OLNA achievement was more than twice that of Like Schools. Our attendance rates for 2022 were outstanding being above both Like Schools and the average of all WA Public Schools in every category of attendance that the Department of Education measures. We laid some great foundations for success in 2022 to further build upon in 2023.

Whilst we had outstanding attendance data for last year compared to other Public Schools in WA it was still a little lower than our long-term average. I would therefore like to remind parents that in order for students to have good standing, their attendance rate should be at least 90%. Attendance will still be a focus for us to ensure our improvement is sustained and continues.

Throughout 2023 we will continue to embed our PBS CARES (Considerate, Aspiring, Responsible, Engaged and Safe) values in our everyday school routines. Students can be rewarded by being given jigsaw pieces matched to our CARES values by staff when a student demonstrates those values. Each jigsaw piece given enables the student to be entered into a CARES prize draw that will be drawn at each assembly.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge how well our students have settled into the academic year. You set the standard for our school and for others to follow. I wish you all a successful and wonderful year ahead.

**Mr Gareth Smith**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 2 March	School Board Meeting
<b>Monday 6 March</b>	<b>Public Holiday</b> – <b>Labour Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 7 March</b>	<b>School Development Day</b> – <b>Students do not attend</b>
Friday 10 March	Whole School Assembly
Wednesday 14 March	NAPLAN commences
Monday 20 March	Earbus
Wednesday 29 March	Year 7 Immunisations
Thursday 30 March	School Board Meeting
Friday 31 March	Whole School Assembly
Monday 3 April	Teacher/Parent/Student meetings (2:30pm – 4pm)
Tuesday 4 April	School Photos
<b>Thursday 6 April</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 1</b>
<b>Friday 7 April</b>	<b>Easter Good Friday</b>
<b>Monday 24 April</b>	<b>First Day of Term 2</b>



## FROM THE DEPUTIES

### Primary Deputy

2023 is off and running and it has been extremely pleasing to observe the fantastic learning environments our staff have created for the start of the year. Many parents tell us that their children enjoy coming to school and this is a clear indicator that our staff are getting their classroom environments right!



I would like to welcome the new staff - Mrs Blackburn, Mrs Davies and Miss Beattie to our primary teaching team in 2023.

NAPLAN dates for 2023 have changed! Testing of Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 is usually in Term 2 but this year it will occur in Term 1 Week 7 and Week 8. This has meant that we have had to change the dates for the swimming lessons and the swimming carnivals. All these events will now occur in Term 4.

Last week, students in Years 3-7 participated in a special program called BULLY-ZERO. This visiting show identifies what to do when bullying rears its ugly head. At Waroona District High School, we are committed to reducing bullying and we do this by empowering the Bystanders and Victims.

Have a great Term 1!

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

### Secondary Deputy

It is hard to believe that we have just settled in and Week 5 is almost upon us. Most of our High School students have returned from the summer holiday break and have



gone straight into working hard, asking questions, and demonstrating the school's "CARES" expectations.

Last year I was asking Parents and Carers to work with their children to familiarise themselves with the online 'Connect' system (due to COVID issues). I again encourage you to engage with your child and the connect system as many teachers have placed substantial amounts of their curriculum material online (Connect system). I encourage parents to spend an hour with their child getting to know the system and what it offers. Those High School students (39%) that have their own devices will have a seamless transition to and from school.

The Year 7 students attended a 'Team Skills' Bushrangers camp in the second week of the term. It was a fantastic opportunity for all students to get to know each other. I had a wonderful afternoon working with a team on an inflatable raft. We played a variety of games on the rafts, however a lot of the time we ended out of the raft, which was great fun.

The High School students will have the opportunity to attend a reward afternoon the last Thursday of Term One. All that will be required is a 90% attendance rate and no withdrawals / suspensions during Weeks 6-9. We expect the vast majority to achieve that target and enjoyed an afternoon outside the school.

As the Year 7 and 9 students will be completing their NAPLAN this term, it is important they do their very best as it may mean that they will prequalify for the OLNA (Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment) and thus not have to sit the tests in Years 10, 11 or 12. A great reason for them to do their absolute best.

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

## 2023 Faction Captains

- Red** Primary – Lucas Birch  
Secondary – Luis Yldeso
- Green** Primary – Chelsea Dittmann  
Secondary - Jacob Slack
- Blue** Primary - Jaxon Wyatt  
Secondary – Gypsie Fardella

## 2023 Student Councillors

- Our Student Council for 2023 is:
- Year 6 – Sienna Pisconeri & Tamzen McGregor
  - Year 7 – Summer-Apple Thomas & Kynan Stokes
  - Year 8 – Lily Harrison & Marley Delaney
  - Year 9 – Douglas Scott & Isabella Grayden
  - Head Councillors – Jake Paterson & Isabelle Mendoza



## ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

The following students received merits at our assemblies this term:

<b>Year 1</b>	Chance Miller			
<b>Year 2</b>	Ryan Lockyer	Harper Stokes	Ally Melling	Max Pisconeri
<b>Year 3</b>	Ruby-Rose Johnson		Steele Clarke	
<b>Year 4</b>	Keegan McDerment	Vincent Stelzer		
<b>Year 5</b>	Alex Gliddon	Ashlynn Scally	Tyler Butler	
<b>Year 6</b>	Ronald Eades	Noah Roberts		
<b>Year 7</b>				
<b>Year 8</b>	Oliver Barr	Ashlyn Clements	Lily Harrison	Cortney Weil
<b>Year 9</b>	Kenzie Gibson		Sophie Stanton	
<b>Year 10</b>	Glenn Young	Jacob Clarke	Loren Davis	Jake Paterson

### 2023 Contributions and Charges

A friendly reminder that we are now accepting payment for 2023 Voluntary Contributions and Charges. You can deposit into the school account, call with credit card details or come into the office to pay with cash/eftpos.

Details on Contributions and Charges can be found on our website.

Our bank details are as follows: **Waroona District High School, BSB 086 164, ACC 92 106 4439**

(Please use child surname & initial as a reference)

# 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**





## CARES

Congratulations to our first 2023 winners of the CARES awards. Each student received a \$30 voucher.



CARES award prize draw boxes in the primary area are already filling up again following the draw at the last assembly. We enjoy acknowledging our students when they demonstrate our CARES values.

## P&C UPDATE

The WDHS P&C will hold their AGM in March, the date, time and location yet to be decided. To join the P&C it costs \$1 for 12 months (March to March).

We need a minimum of SIX volunteers to form a P&C, the roles of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and two executive members will be opened for nomination.

**If we cannot form a committee, the P&C will have to cease to operate, which means no uniform shop, no canteen, no money for graduation/awards presentations just to name some of things we will lose.**

We need members to form subcommittees for Early learning, canteen, Year 6 Camp and Country Week for secondary students, these people need to be financial members of the P&C but can opt to only contribute to these causes.

We will take whatever time you can give to us, and desperately want to get the canteen up and running in Term 2, so we really need dedicated volunteers. If you can offer us some time, please leave your details with the front office ladies who will pass them on to us.

**Gemma Lockyer**

WDHS P&C President



## COMMUNITY NEWS



# Working with Children Check - Changes are coming!

## Changes to the Working with Children Check are coming, and so are we!

The amendments to the Working with Children legislation will come into effect on 1 July 2023.

To help you understand your rights and obligations, the Working with Children Screening Unit is hitting the road.

The team will be in Pinjarra and Waroona on Tuesday 28 February 2023 to provide you with information on the changes and how they might impact you.



### Come and join us:

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| Tuesday 28 February 2023<br>12.00pm - 1.00pm | Waroona Community Resource Centre<br>10 Henning Street, Waroona |
| Tuesday 28 February 2023<br>6.00pm - 7.00pm  | Lesser Hall<br>1915 Pinjarra Road, Pinjarra                     |



Visit Working with Children Check Screening Unit's Eventbrite page or scan the QR code for details and to reserve your place at one of the public sessions.  
[bit.ly/wwcevents2023](https://bit.ly/wwcevents2023)