



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kaya,

Welcome to the second edition of the Waroona District High School newsletter for Term 1, 2023. It is hard to believe we are at the end of Term 1. It has been an incredibly busy term, however it has gone very smoothly and we look forward to the remainder of the year continuing in the same fashion.

Some of our Term 1 highlights:

- We welcomed new teachers in Secondary English, Maths and LOTE & in the Primary DoTT role and Year 6
- We have welcomed many new students to Waroona District High School and increased our enrolments to 266 students
- We have started to implement daily reviews in our classrooms to support memorisation of learnt topics
- We refurbished the Primary and Administration buildings with new blinds and also new signage in the Administration building and undercover area
- Our Year 7 students attended an Orientation camp to introduce them to High School, the Bushrangers program and built some team work skills
- We have had free hearing, speech and eye screenings in Early Childhood
- With NAPLAN moving to Term 1 in 2023 all our Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 students have completed NAPLAN.
- All teaching staff have started the *Shaping Minds* professional learning program
- All Education Assistants have completed First Aid training
- We conducted our On Entry testing in Pre-Primary
- Our Year 4 students attended Sculptures by the Sea
- We hosted a "GRIT" training day for Year 6 Student Leaders from across the Shires of Murray and Waroona.
- Our Upper Primary students participated in a Bully Zero program
- Our Secondary STEM students attended the Resources Technology Showcase at the Perth Convention Centre.
- We participated in an Evacuation Drill to familiarise staff and students with our Emergency Management procedures
- We participated in a range of activities for Harmony Day, supporting our commitment to an inclusive and accepting culture at Waroona District High School



- Our Year 8 students took part in heart dissections in their secondary science class
- We had an Easter party in Kindy and Pre-Primary
- We are about to publish our 2022 Annual report which documents a range of successes from 2022
- We delivered progress reports in Primary and Secondary via email and Connect
- We held a successful and well attended parent/teacher interview afternoon in the school library.

If you missed the parent/teacher interview afternoon and would like to discuss anything around your child's schooling, please contact the relevant teacher. If you have any concerns that are not classroom based, I encourage you to contact either the Primary or Secondary Deputy. The staff in the front Administration Office can put you in contact with the relevant person if you are unsure.

Finally, I'd like to draw your attention to the Department of Education's revamped "Connect Now app". You can download the latest version from the Apple Store or Google Play store.

I wish you a safe and happy holiday.

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

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Thursday 6 April**

**Last Day of Term 1**

**Monday 24 April**

**First Day of Term 2**

Tuesday 25 April

ANZAC Day Public holiday

Thursday 11 May

Whole School Assembly

Friday 12 May

School Development Day

Students do not attend



## FROM THE DEPUTIES

### Primary Deputy

Last Friday the school celebrated Harmony Day, with students and staff wearing orange and completing activities across classrooms. Harmony Day has as its slogan – Everyone Belongs. The aim of the day is to remind students that we all belong within the school or community no matter which country we came from or what our religion. Tolerance of others is so important! Primary classes adopted a country and learnt all about its customs and people. They then invited other classrooms to come in to hear all about the country that they had been studying – hence sharing the knowledge. It was a fantastic day for all involved. Thank you to Miss Powell's and Mrs Snell's class for getting the day off to a terrific start with a beautiful song at the Assembly.



Next Term students in Years 4-6 will be involved in Aussie Sports Carnivals on the Friday of Week 4, 6 and 8. Students will play in either AFL, Soccer, Hockey, or Tee Ball, competing against other schools. The first Carnival will take place at the Waroona Town Oval at 12:00pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Parents and Carers are welcome to come and watch. The aim of Aussie Sports is participation, so scores are not recorded.

A School ANZAC Ceremony will take place on the first Monday back next term. At 9am all students will participate in an assembly on the High School Quadrangle (weather permitting) where a wreath will be laid, and a minute silence observed. Once again parents/carers are welcome to attend.

As the weather becomes cooler, we ask parents to ensure their child has a school uniform jacket or a plain black jumper in their bag. Black jumpers should be free from slogans or hoods!

Have a great end to what has been an extremely successful first term!

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

### Secondary Deputy



Term One has been an incredibly busy, yet successful term. I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting classrooms and observing our students demonstrating our 'CARES' values. Students have been considerate of others, aspiring to achieve some fantastic results, responsible in and out of the classroom, engaged in their learning and acting safely.

Earlier this term, our Year 7 students attended their Bush Rangers excursion. This was an overnight camp in Eaton where students participated in various team building activities that promoted working together and supporting each other on the same journey.

Our Year 6 Leadership group were lucky enough to be involved in a GRIT initiative organised by our School Chaplain. This was implemented to develop and advance their leadership skills. This program included other leaders from our Waroona-Murray Network. Students spent the day completing numerous activities that encouraged Growth, Resilience, Integrity, and Teamwork.

This term, our Year 3, 5, 7, and 9 students participated in NAPLAN at an earlier date than previous years. Students were encouraged to complete the literacy and numeracy tests to the best of their ability. All supervising teachers were highly impressed with student's behaviour and commitment to completing these national tests.

Our Year 7-10 students who have qualified for the end of term reward are spending the afternoon playing Lawn Bowls at the Waroona Bowling Club. Students must have their 'Good Standing', which includes 90% and above attendance (this excludes medical appointments and illness that can be supported with a doctor's certificate). Students must also ensure they demonstrate expected classroom behaviours. Congratulations to all students who have been offered the reward afternoon.

As we move into the colder months, a reminder to ensure students have the correct school uniform. Students should be wearing black pants and the school jacket or a plain black jumper. Logos and multi-coloured jumpers are not suitable.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable break! Happy Easter.

**Ms Taneika Handley**  
**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

### Year 8 Science

A beating success – The year 8 class finished of their Term 1 Science content by completing a heart dissection. All students got involved and loved seeing the insides of what the heart looks like.





## CHAPLAINS CHAT

G'day everyone and welcome to another Chapo's Chat. This term has certainly flown by!

We have had many adventures this term. The Year Seven camp was a highlight. So many students stepped up and showed some great GRIT. It was good to see some of the students overcoming their fears and anxieties as they pushed through with challenging activities.

Another one of my highlights for this term was getting our Breakfast Club up and running. We now have an all-year everyday breakfast club which is absolutely awesome. We have between 20 and 30 students attend nearly every day. The breakfast club builds on a great sense of community. I would like to thank the P&C for helping out with some funds. I would also like to thank the Community Resource Centre here in Waroona for their support and of course Food Bank. Did you know that foodbank supplies 68,600 breakfasts per week to schools? How cool is that.

This term I was asked to participate in some eSafety training. The internet is an amazing place where all kind of learning and adventure for inquisitive minds can take place. The internet can also be a place of concern and tension in the home. Learning how to build boundaries and keeping our children safe is important.

There are some amazing resources for parents available for free at [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au). There is some great stuff here from a Tech agreement for your children to how to report online bullying and info on how to keep your children safe.

As we head into these holidays remember to take a break to recharge, as I'm sure next term will be another fun filled term.

See you all then 😊

**Mr Rodney van Dongen**

**CHAPLAIN**

## ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

The following students received merits at our assemblies this term:

<b>Year 1</b>	Avianna Chester Olivia Miles	Michael Clarke Chance Miller	Georgia Lees	Harry Grant
<b>Year 2</b>	Ashley Clarke Emily Wilson	Ryan Lockyer Jarrad Woodley	Harper Stokes Teagan Waller	Ally Melling Max Pisconeri
<b>Year 3</b>	Rottryell Eades Kylah Underwood	Addison Fardella Emily Henson	Ruby-Rose Johnson Isabella Bertucci	Steele Clarke
<b>Year 4</b>	Margaret Mendoza Keegan McDerment Zac-Si Paskin	Kelsey Smith Vincent Stelzer	Isobel Wilson Annalee Miles	Hazzel Waide Roshae Eades
<b>Year 5</b>	Evelyn Woodley Ashlynn Scally Riley Stokes	Seth Anderson Tyler Butler	Jacob Griffiths Alex Gliddon	Chloe Rico Lilly Wilcox
<b>Year 6</b>	Heath Collyer Maddison McIntyre	Dean Whiteman Kaisha Lloyd	Ronald Eades Sienna Pisconeri	Noah Roberts
<b>Year 7</b>	Stevie-Lee Websdale	Summer-Apple Thomas	Jessica Stone	
<b>Year 8</b>	Aiden Walker Cortney Weil Ella Scally	Oliver Barr Chase Tredgett Leah Beales	Ashlyn Clements Lucas Dupreez	Lily Harrison William Butler
<b>Year 9</b>	Peta Scott Kenzy Gibson	Douglas Scott Sophie Stanton	Isabella Grayden Jade Stelzer	Zoe Pearce
<b>Year 10</b>	Glenn Young Jacob Slack	Jacob Clarke	Loren Davis	Jake Paterson



## WDHS P&C DID YOU KNOW?

Due to our Treasurer position not being filled the P&C need to rehold our AGM

**AGM 03.05.2023 - 9am start**

## P&C UPDATE

The P&C held their AGM last Wednesday. We have had several new faces join our group and I send a massive thanks to those who have reached out, joined up and turned up for our first meeting. If you are interested and can't make our meetings that is ok, you can still opt to join for \$1 and be involved.

Because we were unable to fill our Treasurer role, we need to re-hold our meeting in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Term 2. Ideally, we would also like to create a Country Week Committee (minimum of 3 people a max of 5) to assist in purely fundraising for the 2023 Country week team.

Once we have finalized our Committee, the P&C can get active with its 2023 fundraising and getting things like the canteen operational again. Thanks,

**Gemma Lockyer**

WDHS P&C President

## STEM EXCURSION



The Year 7-10 STEM students got to enjoy attending the Resources Technology Showcase at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre this week. It featured the latest innovations the mining, resources, defence and space sectors have to offer. Students were particularly interested in the Virtual Reality and Robotics displays.

We also got to meet Rick Ardon from Channel 7.





## The new Connect Now app is available now!

Make sure you update to the latest version or, if you don't have it yet, download it from the [Apple store](#) or [Google Play Store](#).



### 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: **Warroona District High School, BSB 086 164, ACC 92 106 4439**

(Please use child surname & initial as a reference)





## COMMUNITY NEWS

# YOUTH WEEK 2023

POP-UP ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 10 AND ABOVE



**MONDAY 17 APRIL, 9AM-12PM**  
**WAROONA RECREATION AND AQUATIC CENTRE**

Join us for a fun-filled morning of free activities. Challenge your friends to a game of mini golf, have your face painted, show your creativity in the cupcake decorating workshop, enjoy the giant lawn games or express your artistic flair painting on skateboard decks with one of our local artists.

\*Cupcake workshop bookings are essential - please see the Shire of Waroona website.

For more details visit the Shire of Waroona website or call 9733 7800.



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# YOUTH WEEK

## 2023

### MID-WEEK MINDFULNESS



AGES 10 AND ABOVE



**WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL, 4PM-6PM**  
**WAROONA CENTENNIAL PARK**

Enjoy an afternoon of mindfulness in the park. Come and try out yoga and meditation with a qualified instructor and enjoy some art activities including Aboriginal art with local young artists.

\*Light food and refreshments provided.

For more details visit the Shire of Waroona website or call 9733 7800.



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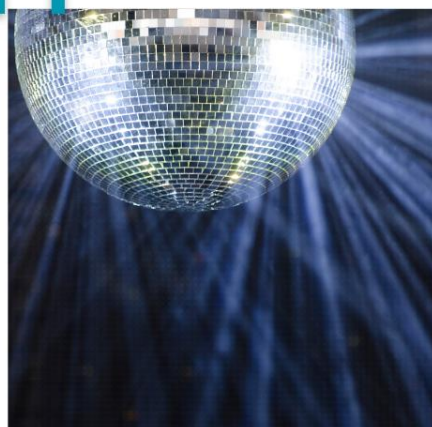
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# YOUTH WEEK 2023 DISCO PARTY



**FRIDAY 21 APRIL 6PM-8.30PM**  
**WAROONA RECREATION AND AQUATIC CENTRE**  
**AGES 10 AND ABOVE**

Get your boogie on, dress in your best Fluro wear and join us  
for a fun-filled disco party!  
Sausage sizzle, lolly packs, popcorn and refreshments provided  
by Waroona Leos.

For more details visit the Shire of Waroona website or call 9733 7800.



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# DV-alert

Domestic and Family Violence Response Training

## DV-alert Workshop: Men who use Violence

Domestic and Family Violence  
Response Training for Frontline Workers

**Date:** Monday 17th of  
April

**Time:** 9am to 5pm

**Venue:** Waroona  
Community  
Resource Centre

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**DV-alert is free, nationally accredited training to help frontline workers recognise the signs of domestic and family violence and know what to do next.**


**Frontline workers hold a unique position of trust in the community and may be the first to see the signs.**

### Why DV-alert?

DV-alert is led by experienced trainers dedicated to reducing violence against women and their children. Our workshops provide a safe space for frontline workers to learn, connect and be empowered to recognise and respond confidently to those in crisis.

### What will I learn?

In attending our 1-day Men who use Violence workshop, you'll learn how to:

 **RECOGNISE** the presentation of men who use violence

 **RESPOND** safely

 **REFER** appropriately

- Improve your ability to recognise and respond to men who you suspect may be using violence at home.
- Gain skills to enable you to respond safely when faced with men who you suspect may be using violence at home.

### Who is it for?

This workshop is for frontline workers and volunteers in Australia, including those in the health, allied health, education, childcare or community sectors who have completed one of the accredited DV-alert streams.

### Cost

DV-alert training is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

It is free for frontline workers. Financial support is also offered for staff backfill for attendance of the 2-day workshop or a 1-day specialist workshop, and help with travel and accommodation is available in some cases.

Terms and conditions apply.

Go to [dvalert.org.au](http://dvalert.org.au) for more information.

### Any questions?

For further enquiries contact:  
[training.dvalert@lifeline.org.au](mailto:training.dvalert@lifeline.org.au)



Training delivered by





## Wesley LifeForce Suicide Prevention Training

**We deliver a robust and evidence based program which focuses upon educating people about suicide, challenging attitudes and teaching basic engagement and engagement and suicide intervention skills.**

Participants will have increased confidence in their ability to identify people who may be at risk of suicide, communicate appropriately with a suicidal person, ask a person if they are considering suicide and conduct a suicide intervention

### Participants will learn:

- Awareness of the requirements for classification of a death as suicide
- Knowledge of the occurrence and demographics of suicide in Australia
- Be able to identify risk and protective factors
- Differentiate between risk factors and warning signs
- Capability to be able to implement the SALT suicide intervention strategy
- Identify national and local suicide prevention resources

Morning tea and lunch will be provided

*"The workshop was so beneficial for me personally and professionally. It was presented with genuine authenticity and care towards everyone attending. I will be recommending the training to my colleagues."*  
Recent Participant

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, 10 May 2023,  
10:00am – 2:30pm AWST

### Location:



10 Henning Street,  
Waroona, WA, 6215

Register via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/576676503947> or this QR code:

Email [lifeforce@wesleymission.org.au](mailto:lifeforce@wesleymission.org.au) or call 1800 100 024 for more information



Wesley LifeForce Suicide Prevention Program gratefully acknowledges the funding provided by the Australian Government



**Presented by** Janette Merendino (Talking Kids Australia)

**Sponsored by:** Parenting Connection WA

**Location:** Online via Zoom

**Date:** Every Thursday from 4<sup>th</sup> May to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

**Time:** 10am-12pm

**Who should attend:** Parents and caregivers

**Participants must complete all 8 sessions. Free to attend.**

**How to register:** Phone 9581 0581 or 0402 517 389

**Email:** [peel.pcwa@anglicarewa.org.au](mailto:peel.pcwa@anglicarewa.org.au)

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### **A FREE EIGHT SESSION PARENTING PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND CARERS**

At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security® Parenting™ program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

#### **Learning Objectives of the Training:**

- Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read the emotional needs
- Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhance the development of your child's self esteem
- Honour your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure

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**Sponsored by:** Parenting Connection WA

**Location:** Via zoom

**Dates:** Every Wednesday from 3<sup>rd</sup> May to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023

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## Tuning In To Kids - Online

A FREE six-session parenting program for parents  
of children from 4 to 10 years old

Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence. Learn how to:

- Communicate with your child more effectively
- Understand your child's needs
- Prevent behavioural problems in your child

**Children with higher emotional intelligence:**

- Have greater success with making & keeping friends
- Have better concentration at school
- Tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

**For expressions of interest.**

T: 9581 0581/ 0402 517 389

E: [Peel.pcwa@anglicarwa.org.au](mailto:Peel.pcwa@anglicarwa.org.au)

**When: 10am to 12pm  
Tuesdays 9 May to 13 June  
Where: Online Via Zoom**

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