



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kaya,

Welcome to the first edition of the school newsletter for Term 3 2024. Waroona District High School is a growing school and we now have over 300 students enrolled. It is wonderful to see the school continuing to grow and I would like to welcome the new students and families who have joined us in various year groups across the school over the past few weeks.

If your child is in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9 then you will have recently received your child's NAPLAN results, which were sent home from school. If you did not receive them, please contact the administration office to arrange a copy. Waroona District High School's 2024 NAPLAN results were excellent. We achieved above-expected progress in 7 areas compared to our "Like Schools" (schools similar to Waroona within WA). In another 12 areas, we performed at the higher end of expected progress. These results reflect the hard work and commitment of both students and staff and I congratulate them for the fantastic achievement.

Earlier this week we sent home a copy of the 2023 Annual Report which provides us with an opportunity to share our achievements and progress with the school community. I encourage you all to take a look at the report to see how we are progressing as a school and working to achieve our Business Plan targets.

On Wednesday we asked parents to consider registering their interest to join the School Board as a parent representative. If you would like to know more about this important governance role, please call or email the school for more information.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Quinn in Year 4 who has qualified to participate in the National Dance Competition for Hip Hop in January 2025. Congratulations Quinn, we wish you all the best!

Kind regards,

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



## FROM THE DEPUTIES

### Whole School Initiatives Deputy

Hello everyone and welcome back to what has been a very busy start to Term 3. This term has seen a flurry of activity with a number of camps and excursion taking place. Along with this, students have been hard at work progressing through their lessons at the start of a new semester.

The start of this term also saw NAPLAN results being released. The release of these results highlights individual student achievement and how well the school went on a class and cohort level. It is pleasing to say that Waroona District High School performed extremely well against National Minimum Standard, State Average and Like Schools in comparative data. Areas of real strength were shown in Writing and Mathematics, whilst performance in Reading, Spelling and Grammar also improved. All students should be very proud of their efforts.

In Week Two the school had the 90% Attendance Reward lunch. Students who achieved this milestone were treated to cheeseburgers for lunch. We had 182 students receive this reward, which is a large percentage of our school population. This demonstrates that a large number of our students are hitting the target of coming to school every day. Studies have established the connection between school attendance and student performance, making every day count is vitally important.

Parents, please remember to contact the school to let us know about any unexplained absences, we understand that this time of year is difficult with sickness and bugs going around, so if a student is away, please notify the school. Finally, if a student is arriving late to school, after 8.50am, they will need to enter through the office so that they can get a late note to take to their teachers.

We look forward to a busy second half of the term with lots of exciting events planned.

Good luck for the rest of the term.

**Mr Matthew White**  
**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**





## Primary Deputy

Hi Waroona

Term 3 always represents one of the busiest terms of the year and we have several key events on the horizon:



The Year 4-6 students will be involved in a Stem-a-thon on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August down at the Town Memorial Hall. Sharni Silvestri from St Joseph's Primary School has gathered a myriad of presenters to showcase the world of Science and Technology.

Bullying Day of Action will be held next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August. We have been lucky enough to secure a Constable Care visit on this day and Cyber Bullying will be the theme for the middle upper primary show. The junior show will focus on walking safely to school.

The Primary Jumps and Throws Day will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>st</sup> August. The Years 1-3 will hold their events before recess and the Years 4-6 after recess. Events include Long Jump, Vortex throws and Triple Jump for the 5/6 students.

The Faction Carnival will be held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August. This promises to be a wonderful day – weather permitting! Red faction (Mirda) have dominated over the past decade however new enrolments may change the status quo. A coffee van has been organised for those adults who may need warming up and the P&C are organising a food stall.

FUDGE Night will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September. This is an after-school event that recognises the importance of male family members like dads and uncles.

RU OK Day will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September. This is an annual event that looks to highlight the importance of looking after each others mental health.

This year Waroona District High School will host the Primary Interschool Athletics Carnival on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September. We will compete against St Josephs and St Annes.

To conclude the Term, Book Week will culminate in a Dress Up Day on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Start planning your child's costume. This year's theme is 'The Magic of Reading'.

Wow – what a busy 7 weeks ahead!

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

## Secondary Deputy

I firstly would like to commend our High School students on a very business-like start to the term. Students are respecting our 'Orderly Classroom' environment and the 'Have A Go' attitude to their schoolwork.



NAPLAN data analysis is taking place by staff now, this will guide this semester's planning. Staff are extremely proud that Waroona DHS students have maintained the high standards set a few years ago. We have a high percentage of students in Year 9 pre-qualifying for all aspects of OLNA (Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment) since we have been tracking. This is another fabulous indicator for the school.



OLNA testing took place last term with a new high being set. Sixty-three percent of our Year 10 students have passed all three components of their OLNA with all students improving. Well done!

Our students are working hard developing their sporting skills and techniques in preparation for the Athletics Carnival which is being held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August. The Secondary Jumps and Throws will be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August. Once again, they will be competing in a range of running races along with some of the more popular field events.

We have numerous camps and incursions organised for the term, these include Bush Ranger camps, Busselton Pedal Prix, and Country Week at the end of term. I encourage all students to work hard and engage in as many activities as they can.

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





## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### NOMINATIONS FOR PARENT REPRESENTATIVES WAROONA DHS SCHOOL BOARD

The Waroona DHS School Board meets 6 times a year for approximately 1 hour. The Principal and Manager Corporate Services (Finance) provide a report to the Board and may table items for discussion and Board approval as outlined in the table below.

Meetings are friendly, informative and a great way for parent members to engage in a positive way with the school. There is no homework and no fundraising involved. We even take our own minutes! Just 6 meetings a year.

At this stage we are seeking expressions of interest only. Please email [waroona.dhs@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:waroona.dhs@education.wa.edu.au) with the title "school board" or call the school for more information or to register your interest.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday 16 August**  
Bullying Day of Action

**Thursday 22 August**  
Whole School Assembly

**Friday 23 August**  
School Development Day  
Students DO NOT attend.

**Tuesday 27 August**  
Primary Jumps & Throws

**Wednesday 28 August**  
Secondary Jumps & Throws

**Friday 30 August**  
Whole School Athletics  
Carnival

**Friday 6 September**  
FUDGE Night

**Thursday 12 September**  
RUOK? Day  
Whole School Assembly

**Friday 13 September**  
Primary Interschool Sports  
hosted by Waroona DHS

**Monday 16 to  
Friday 20 September**  
Country Week

**Thursday 19 September**  
Book Week Parade  
9am in the undercover  
area - parents are  
welcome to attend

Role	Approval role	Advisory role	Do not participate
<b>What does it mean?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council/board contributes to decision making. The Principal consults the council/board on issues and takes on their advice prior to making decisions.</li> <li>Council/board is directly and deeply involved.</li> <li>Decisions are documented in council/board meeting minutes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council/board is consulted and helps to brainstorm and resolve issues.</li> <li>Discussions are documented in the council/board meeting minutes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council/board and their members cannot intervene in the control or management of a school; or intervene in the educational instruction of students; or exercise authority over teaching staff or other persons employed by the school; or intervene in the management or operation of a school fund;</li> </ul>
<b>Examples of council/board involvement</b>	Council/board approves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>voluntary school contributions (charges) payable by parents/guardians for materials, services and facilities;</li> <li>fees for optional programs such as excursions and incursions;</li> <li>book list (or equivalent) items that school requests students to have for personal use;</li> <li>sponsorship and advertising agreements*; and</li> <li>the dress code for students in consultation with students, staff, parents/guardians.</li> </ul>	Council/board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>advises principal about the local community context;</li> <li>reviews allocation of resources to meet school plan targets;</li> <li>reviews and monitors school objectives, priorities and policy directions;</li> <li>takes part in the reviewing of the Annual Report;</li> <li>takes part in developing school code of conduct for students;</li> <li>advises principal about religious practices in school (for example, use of prayers);</li> <li>advises on selection but not appointment of principal and other staff (where approval is given);</li> <li>takes part in development of and monitoring of the school plan;</li> <li>takes part in review of the DPA; and</li> <li>takes part in reviewing the financial arrangements of the school.</li> </ul>	Council/board does not: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>manage day-to-day running of school, for example staff performance and student assessment;</li> <li>discuss individual cases relating to teachers, staff and parents/guardians;</li> <li>represent special interest groups or allow special interests to dominate council/board discussions;</li> <li>intervene in education instruction;</li> <li>borrow money;</li> <li>purchase property;</li> <li>exercise authority over teaching staff or other persons employed at the school; and</li> <li>manage complaints processes.</li> </ul>



## ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

The following students received merits at our last two assemblies this term:

<b>Year 1</b>	Selina Beznoska	Shahzaib Nagori		
<b>Year 2</b>	Madison Crank-Hogan	Maximus Clarke		
<b>Year 3</b>	Maria Kobin	Ally Melling	Ashley Clarke	
<b>Year 4</b>	Kylah Underwood	Lilly Dryburgh		
<b>Year 5</b>	Georgia Rutherford	Sophie Martin		
<b>Year 6</b>	Chloe Rico	Holly Melling		
<b>Year 7</b>	Jaxon Wyatt	Lucas Birch	Heath Collyer	
<b>Year 8</b>	Dixie Cavanagh	Liam Young	Alex McBlane	Jessica Stone
<b>Year 9</b>	Tyson Peel			
<b>Year 10</b>	Luis Yldeso	Kenzy Gibson		

## SCHOOL BASED IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME

### Free vaccinations at school to protect your child against serious infectious diseases

Each year nurses attend secondary schools across WA to provide free adolescent vaccinations as recommended under the National Immunisation Program.

The Department of Health has identified public school students in Years 7 and 10 whose parents have not provided a response (consent or declination) to the request for their child to be immunised. They will be sending a text message to these parents which will include links to the [secure online consent form](#), as well as the [HealthyWA School Based Immunisation](#) webpage. Should a hard copy form be preferred, this is available through the school.

#### Year 7 students

Year 7 students can get the Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine and a booster dose of the diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine. These protect against whooping cough, tetanus, genital warts and some cancers.

#### Year 10 students

Year 10 students can get the meningococcal vaccine to protect against four strains of the disease. Meningococcal disease can be extremely serious, spread to others and older teenagers have the highest rates of infection.

For more information, please visit [https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/S\\_T/School-based-immunisation-program](https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/S_T/School-based-immunisation-program).



## Kindergarten Enrolments open for 2025

If your child's date of birth falls between 1st July 2020 and 30th June 2021 you can apply to enrol them for Kindy 2025.



For further information contact us on 9782 7000



Visit our website for an enrolment form [www.waroonadhs.wa.edu.au](http://www.waroonadhs.wa.edu.au) Under the title Enrolments



### STUDENT ABSENCES

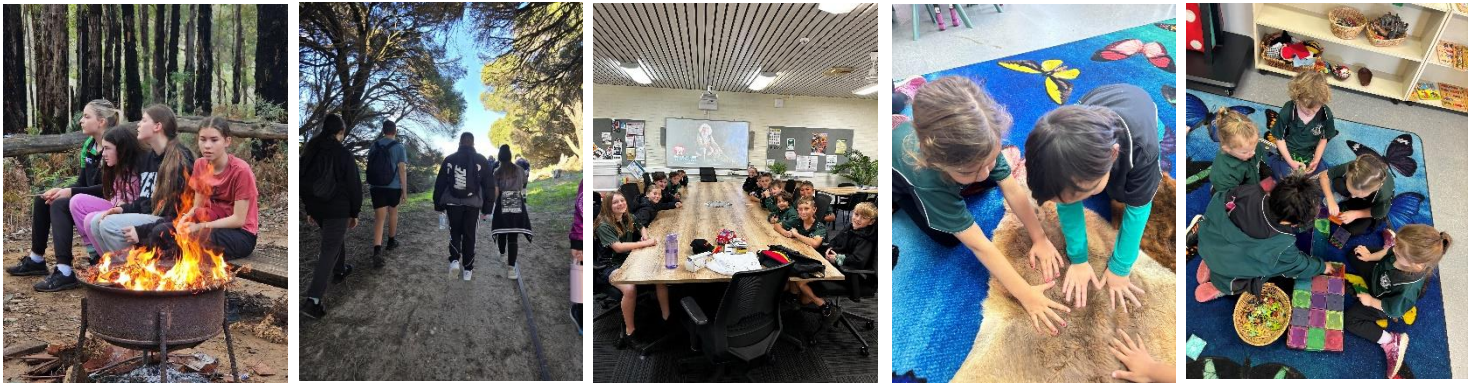
#### HOW TO LET WAROONA DHS KNOW YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

- \* Notification of sickness should be advised as soon as possible. Appointments/Other Absences - where possible try to schedule outside school hours. Prior to the day of absence notify the school. Unexplained absences can impact Good Standing.
- 1 by text message 0417 932 820
- 2 by email [waroonadhs@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:waroonadhs@education.wa.edu.au)
- 3 by phone 08 9782 7000



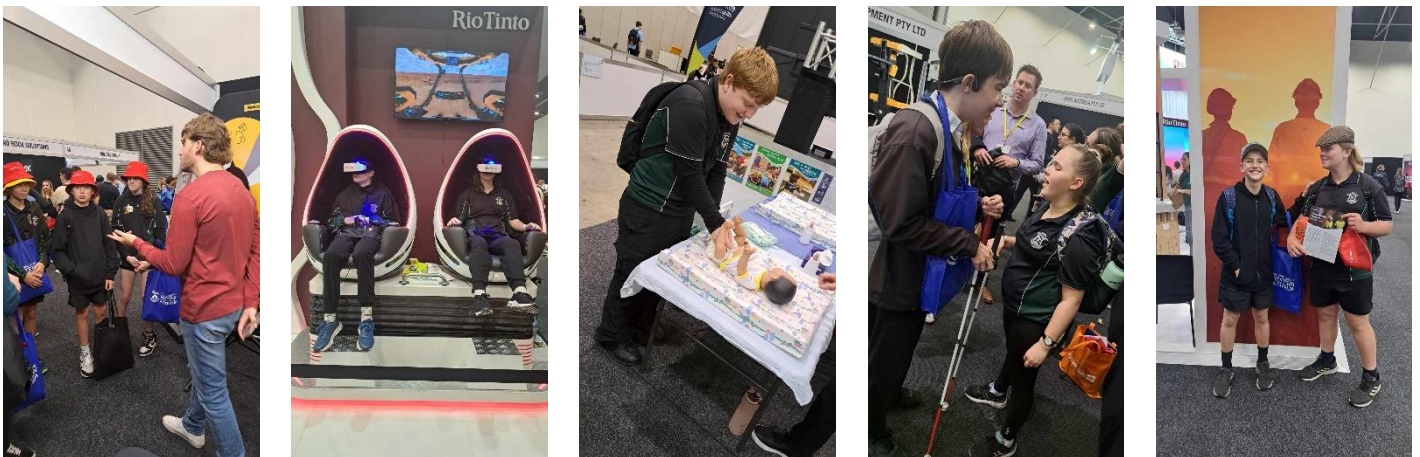


## FUN ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE SCHOOL



## CAREERS EXPO

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July, the Year 9 students went to the Perth Skillswest Careers and Employment Expo at the Perth Convention Centre. The Expo had over 160 organisations and employers for students to talk to. Students could explore the different career options, education and training opportunities available to them and participate in various practical activities across different industries.



## HEALTH – LET’S TALK ABOUT ... SCOLIOSIS

Scoliosis is an abnormal sideways curvature of the spine. It can be detected by a simple examination of the back.

The normal spine has three curves – one in the neck, one in the upper back and one in the lower back. These curves can be seen from the side, but when you look from behind the spine should appear straight. If the spine has a sideways curve, this is scoliosis.

Please read through the [scoliosis](#) information provided by Raising Children Network and check your child for scoliosis as described.

If you have any concerns, please contact your General Practitioner or Community Health Nurse, Casey Hardman  
Telephone: 0457 536 132.





## COMMUNITY NEWS



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**Shaping the future**

# VacSwim

**Keep your child safe in the water**  
Enrol them in school holiday swimming lessons.

Spots are limited, enrol now  
[education.wa.edu.au/vacswim](http://education.wa.edu.au/vacswim)

# APPRENTICE & TRAINEE INTAKE

Charles Hull Contracting is a mining and civil construction company with over 50 years' experience in the industry. We specialise in rehabilitation work, transport and plant maintenance.

As a first-year apprentice, you will begin work at the Waroona Workshop and you will be exposed to machinery and on-site equipment that need a service or repair that come directly from site. Trainees are also based at Waroona at our head office.

Applicants must be completing year ten or have already completed year ten.

**Intake Timeline:**

1. August 1st our intake opens.
2. Send your resume, cover letter and latest school report to us.
3. Intake closes August 31st
4. All applications are sent to relevant supervisors
5. Selected applicants tested
6. Selected applicants interviewed
7. Selected applicants sent for a medical
8. Start date in early January

**Available Positions:**

- x 3 Heavy Diesel Mechanics
- x 1 Boilermaker
- x 2 Auto Electricians
- x 1 Light Vehicle Mechanic
- No set amount on open traineeship positions

Your application must include:

- ✓ An updated resume
- ✓ A cover letter outlining what role you're applying for
- ✓ Your most recent school report





**APPLY NOW**

Send Your Resume To Us

[apprenticeintake2025@charleshull.com.au](mailto:apprenticeintake2025@charleshull.com.au)

Contact Us

**9782 6900**

<b>EVERY DAY COUNTS...</b>				
WHEN YOUR CHILD MISSES...	THEIR ATTENDANCE RATE IS...	THAT EQUALS...	WHICH IS...	FROM KINDY TO Y12 THAT IS...
1 day each fortnight	90%	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school
1 day a week	80%	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ a years of school
2 days a week	60%	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of school
3 days a week	40%	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of school