



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kaya,

Welcome to the first newsletter for Term 4. The year is certainly speeding by with only 6 weeks of school left.



We are continuing to focus on school upgrades to improve the learning environment for our students. Recently, we installed 8 new interactive TVs in classrooms. All primary classrooms and high school Maths, English, Science, HASS and Year 7 classrooms now have interactive TVs. Students are also beginning to experiment with our Virtual Reality headsets, immersing themselves in 3D learning experiences. The primary block electrical upgrade has now been completed and we look forward to the installation of the reverse cycle air conditioning that this upgrade facilitates. During the summer holidays most of the ceilings in the high school should be replaced, which will enable us to focus on additional upgrades in the high school block later next year and into 2026.

Towards the end of the term, you will receive your child's semester two report. We are in the final stages of a process to change the format of our end-of-semester reports, following the Department of Education providing recent clarification on the requirements. The semester two report this term will be the first of this new format. The shorter report will still contain learning area grades and sub strand grades, however there will be just one overall comment. This comment will include information on academic progress in key learning areas. If you have any concerns about this new format, please don't hesitate to contact the deputy principals or myself.

Kind regards,

Mr Gareth Smith
PRINCIPAL

FROM THE DEPUTIES

Whole School Initiatives Deputy

Welcome back to the final term for 2024. It has already been a busy start with camps and swimming lessons taking place. I know that many students enjoy all of the extra activities that we have here at Waroona District High School. These extra activities also helps us as a school to develop the whole child.



In the classroom, students have come back to a full curriculum. Students will be continuing to practice and learn new skills and concepts right up to the end of the year. With assessments also forming part of the structure of the day. This information will be fed back to parents at the end of the year when reports are sent home. This information also forms a vital part of our strategic planning as we look towards 2025.

With instruction to continue to the end of the year, it is important that students attend every day. We had a solid Term 3 effort before we had sickness go through the lower primary classrooms. The start to Term 4 has been good and we would like to keep the momentum going towards the end of the year. Please remember to contact the school if you child is away so that we can keep our records updated.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable end of the Term.

Mr Matthew White
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

STUDENT ABSENCES

Please notify the school using one of the following methods

SMS – 0417 932 820

EMAIL – waroona.dhs@education.wa.edu.au

PHONE 08 9782 7000

SICKNESS | APPOINTMENTS | OTHER ABSENCES



Primary Deputy

Term 4 is well under way and promises to be as action-packed as ever. *Swimming lessons* for Pre-Primary to Year 6 have commenced and these will lead into our Faction Swimming Carnival which is being held on Friday 22nd November and the Interschool Swimming Carnival for primary students on Friday 29th November, this year is will be hosted by St Josephs.



We will be holding the *2025 Faction Captains and Student Councillor speeches* on Friday 8th November. Any current Year 5 student can put there name forward to be a 2025 Student Leader. They will have to deliver a speech on this day to encourage their peers to vote for them.

On Monday 11th November our students from Year 3 to Year 7 and our High School Student Leaders will walk to the War Memorial to participate in the *Town Remembrance Day Service*. Our Head Councillors Luis Yldeso and Doug Scott, as well as Matt Larkman will be involved in the ceremony.

The *Year 6 Camp* this year will be held between Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th December in Dwellingup. Students will be involved in team building activities as well as exciting challenges like raft building. We wish them well on this once in a lifetime big event!

My favourite event, the *Christmas Concert*. This will be held on Monday 9th December at 6:30pm. Students will dance and sing Christmas songs while I try to deliver some of the worst Christmas jokes you will ever hear! This is a great chance for our community to get together in a picnic-like setting. The Waroona Lions Club will once again be feeding us on the night!

Have a great lead up to the end of the year!

Mr Carl Carulli
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Secondary Deputy

Some of our Year 9 & 10 students spent week 3 in the Great Southern region as part of their Bushranger program and attended a camp in Walpole. They engaged in a variety of activities ranging from environmental river cruises in Albany to bushwalking at Mount Frankland, swimming and surfing lessons and volunteer work with Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attraction. Feedback from staff was extremely positive, with one staff member saying, "That was the best camp ever and the students were awesome". Well done to the students on showing the staff and community what wonderful young adults you have become.



Attendance continues to be 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 part to keeping a job. I encourage parents and caregivers to support their child by ensuring they regularly attend school. Staff are preparing for a super end of year reward for those students that meet our behaviours standards and maintain their attendance above 90%.

On Thursday 14th November the school will be holding an *Orientation Day and Information Session* for year 7 students attending Waroona District High School in 2025. All current students in Year 6, plus our new enrolments will engage in activities with our High School staff and students. At 3.15pm parents and students will be provided with an opportunity to attend a one-hour information session outlining Year 7 for 2025. High school staff will be in attendance.

Mr David Mattin
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Waroona District High School

YEAR 7 ORIENTATION

Join us to meet our high school teachers & learn about your upcoming year in 2025.

14th November 2024
Students - 8:50am to 3:00pm
Parents - 3:10pm to 4:00pm

If your child does not currently attend Waroona DHS please register your interest on 9782 7000 or waroona.dhs@education.wa.edu.au



ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

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

Year 1	Aisha Pell			
Year 2	Chloe Fardella			
Year 3	Tegan Waller	Addison McGregor		
Year 4				
Year 5	Evelyn Howlett	Aiva Coles		
Year 6	Jacob Griffiths	Annabelle Webster	Chloe Rico	Emily Stone
Year 7	Heath Collyer	Chelsee Dittmann	Isla Fardella	Mackenzie Stokes
Year 8	Carlo Spatara			
Year 9	Liam Young Blakely Slack	Cody Horstman Lilah Sander	James Winter	Brenton Payne
Year 10	Datyn Williams	Riley Gilbert		

MALPA



Students who are part of our MALPA programme recently went on an excursion to our local Waroona Police Station



COMMUNITY NEWS

2024 Waroona Community Christmas Hampers

Applications are now open for Waroona residents to apply for a Christmas Hamper

Christmas food hampers are available to assist families & individuals who are finding it difficult to manage financially over the Christmas period

Application forms are available from Waroona Family Support Service as well as St Vincent de Paul, both who are located at the Waroona Community Resource Centre

Applications are open to Waroona residents only (this area covers Preston Beach & Lake Clifton)

Hampers numbers are limited

Applications close 4pm Monday 2nd December 2024

All information is private & confidential

Contact 08 9733 2903 or mobile 0490 300 994 for further information



IMPOR TANT DATES

Monday 4 November
School Development Day
Students DO NOT attend

Thursday 14 November
Year 7 Orientation Day

Monday 25 November
Monday 2 December &
Monday 9 December
2025 Kindy Orientation

Monday 2 December
Presentation Day

Wednesday 4 December to
Friday 6 December
Year 6 Camp

Monday 9 December
Christmas Concert

Wednesday 11 December
Graduation Day Year 6 & 10
Students

Thursday 12 December
Last day of school 2024