



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kaya,

Welcome to the first edition of the school newsletter for 2025. We have had an amazing start to the year. I want to thank our staff, students and families for fostering such a great start. We are all very excited for a very positive year of learning and enjoyment ahead of us. I have loved hearing about your children's holiday adventures on my visits to classrooms over the last few weeks. Thank you to our families for all the hard work at home helping your children be ready for the new school year to begin, with their uniforms, lunches and booklist items.



We start the year with 292 students at Waroona District High School from Kindergarten to Year 10. A special welcome to all our Kindergarten families. We know starting school can be daunting (more so for parents), but we are all here to help. The kindergarten students have settled beautifully and they are already enjoying their time at school and developing friendships and learning behaviours that we hope will last a lifetime. Welcome also to those families and students who have joined us in other year groups across the school.

I want to say a big thank you to Mrs Bradbury and Miss Bonner for running the sausage sizzle for the Meet and Greet last Monday. It was wonderful to see so many of our school community take part and I enjoyed greeting students and families at the event and helping our new and returning families to feel welcome to our school.

Waroona District High School welcomes new teachers:

- Miss Loughton (Year 4)
- Mr Reynolds (Year 6)
- Mrs Zappia (Year 3 & Primary Science)
- Mrs Caratti (Physical Education & Health)
- Miss Rhodes (Secondary Science)

The Department of Education is rolling out a new database for school management called Program Kaartdijin. Waroona District High School is scheduled to move onto this new software at the start of Term Two. Families are likely to see some differences, especially with our text messaging service from the beginning of Term Two onwards.

Finally, can I remind families that students should not arrive at school earlier than 8.30am. Before this time teachers are preparing for the school day and are not available to provide safe and proper supervision of students.

Mr Gareth Smith
PRINCIPAL

FROM THE DEPUTIES

Whole School Initiatives Deputy

Hello everyone and welcome back to what promises to be a big year at Waroona District High School in 2025. Students have settled in quickly to their classes and this has enabled staff to get on with the business of teaching and learning swiftly and efficiently. Term One is always a busy one with many different events including NAPLAN taking place. These tests provide valuable insight into the development of students at our school, as well as provide useful information about the teaching and learning cycle of our school. Waroona DHS strives to be data driven and student focused, NAPLAN enables the school to have the information that drives that direction.



Student attendance is also a big focus for the school and in 2025 we aim to have an even better year than last year. Our attendance numbers for 2024 were strong and we were above 'Like Schools' and 'WA Public Schools' in several categories. We would however, like to continue this momentum and move above state average for all categories of attendance. We know as a school and community that one of the single biggest drivers of success at school is attendance, numerous

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studies have shown that missing one day a week can have a severe effect on the long-term development of student learning, so attending as much as possible is very important. To encourage attendance, we will be holding our termly attendance lunch for Term One early next term and attendance will be linked to events like PBS rewards and school events.

Our Student Leadership Team is already hard at work planning some of these events. They have had meetings and have some excellent ideas of ways in which they can involve students and the community in the school. I would like to wish everyone the best of luck for the remainder of the term and to continue with the great start to the year we have already had.

Mr Matthew White
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Primary Deputy

2025 has begun smoothly with an energetic feeling within primary classrooms. Teachers and assistants have ensured that their classrooms are well set up and are a welcoming environment for students and their families.



I would like to personally welcome our four new staff in the primary area. Mr Reynolds has moved from Leinster District High School to take charge of our Year 6 class. Miss Loughton is well known to us and she now fronts the Year 4 class. Mrs Zappia is our Primary Science teacher on most days and also has Friday in the Year 3 class. Finally, Mrs Burgoyne officially joins our Education Assistant team! They have all made a terrific start to their time at our school.

A big welcome to our many new primary students. Our school continues to grow, and we hope that these students find their new school a safe, friendly and fun place to learn.

Just a reminder that **NAPLAN** testing starts on Wednesday 12 March. This test helps to gauge how your child's learning is progressing and gives our school a clear picture as to the success of our teaching programs. Please help us to have students well prepared by ensuring our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students are well rested and equally well fed for the day ahead!

Term 1 is a **No Hat, No Play** term. Please check your child's bag each morning to ensure they have a hat for the day!

Let's have a great year!

Mr Carl Carulli
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Secondary Deputy

Our high school students have returned from their summer holidays and have gone straight into working hard, asking questions, whilst demonstrating many of the school's "CARES" expectations. It is wonderful to see so many students taking their High School studies seriously.



The Year 7 students attended a 'Team Skills' Bush Rangers excursion in the second week of the term. They headed up the hill to our local camp school at Forrest Edge. It was a fantastic opportunity for all students to get to know each other. I had the opportunity to watch a group construct 'Billy Karts' whilst the others were trying to climb to the top of the hall ceiling, using milk crates. An enjoyable day had by all.

Each year we ask parents and carers to work with their children to familiarise themselves with the online 'Connect' system. I again encourage you to engage with your child and the Connect system as teachers have placed substantial amounts of their curriculum material online on the Connect system. High school students that have their own devices will have a seamless transition to and from school. I have added a link to JB Hi-fi who have devices available to support your child's technology requirements.

<https://byod.jbhifi.education/>

Password - WDHSBYOD25

Our high school students will have the opportunity to attend a reward later in the term as part of the Positive Behaviour School (PBS) rewards program. All that a student needs to do is have a 90% or above attendance rate and have good standing before the cut-off date. We expect the vast majority to achieve that target and enjoy an afternoon outside the school classroom.



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

ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

The following students received merits at our first assembly this term:

Year 1	Kaide O’Neile-Jeffries			
Year 2	Aisha Pell	Neicey O’Neile-Jeffries	Cayden Geary	Hunter Miller
Year 3	Kobi Waldon	Olivia Miles		
Year 4	Ally Melling	Jack Lee		
Year 5	Steele Clarke	Rosie Neal	Rylan van Hinsberg	Ruby-Rose Johnson
Year 6	Nakita Hersey	Oliver Angel		
Year 7	Jaxx Casella	Lilly Wilcox		
Year 8	Kaisha Lloyd	Leah Prosser		
Year 9	Lilly Barnes	Akasha Fardella		
Year 10	Eli Kelly			

P&C INFORMATION

Welcome back to another fabulous year here at Waroona District High School. Our P&C has great things planned for this year, so please follow us on our social media page to stay up to date with all the latest things happening, especially canteen specials. Sandy is super excited to be back making yummy food for all the kids.

We are having a meeting in Week 6 of this term (date and time to be confirmed, this will be advertised on our Facebook Page) and encourage all new parents or people that just want to learn more to come along and see what we do.

If you wish to volunteer time in the canteen please message us.



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Secondary Assistance Scheme

Years 7 to 12 you may be eligible for up to:

\$535

towards school expenses

If you hold a:

- Centrelink Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card.

Applications close 11 April 2025

Ask School Reception for more information.

Career Conversations

Pathways and opportunities 2025

Preparing young people for the many pathways and opportunities available.

Information session for parents and students
Harvey
Harvey Recreation & Cultural Centre
Tom Latch Drive, Harvey
Wednesday 19 March 2025 • 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm



DEADLY CHEF

We are lucky to receive funding and support from Murdoch University with the Deadly Chef Programme being run at Waroona DHS again in 2025.

Students take part in a nutrition and cooking programme run by Mrs Smith and Ms Bonner each week.

Here are some of our Year 5 students cooking up a storm, this time in our Home Economics Room.

School Photo's Thursday

3 April 2025

Information and details on how you can purchase your child's photo will be provided closer to the date.



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**Waroona Integrated
Speech and Hearing in
Education program**



We are grateful for the generous support and partnership of ALCOA and TSH in providing our students at Waroona District High School with an additional 3 years of support in our Waroona Integrated Speech and Hearing in Education (WIHED) program.

This program provides free in school screen clinics, audiology assessments, speech & language screenings, speech assessments and weekly individual and group therapy for Kindergarten to Year 1 students.

Being able to offer this program at school offers more timely intervention for our students and families, also removing the need for families to travel for speech and hearing services.

**Parent / Teacher / Student
Afternoon Meetings
Monday 7 April**

**Last day of Term 1
Friday 11 April 2025
First day of Term 2
Tuesday 29 April 2025**