



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kaya,

Welcome to the second edition of the Waroona District High School Newsletter for Term 1, 2025! It's hard to believe that we're already a quarter of the way through the year. This term has been incredibly busy, but it's also gone very smoothly, and we're excited to continue this positive momentum for the rest of the year.



Online Safety

Online safety is a significant concern for parents and educators worldwide, and the issue has gained even more attention recently due to new government legislation in Australia, along with various television programs and movies that highlight its importance.

To support parents in navigating this complex issue, we encourage you to visit the Australian government's E-Safety Commissioner website (www.esafety.gov.au). It offers a wealth of information, resources, and guidance for parents, educators, and children alike.

Many of us find it difficult to identify the best way to introduce technology to our children at home. Many parents acknowledge the negative impacts of screen time and bemoan its pitfalls but also understand that comprehension of the digital world around us is an important part of a child's learning. The website also has a section to help parents navigate these questions.

Though there's no definitive answer on the ideal age for introducing personal devices, it's important to note that the Australian government plans to formalize a bill later this year that will restrict children under 16 from accessing social media. Moreover, research suggests that delaying the introduction of personal mobile devices can have significant benefits for children's development.

At Waroona District High School, we are committed to ensuring our students receive ongoing education about online safety. This is an integral part of both our Health and Digital Technologies curriculums. We believe it is crucial to equip our students with the knowledge and skills to navigate the online world safely and responsibly.

Attendance SMS

From Term 2 Waroona District High School is starting a phased transition to a new database for all school information. This will mean that all Attendance SMS messages will come from a new contact **WaroonaDHS**. The new system will notify parents, guardians and caregivers of unexplained absences or late arrivals and the old SMS number will be discontinued when this occurs.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

It was fantastic to see so many of you at our parent/caregiver/teacher interview afternoon last week. If you missed the interview afternoon and would like to discuss anything about 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.

Before School

Finally, can I remind families that students should not arrive to 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.

I wish you a safe and happy holiday.

Mr Gareth Smith
PRINCIPAL

First day of Term 2:

Tuesday 29 April 2025

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FROM THE DEPUTIES

Whole School Initiatives Deputy

Hello everyone and congratulations on getting through what has been a very busy term. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 have been hard at work completing their NAPLAN Tests for 2025. These tests provide valuable insight into the development of students at our school, as well as provide useful data points for staff to explore as part of our continuous improvement agenda. Students in Years 4, 6 and 8 will be taking part in online testing set up by the school for Maths, Spelling and Grammar, this provides important information around areas of strength and weakness that can be further targeted.



In terms of attendance, we have had a strong return to 2025. Currently we have an overall attendance rate of 86.6%, as a school we would love to get that target over 90%, so please remember that everyday counts and get to school. We are also very pleased that we have 64.4% of our students attending 90% of the time or more, these students will be recognised at an attendance lunch early in Term 2. I am also pleased to say that at the time of writing, we had 49 students out of our 293 that have attended school every day this term – 100% attendance. Well done to those students. Numerous 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.

On Thursday 10th April our Student Leadership Group held a free dress day to raise money for Radio Lollipop for a gold coin donation. This raised \$234 that we will arrange to be sent to Radio Lollipop in the near future. Well done to all.

Term 2 also looks like being a busy one with many different activities for students. I know that the Student Leadership Group is hard at work planning the High School Dance and Primary School Disco. With so much being achieved in Term 1 I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and a restful school holiday. See you in Term 2.

Mr Matthew White
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Primary Deputy

At the conclusion of Term 1 2025, I would like to reflect on the fantastic work that has been achieved in the last ten weeks. Any trip into the Primary School classes is greeted by a hive of activity and a clear focus on instruction. Students who require extra support are receiving this from several Education Assistants, our Telethon Speech and Hearing Team or the Story Dogs Ladies! Parents can be assured their child is receiving a quality education.



Our annual ANZAC Day Ceremony was held on today, Friday 11th April at 9am. It was successfully run by our Student Leadership Group. A job well done!

Students who attended school more than 90% of the time and behaved appropriately were rewarded with a Good Standing Reward. This Term students in K-3 were able to access a Petting Zoo and students in Years 4-10 had an Amusement Arcade. Next Term's reward will include access to the Primary Disco for Primary Students. Please support your child's learning by ensuring they attend every day.

Mr Carl Carulli
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Secondary Deputy

It is extremely rewarding as an administrator to see the commitment students are showing when I have visited classrooms this term; students are listening, engaging in activities, and working hard to do their absolute best. This positive attitude when applied in this consistent manner will only result in better grades for the students. I witnessed this last year, and the school produced some excellent academic results that we're immensely proud of. Now the **challenge** is to keep up the effort for the rest of the year and continue to **Aspire** to do your best.



The school recently sent via "Connect" student Progress Reports giving parents a snapshot on their child's progress so far this year. Parent/Caregiver/Teacher meetings have taken place providing an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and plan for the rest of the year. If you were unable to attend these meetings or at any time you have concerns, please feel free to discuss any issue with your child's classroom teacher, just simply ring and book an appointment.



The Year 7 and 9 students have completed their NAPLAN this term and reports back from their teachers is that they have done their very best. For some Year 9 students this may mean they will prequalify for the OLNA and thus not have to sit the tests in Years 10, 11 or 12. Results for NAPLAN are expected to be provided next term.

The Year 7-10 students that qualified for the end of term reward experienced a fun filled session playing a variety of electronic and traditional arcade games on Tuesday 8 April 2025. We have encouraged students to attend 90% or more of the time and ensure they demonstrate acceptable classroom behaviour. Congratulations to the vast majority that were offered the reward afternoon. Next Term's reward will include access to the School Dance for High School Students.

Week 2 next term will see the Year 8 & 9 students head off to Gracetown for the week on a Bush Rangers Camp. There are some amazing activities booked so keep an eye out on the school's social media to see what our students get up to.

I would like to wish all our school community an enjoyable and safe Easter and mid-semester break.

Mr David Mattin
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

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

Year 1	Liam Brett	Lilly Whitehead	Evie Fitzpatrick	Georgia Miller
Year 2	Neicey O'Neile-Jeffries Orlin Valler	Olyver MacDonald Selina Beznoska	Lachlan Weil Thomas Ellis	Archie Vuletic
Year 3	Ragnar Valler Georgia Lees	Sophia Leppard AJ Harbour	Michael Clarke	Harry Grant
Year 4	Aria Stanton Amara Manley	Jace Wordley	Leilani Lomani	Levi Burgoyne
Year 5	Misha Rico Lilly Dryburgh	Baylen Thomas Jack O'Neile-Jeffries	Lilah Woods Ruby-Rose Johnson	Jason Mohamad
Year 6	Annalee Miles Zayden Thomas	Cavalli Dias	Kelsey Smith	Margaret Mendoza
Year 7	Emmy Spatara (x2) David Winter Bayden Licciardello	Imogen Alexander Tyler Butler Riley Horstman	Annebelle Webster Dominick Rutherford (x2)	Chloe Lunamaria Rico Archie Slack
Year 8	Jaxon Wyatt Isla Fardella	Ryot Wall Braxton Styles	Tallon Thomas Oliver Wilcox	Lucas Birch Chad Paterson
Year 9	Max Woodford Noah Anderson	Zebastian Tredgett (x2)	Akasha Fardella	Kynan Stokes
Year 10	Mickayla Buckley Lucas Dupreez	Tahlia Clements	Chace Tredgett	Brenton Payne

P&C INFORMATION

The P&C hope everyone has had a great first term back at Waroona DHS for 2025 with the canteen up and running again thanks to our wonderful volunteers. Please note next terms menu will have some slight price increases but overall will still be an affordable option for our kids.

The Uniform Shop is still after second hand donations, so please if you have any, hand them into the front office. We are open the first 4 weeks of term then every second week there after.

Our AGM will be held sometime early in term 2, so if you are interested in joining the P&C or just want to lend a helping hand where needed please contact us via our Facebook page.



Waroona District High School Celebrates Pi Day!

On March 14th, our school had an amazing time celebrating Pi Day! 🏠🍰 The day kicked off with the whole school singing a spirited "Happy Pi Day" song, bringing smiles to everyone's faces (especially Mrs King).

We also hosted a Maths Joke Competition – here's one of them...

Why is $10 + 10$ the same as $11 + 11$?

Because $10 + 10$ is twenty and $11 + 11$ is twenty-two

The winners were:

Year 4 – Addison

Year 5 – Nevaeh

Year 6 – Archer

Year 8 – Jean

Year 9 – Darren

Year 10 – Aidan

One of the highlights was the Pi Memory Challenge, where students competed to remember the most digits of Pi. We were blown away when a Year 10 student remembered a whopping 60 digits! 🤯💡

The fun didn't stop there – Year 7 to 10 students who remembered the most digits got to enjoy a Pie Smash! 🎯🍰

Later that evening, a team of 6 brilliant students travelled to Mandurah Catholic College to compete in the challenging "Have Sum Fun Maths Competition". Their teamwork and enthusiasm were inspiring! 🧠👏

What a fantastic day to celebrate Maths and the fun side of learning!



Good Standing Reward for students





Community News

YOUTH WEEK 2025



TUESDAY 15 APRIL 2025
WAROONA RECREATION CENTRE
10AM - 12PM

Inviting all young people - join us for a morning of fun and creativity!

Race your mates on the giant inflatable obstacle course, challenge them on the gladiator duel, or have a go of the lawn games while you wait.

Join some of our talented local artists and express your creativity in the variety of art activities on offer.

Morning snacks and refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact the Shire on 9733 7800.



waroona.wa.gov.au/events

#TOGETHERWESTRIKE

HOME GAME

LIGHTNING vs DEMONS

06 JUNE 2025 | **MARC SHOW CRT 1** | **21s - 6.30pm**
Opens - 8.15pm

PEEL LIGHTNING | **WANL** | **Alcoa** | **apex** | **Community Bank** | **Sandigo Bank** | **NEW SOUTH WALES** | **BA** | **THUNDER**

PEEL REGIONAL JUNIOR CLINIC

WHERE: Mandurah Baptist College, Catalina Dr, Lakelands WA 6180

WHEN: Saturday May 3rd 2025

TIMES:
Junior Girls 9:30 - 12:30 pm
Junior Boys 1:00 - 4:00 pm

COST: \$60

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To be eligible, you need to meet all of these requirements:



18 years or older



A regular income (you or your partner)



Attend free online financial education workshops



Are studying yourself or have a child at school, or starting next year



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Career Conversations

Pathways and opportunities 2025

Preparing young people
for the many pathways and
opportunities available.

Information session for parents and students
Pinjarra

Pinjarra Senior High School Performing Arts Centre
16 McLarty Road, Pinjarra
Thursday 1 May 2025 • 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Special Visitor

Yesterday our friendly staff at the front office allowed the EB to make an early special visit to our Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students.

Can you imagine the excitement!



DRAKESBROOK CROQUET CLUB OPEN DAY

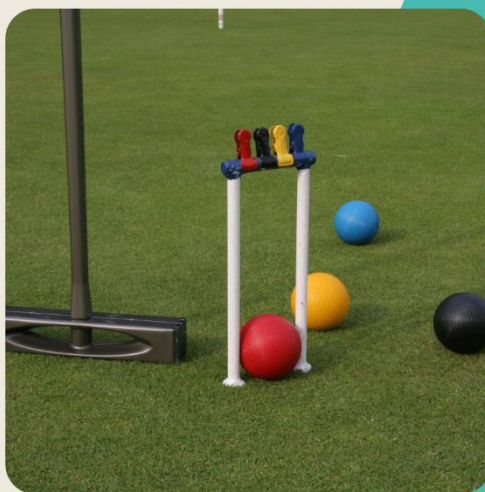
Saturday, 10 May 2025
10am to 2pm

Skills games, coaching
and a chance to play a
game of golf croquet.

Equipment is provided.

There are no age
restrictions. It's a fun
family game.

We will be located on
the Waroona Football
grounds in the
Northeast Corner



ALL ARE WELCOME

