

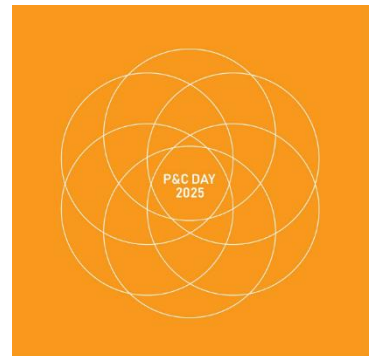


FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kaya,

Welcome to the first edition of the school newsletter for Term 2 2025.

Our band of Parent and Citizen (P&C) Association volunteers do a fantastic job and are often working hard in the background to raise funds and support the work of the school and, by extension, the Waroona community. Their volunteer work includes opening and running our school canteen two days a week and running our very own uniform shop that assists in keeping costs down for our families and school community. Today (Friday 23 May 2025) is P&C Day. P&C Day is an annual event to celebrate and thank P&C's, recognising them for the valuable contributions they make and fostering community involvement, supporting school activities and raising funds for essential resources. I would like to thank the amazing volunteers from our P&C for all the work they do for us at Waroona DHS. If you are interested in joining the P&C, please contact them or the school administration.



Thank you again to families for your ongoing support in notifying the school of your child's absence. We are continuing to see a reduction in unexplained absences. With the introduction of our new SMS system and a link for parents to use to explain absences, we are hoping this will improve further. If you have not already done so, I suggest you delete our old SMS number 0417 932 820, as this service ceased on 19th May and is no longer used.

One of the most powerful ingredients in a child's success is a strong partnership between home and school. As educators, we know that when families and schools work together, it supports students to thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

At Waroona DHS, we are committed to building meaningful relationships with parents and guardians. Communication is key, whether it's through parent-teacher afternoons, Connect notifications, emails, phone calls, or quick chats at the classroom door. Staying connected helps us understand and support each student more effectively. We want you to feel informed, involved, and heard. You know your child better than anyone else and your insights help us support them in more meaningful ways. We encourage you to reach out with questions, attend school events and engage with your child's learning. Your involvement sends a strong message that education is a shared priority. Research suggests children build more confidence when home and school are on the same page.

Finally, the 2024 School Annual Report will be sent home to families soon. It focuses on the amazing successes we have had over the 2024 school year - successes we are building upon this year.

I wish you all a safe and happy Term 2.

Mr Gareth Smith

PRINCIPAL

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Monday 2nd June – Public Holiday – Western Australia Day

Friday 20th June – Primary Disco

Friday 27th June – Secondary School Dance

Friday 4th July – Last Day of Term 2

Please note : Term Planners are available to view on our website.

CONSIDERATE

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FROM THE DEPUTIES

Whole School Initiatives Deputy



Hello everyone and welcome back to what has been a very busy start to Term 2. Students have been progressing well through their lessons, and it is great to see the level of growth and improvement with their studies. Students in Year 4, 6 and 8 will be completing what we call 'Off years testing' over the next few weeks to complement the data that we are starting to receive from NAPLAN. This information forms a vital part in the cycle of learning and assessment which informs teaching practise.

The start to the term has been especially busy for our Year 8 and 9 students who attended our Bush Rangers camp at Gracetown and the South West in Week 2. Bush Rangers is a fantastic program that all of our High School students take part in, developing different skills such as first aid, bushcraft, wildlife conservation and team building. As part of the Year 8 and 9 camp this year, students took part in Aboriginal Cultural Studies, canoeing, surfing and exploring some of the amazing caves we have in the South West. All the staff and students had a fantastic time and look forward to the next camp.

Closer to home, students who attended 90% or more in Term 1 were treated to a cheeseburger for lunch on Tuesday of Week 3, organised and cooked by our Year 10 Hospitality Certificate students. These rewards occur every term and highlight the efforts of students coming every day. A reminder to all that attendance counts and the rewards at the end of the term, the Primary School Disco and High School Dance, take attendance into consideration to get an invite.

Lastly, in Week 10 this term we will be holding the Schools NAIDOC Week. A range of different events and activities are planned for the week. Stay tuned for information and photos of the many wonderful experiences.

Mr Matthew White
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Primary Deputy



Hi Waroona

Term 2 will be a busy period for the Primary School with several events planned for the weeks ahead:

Winter Sports kicked off today (Friday 23rd May). Students in Year 5 and 6, with half of the Year 4 group, walked down to the town oval to participate in Football, Soccer, T-Ball and Volleyball games against St Josephs and St Annes. A second round will then take place on June 6th at the Harvey Recreation Oval where the remaining half of the Year 4 students will be invited.

On Wednesday 21st May the Primary School participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime. National Simultaneous Storytime is organized by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) and aims to celebrate the joy of reading. For 2025, the chosen book is 'The Truck Cat', written by Deborah Frenkel and illustrated by Danny Snell. This heartwarming story explores themes of immigration, identity and the search for home through the adventures of Tinka, a cat who travels with his human, Yacoub, in a truck. The narrative highlights the bond between them and their journey to find each other after being separated.

This year the Primary Disco will be held on Friday 20th June. There will be two sessions, a K-3 session and a 3-6 session. All money raised will go towards subsidising the Year 6 Camp to Point Walter in Term 4. To attend the Disco, students must have maintained their Good Standing of 90% + attendance for the Term and good behaviour.

Term 2 will end with an appreciation of NAIDOC Week with a number of fun activities planned during the 5 days.

An eventful term ahead! Stay safe!

Mr Carl Carulli
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL





Secondary Deputy



The school calendar is once again full of interesting events for the High School students to participate in. The Year 7 Bushrangers were at Bandicoot Reserve last week gaining a better understanding about the native flora and fauna in the area. Our Year 8 and 9 students were at Gracetown in Week 2, caving, surfing, bushwalking and completing environmental work in the area. The School Dance will take place on June 27th and our Country Week teams are beginning their training this term. A busy term for those students engaging in the extra activities. Last weekend our Pedal Prix teams competed at Wanneroo Kart Track in their first race for the season. Our new team showed great promise by finishing fourth in the open category. Now they have gained valuable experience they will move to a high school category for the next races. Our middle school team pedalled long and hard all day finishing first in Race One and second in Race Two. Overall, they pedalled further than any other team in the category and were declared the winners for this group. An impressive effort as they have been trying for a number of years to win this category.

The school has received basic data from the NAPLAN testing that took place in Term One. We are pleased with the results and expect that a number of Year 9 students will prequalify for their ONLA and thus not have to sit the Year 10 testing. The Year 10 OLNA first round will take place during week eight of this term.

Mr David Mattin
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Pedal Prix

PERTH PEDAL PRIX
18th May / Wanneroo

Ascot
Rotary

S2 RACE WINNERS

Race 1	Race 2
	
Wirn Waroona DHS Overall category winner	Wave Attack Living Waters

5 YEARS



Did you hear the news we didn't only have a podium win, Waroona Wirn (Spirit) came **FIRST** in the first race of the season, a fabulous achievement. Our second team Waroona Djinda (Star) who competed in an open competition that included adults managed a 4th position – we can't wait to place you in your age group category in the next race.

The next race will be held in Yanchep in June.





ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

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

Year 1	Memphis Smith	Ruby-Lee Clarke	Connor Lees	
Year 2	Harlow McDerment	Leo Poultney (x2)		
Year 3	Hadlee Bombara	Violet English		
Year 4	Ruby Waldon	Addison McGregor		
Year 5	Quinn Bombara	Isabelle Sweeney	Mia Baker	Steele Clarke
Year 6	Aiva Coles	Hazzel Waide	Brennel Tressider	Evelyn Howlett
Year 7	Chloe Rico (x2)	Millie Gill	Bayden Licciardello	Kaitlyn Walker
Year 8	Riley Watts	Lucas Birch	Mitchell Hersey	
Year 9				
Year 10	Blakely Slack	Zac Lloyd	Chase Tredgett	Cortney Weil

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
Wednesday 30 July 2025 • 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm



The WA Student Assistance Payment

Helping you get the things you need for your kids.

\$150

For each Kindergarten and primary school student

\$250

For each secondary school student

To help ease cost-of-living pressures on families with school-aged children, a second round of the WA Student Assistance Payment is now available.

This payment is to help you get the things you need for your kids. From new school shoes, backpacks and sports equipment to uniforms, healthy meals, school excursions and more.

Claim now

Claim through the ServiceWA app or visit education.wa.edu.au/wasap for other claim methods.

What you need

Each student's 8-digit WA student number (WASN).

You'll find it on:

- school reports
- previous NAPLAN results
- secondary student's SmartRider

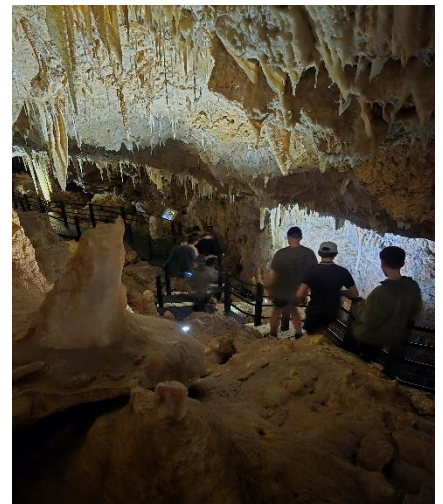
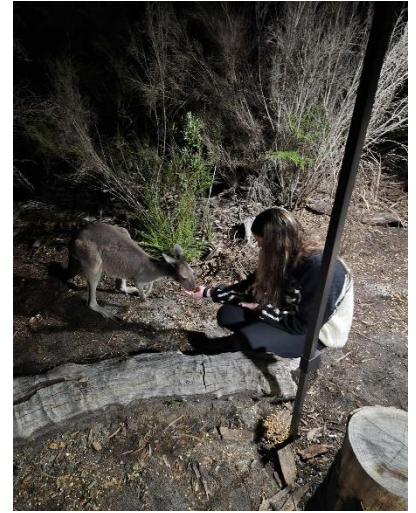
If you cannot locate the WASN, contact your school for assistance.

Claims close Friday 4 July 2025





Bush Rangers – Gracetown





Community News




Parenting
Connection

Protective Behaviour Workshop

A FREE session providing parents & carers with the tools to support the development of protective behaviours in children

- Teach your children the skills that will help them to respond to unsafe situations
- Understand your child's needs for safety and security
- Help your children to communicate openly with trusted adults
- Start a conversation about online safety

No cost. Booking essential.

Bookings: [PCWA PB Bindjareb AM](#)

Phone: 08 9581 0581/ 0402 517 389

Email: Peel.pcwa@anglicarewa.org.au

Wednesday 11 June 2025

AM Session – 10am – 12pm

PM Session – 7pm – 9pm

Free Zoom Meeting

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Shaping the future



Free online parent workshops

Term 2, 2025 Calendar

Facilitated by school psychologist consultants with the Department of Education WA

The Triple P and Child and Parent Centre teams are excited to offer a series of free workshops for families, hosted live online.

What is Triple P?

The Triple P - Positive Parenting Program gives parents and carers ideas and strategies to help their child develop the skills and behaviours they need for a healthy childhood. To learn more about Triple P, visit the [Education in WA](#) website. If you would like to register for face-to-face workshops, please visit the [Triple P in WA](#) website and search for upcoming sessions by location. Parents can also access a range of Triple P Online programs for free.

What is a Child and Parent Centre?

Child and Parent Centres support families across WA through a range of early learning programs, maternal and health services, and child support activities. Visit [Child and Parent Centres Western Australia](#) to view centre locations and enquire about programs.

How to register

Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register for a workshop in the series. You will receive email confirmation and a link to join, with a reminder prior to the workshop. We would recommend downloading the [Webex app](#) ahead of the workshop for the best experience. Please note that these webinars are unable to be recorded.



devices. This workshop will help you set rules and appropriate limits to encourage responsible, safe use of these evolving opportunities.	Monday 19th May 8.00pm – 10.00pm Power Hour: Lunchtime Session (a condensed, impactful session designed for lunchtime learning) Monday 26th May 12.00pm – 1.00pm Monday 23rd June 8.00pm – 10.00pm Wednesday 4th June 8.00pm – 10.00pm Thursday 26th June 7.00pm – 9.30pm
Learning to use the toilet (toddlers and pre-schoolers) Teaching children to use the toilet independently can be challenging for parents. This workshop will provide tips on when your child may be ready, the skills needed to use the toilet, and some common behavioural issues related to using the toilet. This workshop is suitable for parents of children with neurotypical development and does not address any medical problems related to using the toilet.	
Raising confident, competent children (under 12 years) Children are more likely to be confident, succeed at school and get along with others when they develop certain life skills. These life skills include being respectful and considerate, communicating well with others, thinking positively and having healthy self-esteem, being a good problem solver, and becoming independent and able to do things for themselves. This workshop will provide ideas on how to help children learn these important life skills and become confident and competent individuals.	
Fear-Less: Supporting children with anxiety (6-14 years) Everyone feels anxious at times, even children and teenagers. But anxiety may cause distress and get in the way of life. This seminar will help parents to understand how anxiety works, how to manage your child's anxiety effectively and teach your child new coping skills.	

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