



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kaya,

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

As a school, we continue to focus on upgrades that enhance the learning environment for our students. Over the next few weeks, eight more interactive TVs will be installed, ensuring that every classroom across the school (including specialist rooms) have access to this valuable teaching and learning tool. In addition, we have upgraded our PA system, bringing it into the modern era and adding extra speakers to improve coverage throughout the school.

While I mentioned this in a Term One newsletter, it's timely to remind families that on December 10th, the Australian Government's new social media restrictions for children under 16 will come into effect. Online safety remains a significant concern for parents and educators worldwide, with growing evidence of the negative impacts social media access can have on children. With these restrictions soon to be implemented, I'd like to share a useful link to the eSafety Commissioner's website for more information about the upcoming changes:

[Social media age restrictions and your family | eSafety Commissioner](#)

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

Finally, towards the end of the term, you will receive your child's Semester Two report. Please note that there will be some changes to the structure of the comments for High School students. These adjustments have been made in response to feedback on the initial changes introduced last year, following clarification from the Department of Education regarding reporting requirements.

Kind regards,

Mr Gareth Smith
PRINCIPAL

Term 4 Finishes
Thursday 18 December

Last Bell 3:00pm

FROM THE DEPUTIES

Whole School Initiatives Deputy

Hello everyone,

Welcome back to the final term for 2025. 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, and it aims to help us as a school develop the whole child.

With this in mind, students will be enjoying a number of activities towards the end of the year to reward their efforts throughout 2025. Today, students enjoyed a lunch made by the Year 10 Hospitality students for attending 90% or better in Term 3. Students across the school will also enjoy a number of PBS rewards to target behaviour and attendance throughout Term 4. As the term and the year closes, students will be continuing to practise and learn new skills and concepts. This will form the basis of their report that will go home at the end of Term 4. 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 some classrooms.

I would like to thank everyone for what has been a successful year of Teaching and Learning and look forward to what 2026 hold.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable end of the term.

Mr Matthew White
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



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Primary Deputy

Term four has started with a flurry, including a number of events involving the Primary School students.

Our Telethon Loud Shirt Day was a huge success, raising over \$370 for the Telethon Speech and Hearing team. We are so incredibly fortunate to have access to this program given our distance from Perth. Young students who may have had to wait years for speech therapy help, can access these services within weeks of enrolling at our school.

The Year 6 Camp was fantastic! The students behaved magnificently and were able to challenge themselves with a number of outdoor activities, such as abseiling. A big thank you to Mr Reynolds, Miss Sherlock, Mr V and Mrs Caratti for giving up their normal lives for this group. Also, great job Mrs Baker for your efforts as the parent helper!

Congratulations to the P&C for a well organised Fun Run which has raised a significant amount of money to put towards upgrading play equipment. The cooler weather did not dampen students' enthusiasm to be involved!

Swimming lessons conclude this week and students at Stage 5 or better in Year 4 to Year 6 will be invited to participate in our School Faction Swimming Carnival on Friday 28th November.

A reminder to provide your child with a hat during this term. Our **No Hat – No Play in the Sun** policy is now in operation!

Finally, as this is my last newsletter for the year, I would like to wish the Waroona District High School Community all the best in the coming years. After 39 years in Education, and 22 as a Deputy at Waroona DHS, I say goodbye to this wonderful profession. I have loved my time at this beautiful school, which has been a big part of my family's life. I now look forward to new adventures in retirement (this may include golf!).

Have a great end to the year!

Mr Carl Carulli
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

No Hat
No Play in the Sun



Secondary Deputy

It is with mixed emotions that I present my final newsletter — not only for this year, but forever! Retirement has managed to sneak up on me.

Nearly 20 years ago, I first came to Waroona as the Secondary Deputy, and how time has flown. Reflecting on those years, I still remember the early days in the High School as being somewhat challenging. Over time, however, the culture of the school evolved. Student behaviour improved, mutual respect grew, academic rigour strengthened, and the reputation of our school within the wider community turned around.

I leave feeling immensely proud of the hard work and dedication of the many teachers and support staff who have guided our students over the years, helping to create a wonderful environment for learning. Walking through the grounds each day, you can feel the warmth, positivity, and encouragement that define Waroona today. Our system testing results consistently show that Waroona continues to produce some of the best outcomes in the region — an achievement we can all be proud of.

On a personal note, my wife and I plan to travel around Australia next year — hopefully reeling in a few nice fish for dinner along the way! After our travels, I look forward to spending more time with our parents, children, and grandchildren. Relief teaching will also be part of the plan, so I'm sure I'll have the pleasure of catching up with staff, students and parents again before too long.

I have been incredibly fortunate to receive such strong support from both the school and the wider community over the years, and I sincerely thank you all for that. In the next office, my colleague Carl Carulli has been on a similar journey and will also be retiring at the end of the year. I thank him for his hard work, friendship, and support and wish the Carulli family all the very best in their next chapter.

Until we meet again,

Regards

Mr David Mattin
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



GETTING READY FOR 2026

The Contributions and Charges and Personal Use Items (Student Book Lists) for 2026 are now available on our Webpage.

www.waroonadhs.wa.edu.au.

Information can be found under the heading Enrolments.



ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

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

Year 1	Tommie Ireland	Van Repia		
Year 2	Millie Ireland	Hunter Miller	Cayden Geary	Lachlan Weil
Year 3	Aria Ahmad	Annastazia Poole	Evie Nancarrow	
Year 4	Kailey Reynolds	Max Pisconeri		
Year 5	Rosie Neal	Mia Baker	Charlie Ireland	
Year 6				
Year 7	Shane Finley (x2) Byron Scally	Kaitlyn Walker Kingston Thomas	Nicholas Lee	Archie Slack
Year 8	Lucas Birch	Mackenzie Stokes		
Year 9	Kynan Stokes (x2) Kaiden Simpson	Noah Anderson Harper Bevan	Lena Steltza	Jackson Rose
Year 10	Leah Beales	Zachary Lloyd	Blakely Slack	

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, 11 November	Remembrance Day
Wednesday, 12 November	Year 7 Orientation
Thursday, 13 November	Year 10 First Aid Course
Friday, 21 November	Whole School Assembly, hosted by Year 6, Room 22
Monday, 24 November	Kindergarten Orientation
Monday, 24 November	Basketball Carnival (selected students)
Friday, 28 November	Swimming Carnival (selected students)
Monday, 8 December	Presentation Assembly
Tuesday, 9 December	PSHS Transition Day for Year 10 students
Wednesday, 10 December	PSHS Transition Day for Year 10 students
Monday, 15 December	Christmas Concert
Tuesday, 16 December	Year 10 Student Breakfast
Wednesday, 17 December	Graduation – Year 6 & Year 10 Students
Thursday, 18 December	ECE Christmas Party
Thursday, 18 December	Last day of School for 2025



P&C Fun Run





Community News

GOLF CLINIC FOR JUNIORS

Free Golf Clinic

We're looking for young people that may be interested in a coaching clinic.

We would then arrange a 9 hole Competition on a Sunday during Summer.

Please register your interest with
Veronica Fuller 0407 425 865

Waroona Golf Club
Hill Street, Waroona WA 6215

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

If your child is going to be away school, please notify the school on
9782 7000 or waroona.dhs@education.wa.edu.au

Social media age restrictions

What you need to know

From 10 December 2025 Australian young people under 16 will not be allowed to create or hold accounts on certain social media platforms.

Delaying account access allows more time for young people to build digital literacy and greater resilience.

How will it work?

Under the law, the responsibility lies with the age-restricted platforms to find and deactivate existing accounts held by under-16s and to prevent under-16s from creating new accounts.

There are no penalties for under-16s who access an age-restricted social media platform, or for their parents or carers.

Social media platforms

The age restrictions are likely to apply to **Facebook, Instagram, Kick, Reddit, Snapchat, Threads, TikTok, X, YouTube** as well as other platforms. [See the latest list.](#)

Most standalone gaming and messaging apps, as well as many services that support health and education, will not be affected by the new law.

Information and resources

Visit **eSafety's** social media age restrictions hub to find out what's happening and how to prepare.

The hub includes practical guidance for parents and carers and young people, including get-ready guides and actions plans to prepare for the change.



For more **information and resources**
to help you prepare, visit
[eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au)