



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kaya,

Welcome back to a new school year. We have had an amazing start. I want to thank our staff, students and families for fostering such a positive start.



We are in for another productive and exciting year as we build on the excellent work in classrooms and continue to develop our explicit instruction approach, supported by our teaching and learning framework and instructional coaches within the school. Additionally, further improvements and refurbishments of the school's physical environment are planned to modernise and improve the learning environment for our students and meet the needs of the growing school community.

I would like to formally welcome our new staff members to the Waroona District High School Community:

- Mrs Moore (Primary Deputy Principal)
- Miss Sjollem (Secondary Deputy Principal)
- Mr Worrell (Year 6 and High School Technologies Teacher)

Each of them brings enthusiasm, care and professionalism to their role, and we are very pleased to have them as part of our team, as we continue our journey of school improvement.

Our most recent academic data from NAPLAN indicates that the vast majority of our students are demonstrating higher levels of progress over a two-year NAPLAN cycle across most assessed areas when compared with our 'like' schools.

Particularly noteworthy is the outstanding progress in Year 3–5 Reading and Year 5–7 Numeracy across the 2023–2025 testing cycle. These results highlight the strength of our teaching programs and the sustained effort of our students.

While there are areas for continued focus, such as Year 3–5 Grammar and Punctuation and Year 7–9 Spelling, overall, Waroona DHS is performing well across the two-year NAPLAN cycle when compared with similar schools. This is an achievement that our whole school community can be proud of.

In addition, our Year 10 students have consistently achieved results above our 'like' schools in OLNA attainment. These outcomes reflect the dedication and professionalism of our staff, alongside the commitment and hard work of our students.

Throughout the year, we will continue to undertake a deeper analysis of our data to identify opportunities to refine and strengthen our programs as part of our ongoing school improvement journey.

Last year, we received only 27% of potential voluntary contributions. Voluntary contributions support the school to provide resources to further enhance the learning programs at Waroona DHS.

The \$23,000 that the school missed out on last year is the equivalent of 1/3 of the primary classroom and the high school learning area budgets combined. Understandably, receiving this would enable the school to provide greater resourcing to support our academic and wellbeing programs.

Please remember that you can pay in increments throughout the year. The school's banking details are:

BSB: 086164

Account Number: 92 106 4439

Or you can contact the office to make a payment arrangement.

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.

Kind regards,

Mr Gareth Smith

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FROM THE DEPUTIES

Associate Deputy

Hello everyone and welcome back to what promises to be a big year at Waroona DHS in 2026. 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 busy 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 will continue to be a central focus for the school in 2026 as we aim to have an even better year than last year. Our attendance numbers for 2025 dropped off towards the end of the year and we are looking at different rewards and recognition for students who are coming to school every day. We know as a school and community that one of the single biggest drivers of success at school is attendance, 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.

With this in mind I would like to congratulate our Attendance Reward Winners from our first assembly:

Madison C

Sophie B

Misha R

Jackson M

Bayden L

Kingston T

In other news, our Primary School Student Leaders took part in the Murray Waroona Network Leadership Day held at our School. The day was packed with team building activities designed to develop students' leadership skills. It was a fantastic opportunity that was enjoyed by all.

Week 4 also saw the start of the Deadly Chef program for 2026. We have a wonderful partnership with Murdoch University, with them funding the initiative for the school to deliver a Healthy Cooking and Eating Program for all of our Year 5 to 8 students.

Have a wonderful rest of the term.

Mr Matthew White

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

Primary Deputy

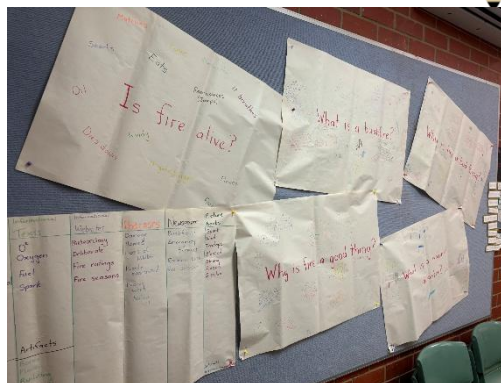
Thank you for the very warm welcome to Waroona DHS. My name is Mrs Hannah Moore, and I have genuinely appreciated transitioning into such a beautiful and connected community after working in a large school setting and with our regional office in recent years.



My background is in Early Years and Primary education before I moved into leadership roles. I am a mum to two children, aged 7 and 2, who love visiting Waroona, especially the Magic Barn Fairy Garden! As both an educator and a parent, I value the importance of partnership with the community. I am committed to acknowledging and respecting your insights when making decisions and communicating with our community. Please feel free to introduce yourself, my door and inbox are open if you would like to say hello.

It has been wonderful to see students begin the term with such a positive focus on their learning. We have experienced an increase in enrolments this year in our primary school and I would like to warmly welcome our new Kindergarten students, along with Ethan, Savannah, Henry, Caleb, Braxton, Lylla, Kaliyah, Aurora, Vance, Kelvin, Presley, Dustyn, Lynken, Ava, Isaiah, Lachlan, Maxton, Billy, Aston and Caterina to Waroona DHS this year.

With the increase to our enrolments, Mrs Perrott's Year 5 classroom has been restructured to a Year 4/5 and it has been pleasing to see how flexible the Year 4 students have been and how welcoming the Year 5 students have been to their Year 4 peers. I stopped by to see some great work happening recently in Mrs Perrott's class, with their learning focussed on bushfires and land management, comparing how traditional aboriginal people managed the land. It was great to see students working hard!



We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support of our Story Dogs volunteers, Pat, Kathryn and Vanessa, who visit each Thursday to support reading development in our Year 1/2 classrooms.

Telethon Speech and Hearing, kindly sponsored by Alcoa, have also commenced screening and teletherapy sessions. Our sincere thanks go out to Daniel, James and Carmi for their valued support to ensure early intervention occurs for students who require this additional support.

NAPLAN is approaching, and our Year 3, 5, 7 and Year 9 students will complete assessments across Weeks 6 and 7 this term. Students have been preparing

through familiarisation with the online platform and developing confidence in understanding how to respond to different question types. We wish them all the very best.

In our Early Years classrooms, we are reinforcing strong hygiene practises to minimise the spread of germs. We appreciate your support in encouraging regular handwashing at home, particularly before eating, to help reinforce these important habits.

Our primary classrooms actively use communication platforms to keep families informed and this will continue for Semester One this year before we introduce Compass for parents/carers. For Kindergarten to Year 4, Class Dojo is our primary communication tool. For Year 5 and 6, Connect is the best platform for classroom updates and information. If you require assistance accessing these platforms, please speak with your child's classroom teacher. You can download the app on the Google Play Store or App Store for iOS through the links below.

[iOS: ClassDojo App - App Store](#)

Android: [ClassDojo - Apps on Google Play](#)

[iOS: Connect Now App - App Store](#)

[Connect Now - Apps on Google Play](#)

Finally, attendance across our early years and primary classrooms has been very pleasing. A reminder that students maintaining 90% attendance or above will go into the draw at each assembly to win a prize. Every day counts, and consistent attendance makes a significant difference to student learning and wellbeing.

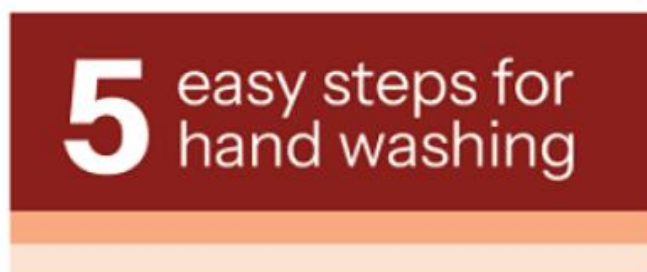
I look forward to seeing our students thriving in the term ahead.

Kind regards,

Mrs
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Hannah

Moore



1 Wet hands with running water



2 Soap your hands and lather up



3 Rub all over your hands, including your wrists, and between your fingers and thumbs, for 20 seconds



4 Rinse hands under running water



5 Dry hands using paper towel





Secondary Deputy



I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for the warm, enthusiastic welcome that I have experienced here at Waroona DHS and the town itself. My name is Miss Leanne Sjollema and I am joining the wonderful team at Waroona in the capacity of High School Deputy. Having spent the majority of my teaching life in country towns, I am committed to connecting with all members of our school community and passionate about working towards the best educational outcomes for our students. Please pick up the phone, pop in for a visit or send me an email to introduce yourself and share your thoughts around how we can work together this year.

We have received a number of new enrolments to the high school as well as welcomed back a few familiar faces, which has seen growth across all of our year groups. A big warm welcome to Lani, Oliver, Jackson, Emma, Toby, Margaret, Braxton, Riley, Gabriel, Mila, Tahlia, Lenny, Daisy, Lyla, Cael, Chase, Annabella, Ellie, Rubee and Koree.

High school has been off to a fabulous start this term with a positive focus on their learning and excellent engagement in a range of new elective activities. The introduction of Forensic Science offers a unique learning experience for our 7-10 students that may broaden their understanding of science and offer insight into possible career pathways. With a number of Sports related electives on offer, Waroona DHS looks ready to field a large Country Week team in 2026! Information has been sent home regarding Country Week and students are encouraged to return their notes and pay their deposits by the end of Week 8 to secure their place in the team. There have been some great activities happening across all learning areas. If you wish to contact staff, high school classes are all on Connect and you can look at upcoming assessments, homework, current topics and communicate directly to your child's teacher via Connect as well. If you need any support to access Connect please contact admin and we will do our best to get you set up.

Each week at our mini assembly we have been setting a goal to focus on as a student body. These goals are designed to establish high expectations around positive and considerate behaviour, high levels of organisation and engagement and taking responsibility for our own learning. This week's goal is to focus on making good educational choices for ourselves like focusing on our work in class, asking for help if we need it and trying our best in all activities which will support our students as they strive to achieve to the best of their ability.

As we know, attendance directly impacts student achievement, learning opportunities and student wellbeing. That is why it was so impressive to see so many of our high school students achieving 90% attendance or higher thus far for Term One. Keep up the great work in this space and I look forward to seeing more students awarded prizes for excellent attendance.

As a community, it is important that we support each other and our wonderful Chaplain Miss Demi has been able to connect with several organisations that can assist families when it is needed. If you wish to reach out for support confidentially, please email Demi at demi.crognale@youthcare.org.au or touch base one of our staff members.

I look forward to building strong connections with our school community and support our students to succeed.

Kind regards

Ms Leanne Sjollema
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Term 1

Finishes on
Thursday, 2 April
Final bell 3pm

Term 2

Commences on
Monday, 20 April
First Bell 8:45am
Early Close 2:20pm





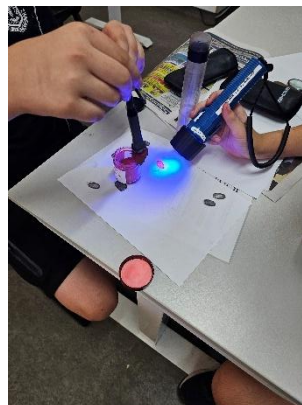
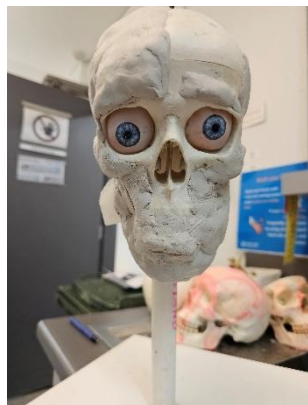
ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

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

Year 1	Dustyn Robinson			
Year 2	Evie Fitzpatrick	Georgia Miller	Odin Johnson	Connor Lees
Year 3	Isaiah Ware	Norwynn Nillo		
Year 4	AJ Harbour	Max McGregor		
Year 5	Ally Melling	Jack Lee		
Year 6	Misha Rico	Sophie Burnell	Mia Baker	Alyssa Augustin
Year 7	Keegan McDermott Dustie Ireland	Gabriel Price Violet Kohlman	Riley Platt Annalee Miles	Hazzel Waide
Year 8	Cael Halliday	Tauri Pisconeri		
Year 9	Oliver Wilcox	Tallon Thomas		
Year 10	Indi Harrison Matilda Taylor	Darren Aris	India Brown	Jackson Rose

SCIENCE

After learning the essential safety requirements in Science class, high school students stepped into the role of crime scene investigators during a hands-on forensic science activity designed to introduce them to real-world investigative techniques. This time using blue lights to examine fingerprints that were not visible to the naked eye.



AROUND THE SCHOOL



- Breakfast Club



Liam from Pinjarra SHS commencing work experience with Lisa helping with the irrigation in the primary gardens



Attendance reward recipient flying her kite which was a prize for attending 90%+