



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kaya,

Welcome to the final edition of the school newsletter for Term 2.



A few weeks ago, on 3 June, we sent families a text message containing a link to our 2025 Annual Report. The report highlights the many successes achieved throughout 2025 and celebrates the strong foundations we continue to build upon this year.

With printing costs increasing significantly in recent years, we made the decision to distribute the report electronically via PDF. However, we understand that some families may prefer a printed copy. A limited number of hard copies are available from the Administration Office. If you would like one, please contact the office and staff can arrange for a copy to be collected or sent home with your child.

As I reflect on Term 2, there have been many highlights across our school. Some that stand out include:

- A visit from representatives of the United States Consulate, who spoke with our Year 9 and 10 students.
- Our Year 8 and 9 students attending a fantastic Bush Rangers Camp in Albany.
- The continuation of TSH teletherapy services throughout the term.
- Celebrating Mother's Day through our LILAC (Ladies I Love and Cherish) events.
- Participating in National Simultaneous Storytime.
- Recognising P&C Day by welcoming our P&C members to a morning tea.
- Our Year 10 students completing their first round of OLNA testing.
- Our upper primary and secondary students competing in two Pedal Prix competitions.
- Our Year 4, 5 and 6 students participating in Winter Sports Carnival.
- Our Year 10 students visiting the Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre.
- Celebrating NAIDOC with a week of packed engaging activities.



Student Semester One (1) reports will be published on Connect today, and families should have received a link providing access to these reports.

Time to Talk - This year, we will be trialling our first **Time to Talk Day**, replacing our traditional Parent Reporting Afternoon.

By dedicating an entire day to parent-teacher conversations, staff will have greater opportunity to engage meaningfully with families about student achievement and progress.

As a result, the school will be closed to students on **Monday, 27 July (Week 2, Term 3)**, and no classes will be held. Families will need to make alternative arrangements for their children during school hours.

Parents and carers will be able to book appointments with their child's teachers using the online booking links included in the report email. Both face-to-face and telephone appointments will be available.

Face-to-face appointments will be offered during the morning and later afternoon sessions, while telephone appointments will be available throughout the middle part of the day. Specific appointment times can be viewed and selected using the link provided in the report email.

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We look forward to speaking with families and working together to support each student's continued growth and success.

As we conclude another busy and rewarding term, I would like to thank our students, staff, families and community for their ongoing support. I wish everyone a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday break, and I look forward to welcoming students back for Term 3.

WAROONA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Mr Gareth Smith
PRINCIPAL

FROM THE DEPUTIES Associate Principal

Kaya everyone and welcome to the end of what has been an incredibly busy term and NAIDOC week here at Waroona District High School; congratulations to everyone on their efforts for the term. Students are to be commended on the dedication that they have shown throughout the semester, and this will be reflected in the reports that will go home on Friday. Preliminary school data is also starting to come in from the NAPLAN Testing that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 completed in Term One (1). Initial trends are very positive and will allow the school to analyse student learning and outcomes. When individual student data comes out next term, it will be released to parents. Student attendance data has been strong for a large part of the term but has dropped off in the last few weeks as winter illnesses go around the school. If your child is going to be absent, please let the school know by contacting us or by responding to the Compass notification that you will get at approximately 10:30am. Research is clear when it comes to student attendance and positive student outcomes, "every day counts", with students who miss one day a week being up to a year and a half behind by the time they get to Year 11. We will be holding our 90% attendance lunch for students that achieved this result early in Term 3, our fantastic Year 10 Hospitality Certificate students will be catering.



Touching on a few procedural matters. As stated in my last Newsletter article, all public schools in Western Australia are moving to Compass education software; parents will have already started to receive notifications for positive engagement at school. The schools next phase is to roll out access for parents. This will commence some time in Week One (1). Parents will receive a letter with their log on details and will be able to interact with the platform. Parents will be able to log absences as well as be updated with news from classroom teachers.

Mr Matthew White
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

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EVERY DAY COUNTS

*Missing school "here and there"
can quickly add up over time.*

Missed School	Days Missed	Equals	From Kindy to Year 12	Equivalent to Attending Until...	Attendance
1 Day per fortnight 	= 20 Days per year = 1 Month of learning each year	Adds up to 1.5 Years of missed schooling	 From Kindy to Year 12, this adds up to nearly 1.5 years of missed schooling	Part way through Year 11	
1 Day per week 	= 40 Days per year = 2 months of learning each year	Adds up to 3 Years of missed schooling	 From Kindy to Year 12, this adds up to nearly 3 years of missed schooling	Part way through Year 10	
2 Days per week 	= 80 Days per year = 4 months of learning each year	Adds up to 6 Years of missed schooling	 From Kindy to Year 12, this adds up to nearly 6 years of missed schooling	Around Year 7	
3 Days per week 	= 120 Days per year = 6 months of learning each year	Adds up to 9 Years of missed schooling	 From Kindy to Year 12, this adds up to nearly 9 years of missed schooling	Around Year 4	

EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS!

Regular attendance helps children build friendships, confidence, routines and learning success

Primary Deputy

As we wrap up another busy and rewarding term, I would like to thank our students, staff and families for their ongoing support. It has been wonderful to see our students embrace friendships and learning opportunities, celebrate their achievements and continue to demonstrate our school values each day.

Primary PJ Neon Disco - A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Primary PJ Disco! It was wonderful to see so many students enjoying an evening of music, dancing and fun with their friends.



Primary School

PJ NEON DISCO!



THANK YOU!
To our amazing parents and P&C volunteers for helping make the night such a huge success!

We raised OVER \$1,300!

ALL FUNDS GO TOWARDS
Year 6 Camp & Country Week

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS!



We would like to thank our amazing staff, P&C, and parent volunteers whose generosity and support made the night possible. Thanks to the incredible support of our school community, we raised over \$1,300 which will go directly towards lowering costs for families with students attending our Year 6 Camp and Country Week.

Strengthening Community Connections - Mrs Evans and Ms Sutton recently enjoyed a wonderful morning visiting the Waroona Playgroup, where we shared a range of engaging learning experiences themed around 'Global Wind Day' with local families. We look forward to building positive connections with the community to support developing strong relationships and smooth transitions, especially for students moving into kindergarten in 2027.

We look forward to continuing to work alongside the Waroona Playgroup and other local organisations throughout the year.

Enrolments are now open for our 2027 Kindergarten - If you have a child turning four by 30 June 2027, or know someone who does, we encourage families to enrol early. Our school and experienced Early Years staff provide a nurturing environment where children develop strong foundations in literacy, numeracy, social skills and confidence through engaging, high-quality learning experiences.

Please contact the school office to arrange an enrolment appointment or school tour, if you'd like to discuss the possibility of joining our school.

NAIDOC Week & Learning on Boodja – From 29 June – 3 July, we proudly celebrated an early NAIDOC Week, with this year's theme '50 Years of Deadly', providing meaningful opportunities for students to deepen their understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and achievements.

Throughout the week, students participated in a range of experiences, including guest speakers, a community walk where we formed the shape of a '50', buddy class activities, a community lunch with the opportunity to sample traditional foods, a whole-school assembly, and the commencement of our Learning on Boodja project.

The project, Learning on Boodja, progresses areas identified in our Aboriginal Cultural Standards Framework (ACSF) reflection and school improvement journey, where we identified the importance of making Aboriginal language, culture and identity more visible across our school. As part of this, we will make Noongar language more visible by naming our classrooms.

We are grateful for the endorsement and guidance of our ACSF Committee, AIEO, Kellie Farmer and local Elder, Rob Jetta, whose input and endorsement, has been instrumental in shaping this work. A highlight of the project is our collaborative mural facilitated by WA Murals artist Danielle Pollard, with every student contributing to a lasting artwork that celebrates our shared connection to country and community.

As part of our ongoing commitment to student leadership we have also established a student team of First Nations Ambassadors from Years 3–10. These students have generously volunteered their time to help plan and lead our NAIDOC Week celebrations and will continue to play an important role in promoting cultural understanding, welcoming visitors and contributing to future cultural initiatives across the school.

Together, these initiatives reflect our commitment to embedding Aboriginal perspectives, strengthening cultural understanding and fostering a genuine sense of belonging for every member of our school community. We look forward to sharing the continued progress of the Learning on Boodja project as it evolves.

Mrs Hannah Moore
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Secondary Deputy

Hi all,

I can't believe how quickly this semester has flown by, and we are already at the half-way point in the schooling year! Our students in the high school have been displaying the CARES values in and around the school and it has been fantastic to see our students working together to achieve the best outcomes in their learning.

OLNA – Specifically, our Year 10 students were especially studious this term, with many sitting their various OLNA assessments. OLNA stands for the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment. It is a set of tests used in Western Australia to ensure high school students meet the minimum foundational standards in Reading, Writing, and Numeracy needed for everyday life, work, and graduating high school. With the uniqueness that Waroona brings, we are able to offer this at a





Year 10 level. All students who participated in the test are commended for their amazing dedication and the maturity they showed.

Bush Rangers camp - Early in Term 2, a select group of Year 8 and 9 students were given to the opportunity to travel to Albany and take part in the Bushrangers camp. It was on this camp that students developed their Bush Ranger cadet skills, camping out under the stars for the week. Although it was absolutely freezing, students were able to enjoy the beauty that Albany has to offer. Our students absolutely love camps like this as they are also able to help out local initiatives, linking in with the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions to plant more than 200 plants! Of course, it wasn't all work, students also got to bask in the serenity of the Albany Granite Skywalk and the Giants Treetop walk.

Pedal Prix - Selected upper primary and secondary students have been hooning around the tracks in the Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) competitions, commonly known as the Pedal Prix. The competition has taken them from Bunbury all the way to Yanchep! It has been awesome watching the students rally together to learn how the vehicles work and the best way to navigate the tracks. There are two more races to go and we wish the team all the best as they continue to race around in style and make our school proud.

PBS - As we come to the end of a crazy, busy semester it has been so positive to still be seeing the wonderful small acts of kindness our students are showing to each other, both in and outside of the classroom. To see our students displaying the CARES values in all aspects of their learning has made our school welcoming to everyone. I am so excited to see the CARES prize boxes extra full next term!

Finally, as we come to the end of a long term, I wish all our families a safe and enjoyable break. Take the time to enjoy family, to rest and spend as much time learning outside of the school walls, after all, "adventures are the best way to learn".

Mrs Monique Zeverona
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

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

Year 1	Cecilia Nannup			
Year 2	Lilly Whitehead			
Year 3	Neicey O'Neile-Jeffries	Lacey Burgoyne		
Year 4	Avianna Chester	Maximus Clarke	Lachlan Cavallaro	
Year 5	Bowie McCulloch	Jack Lee		
Year 6	Isabella Hart	Allyssa Waldon		
Year 7	Rubi Cunningham	Lyla Grimlinger	Kale McKeever	Cooper Baker

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 20 July – Term 3 commences for students

Monday 27 July – Parent Reporting Day – Students do not attend

Wednesday 12 August – Friday 14 August – Year 7 Bush Rangers Camp

Monday 17 August – Wednesday 19 August – Rottnest Leadership Camp (selected students)

Tuesday 25 August – Primary Jumps and Throws

Wednesday 26 August – Secondary Jumps and Throws

Friday 28 August – Whole School Faction Carnival

Friday 4 September – YOFEST & FUDGE Night

Thursday 10 September – RUOK Day (Students encouraged to wear yellow)

Monday 21 September to Friday 25 September – Country Week for selected high school students / Book Week celebrations

Friday 25 September – Last day of Term 3



Big Futures START HERE

KINDERGARTEN AT WAROONA DHS

A nurturing learning environment where every child is known, supported and inspired to grow. Through learning through play and explicit teaching, we build strong foundations for future success. 



Why choose WAROONA DHS?



CARING RELATIONSHIPS

Our experienced staff create a safe, welcoming environment where every child feels valued and supported.



LEARNING THROUGH PLAY & EXPLICIT TEACHING

We combine play-based learning and explicit teaching to build strong foundation skills in early literacy, numeracy, social and emotional development.



SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We explicitly teach and model social and emotional skills to support confidence, resilience, empathy and positive relationships.



EARLY INTERVENTION & SUPPORT

Our assessment and student services support ensures that all children are supported in their individual learning journey. Through our partnership with Telethon Speech & Hearing, all students have access to speech and language assessment, while eligible students can participate in follow-on teletherapy sessions supported by a dedicated Education Assistant. Together, these supports help develop communication and language skills that underpin success at school.



SMOOTH TRANSITION

We work closely with families to help children feel comfortable and excited about starting school. Our orientation in Term 4 supports students in their transition to school.



ONE SCHOOL JOURNEY

Kindergarten to Year 10 – a supportive and consistent learning community.



ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR 2027

Children born between
1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023
are eligible to attend Kindergarten in 2027.



Come and see our Kindergarten in action! 

BOOK A TOUR OR APPOINTMENT

We'd love to show you around and answer any questions you have.

Our Kindergarten program combines learning through play and explicit teaching to build strong foundation skills in early literacy, numeracy and social and emotional development.



Nurturing
relationships



Play-based learning
and explicit teaching



Social & emotional
growth



Confident,
capable learners



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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF DEADLY





SCHOOL NURSE - IMMUNISATIONS

Immunisations are a simple and safe way to protect children from serious vaccine preventable diseases.

Where to get immunised

Your child or adolescent can get their immunisations from:

- your doctor (general practice)
- Community Health immunisation clinics
- Central Immunisation Clinic (Perth)
- Aboriginal community health services
- school (students in year 7 and 10)
- pharmacies (for children aged 8 years and above).

How to book a community health immunisation appointment

Community Health immunisation services are free.

- Perth Metropolitan area- [register for an immunisation appointment online](#) or phone 1300 749 869
- Regional Western Australia - contact your local [Community Health Services](#) to book an appointment.

Some providers, such as doctors and pharmacists, may charge a consultation fee.

School-based Immunisation Program

When your child enters year 7 and 10, the school will give you information about the free School-based Immunisation Program.

When to get immunised

You can check the [Western Australian Immunisation Schedule](#) to see which immunisations your child needs and when. Some children are offered extra immunisations against diseases they are more at risk of catching.

Immunisation history

All immunisations are recorded in the Australian Immunisation Register.

You need your child's immunisation history statement for Kindy and school enrolment.

They must be fully immunised, on a catch-up plan or have an exemption to enrol in Kindy and to receive Family Tax Benefit Part A.

You can get your child's immunisation history statement by:

- visiting your online Medicare account via [myGov](#) or the [Medicare Express Plus app](#)
- calling 1800 653 809
- visiting a Services Australia centre
- asking your immunisation provider for a copy.

Find out more

- [Childhood immunisation services](#) (Perth Metropolitan)
- [School- Based Immunisation](#) Program
- [Immunisations and the diseases they help prevent](#)
- [One more way you keep them safe](#) to help Aboriginal families learn all about vaccinations
- [Sharing knowledge about immunisations](#) to answer your questions

If your child misses an immunisation, or you have any concerns, please talk to the School Health Nurse **Casey Hardman** on **9586 4401**, your local Child Health Nurse, your doctor or an Aboriginal Health Worker.

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Government of Western Australia
Child and Adolescent Health Service

School-Based Immunisation Program

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child is eligible for free immunisations at school, protecting them against serious diseases.

Year 10 students (during terms 1 or 2) will be offered:

- 1 Men ACWY vaccine (which protects against 4 types of meningococcal bacteria).

Year 7 students (during terms 2, 3 or 4) will be offered:

- 1 dTpa vaccine (which protects against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough)
- 1 HPV vaccine (which protects against human papillomavirus).



Find out more

Before you complete the consent form, scan the QR code to learn more about the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, and the **School-Based Immunisation Program** or visit healthywa.wa.gov.au/Schoolimmunisations.



This page also has information in other languages.



Consent

You can provide consent online through this secure **online consent form**.

Scan this QR code to register your child online or visit healthywa.wa.gov.au/Schoolimmunisations (includes a printable consent form).



Need help?

For help with registering
and providing consent



SBIP@health.wa.gov.au



9222 2486

If you have a question



CAHS.CHSBIP@health.wa.gov.au
(School-Based Immunisation Program nursing team)

Thank you

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COMMUNITY NEWS

ARCADE NIGHT

@
WAROONA RECREATION CENTRE

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPECIAL!

**FRIDAY
10 JULY 2026**

3:00PM - 8:00PM

\$15 PER HOUR | **\$50** PER FAMILY PER HOUR

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ADULTS ONLY SESSION

FRIDAY 10 JULY 2026 | TIME: TBA

BAR AVAILABLE

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS JUST GOT BETTER!

See you there!



The AusAlert™ national test

2:00 pm AEST
Monday 27 July 2026



Term 3

Students
return on
**Monday
20 July**

First Bell
8:45am
Early close
2:20pm

**Every
Day
Counts!**



Introducing AusAlert™

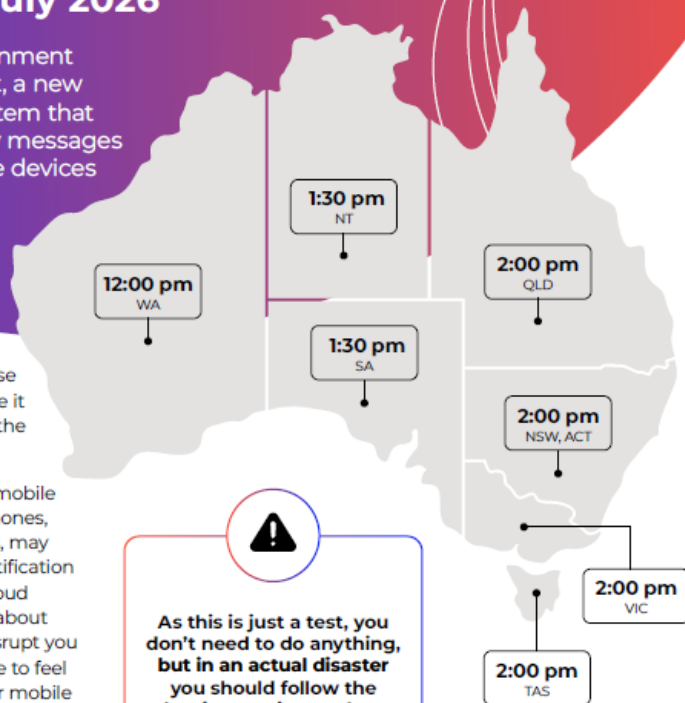
and the AusAlert national test

Monday 27 July 2026

The Australian Government is launching AusAlert, a new national warning system that can send emergency messages to compatible mobile devices in times of disaster.

AusAlert will be ready to use in October 2026, but before it launches, we need to test the system across Australia.

On **Monday 27 July**, your mobile devices, such as mobile phones, tablets and smart watches, may receive a test alert. The notification will vibrate and include a loud siren-like sound that lasts about 10 seconds. If this could disrupt you or cause you or a loved one to feel unsafe, please turn off your mobile devices or switch them to aeroplane mode before the scheduled test time in your location, and leave them off for at least one hour.



As this is just a test, you don't need to do anything, but in an actual disaster you should follow the alert instructions to keep yourself and others safe.



The AusAlert™ national test

Monday 27 July 2026

In October 2026, the Australian Government is launching AusAlert – a new national warning system that uses the latest technology to send emergency messages to compatible mobile devices.



What is AusAlert?

AusAlert is a fast and reliable way to help communities be informed and better prepared during local and national emergencies.

What is AusAlert for?

AusAlert gives the Australian Government and state and territory emergency services organisations the ability to send national or local alerts about disasters. These could be natural hazards such as bushfires, floods, cyclones and tsunamis, or events like public health emergencies, security threats or biosecurity incidents. It's just one of the many ways we're helping to keep Australians safer in times of disaster.

When will AusAlert be live?

AusAlert will be ready to use on 1 October 2026, but before it launches, the system needs to be tested across Australia. This is called the AusAlert national test.

What's involved in the AusAlert national test?

On Monday 27 July 2026, an AusAlert test message will be sent to all compatible mobile devices in Australia. You may receive a test alert on your mobile phone, tablet or smart watch.

What time will the AusAlert national test be sent?

- **2:00 pm AEST** Queensland, New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory, Victoria, Tasmania
- **1:30 pm ACST** Northern Territory, South Australia, Broken Hill (NSW)
- **12:00 pm AWST** Western Australia

What will the AusAlert national test sound like?

The AusAlert test message is a Critical Alert. It will cause your mobile device to vibrate and will be delivered with a loud siren-like warning sound that lasts about 10 seconds. It will make this noise even if you've set your device to 'silent' or 'do not disturb' mode.



BUSH FOOD WORKSHOP

Learn about native bush foods and their healing properties using your five senses before using them alongside everyday pantry and fridge items to make lunch.



\$10 PER PERSON

SUBSIDISED FOR NAIDOC WEEK



DATE

Tuesday, 7 July 2026



TIME

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM



LOCATION

Waroona Community Resource Centre



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