



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kaya,

Welcome to the first edition of the school newsletter for Term 3, 2026.

Each year, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) tests. NAPLAN provides valuable information about how students are progressing in these key areas and allows schools to identify strengths and areas for further development.

Recently, we received our NAPLAN comparative results. These overall school results tell us how we compared to "like schools" in the five test areas for each of the Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 cohorts (20 areas in total for the school). Of these areas, Waroona DHS performed above expected in nine and at expected in eight areas tested. These very pleasing results have allowed us to identify strengths, as well as some areas for further development.

It is important to remember that NAPLAN is just one measure of individual student achievement and provides only a snapshot of a student's learning on a particular day. It does not assess all aspects of a child's abilities, growth, effort, creativity, wellbeing or contribution to school life. Teachers use a wide range of classroom assessments throughout the year to build a much more complete picture of each student's progress. If you were unable to attend our recent Parent Reporting Time to Talk Day, I encourage you to contact your child's teachers if you would like further feedback on their progress and learning.

As we continue to grow, we are continuing to improve the learning environment and modernise and upgrade the school to meet the needs of our growing school community. Over the recent school holidays, we completed an upgrade to our upper primary activity area to provide a more user-friendly and engaging space for our Year 4-6 students. We are now just waiting for a coat of paint to finish the job, which will hopefully happen over the next school holidays. Looking to the future, we are hoping to upgrade our ICT facilities and high school classrooms.

Finally, I want to remind you of the Waroona Integrated Speech & Hearing in Education (WISHE) program we run at Waroona DHS. This is a collaborative, inter-agency, localised model of care designed to improve ear health and hearing, speech and language services at school. This model provides K-1 students with free in-school screening clinics, audiology assessments, speech and language screenings, speech assessments and weekly individual and group therapy.

This program is a partnership between Waroona DHS, Telethon Speech & Hearing (TSH), who provide the WISHE program at Waroona DHS, and ALCOA, who kindly provide financial support for the program. Being able to offer this program at school provides more timely intervention for our students and families while also removing the need for families to travel for speech and hearing services. If you would like to know more, I encourage you to speak with one of our K-1 teachers.

I wish you all a safe and happy Term 3.



Mr Gareth Smith
PRINCIPAL



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\$150

For each Kindergarten and primary school student

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FROM THE DEPUTIES Associate Principal

Hello everyone, and welcome back to what has been an incredibly busy start to the term. With the start of the new semester, classes have been busy beginning the new curriculum and maintaining expectations of achievement.

We have received our NAPLAN results, and the early indications are that progress and achievement are overall quite good. As part of our Teaching and Learning Framework, staff will now analyse the results and work out where there are gaps in student achievement. From there, staff will be able to teach to these gaps in our Daily Reviews. This will enable students to move these concepts to long term memory.

On the attendance front, we finished Semester 1 with just over 41% of our students achieving Regular Attendance, meaning they attended school 90% of the time or more.

While we are proud of this achievement, we know we can do even better. As a school, we are committed to improving attendance and helping every student make the most of their learning opportunities.

We have introduced a number of new initiatives to encourage and celebrate regular attendance, including recognising and rewarding students who make it to school every day. We look forward to seeing these efforts make a positive difference throughout Semester 2.

This week, I am on a Leadership Camp with our student leadership team. This is a really valuable experience for our students, providing opportunities to develop their leadership and teamwork skills while strengthening student voice and helping shape the culture of our school.

We're looking forward to a great few days of learning, collaboration and, hopefully, plenty of fun along the way!

I hope everyone has an excellent rest of the term and enjoys the weeks ahead.

Mr Matthew White
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

Primary Deputy



Congratulations to our Primary students on such a positive start to Term 3! It has been wonderful to see students arriving ready to learn each day and looking fantastic in their school uniforms. Thank you to our families for your continued support in helping our students start the term so well.

We would also like to recognise the efforts of our Year 3 and Year 5 students who participated in NAPLAN earlier this year. Individual student reports have now been shared with families.

For families across two households who would like an additional digital copy of their child's NAPLAN report, please contact the Front Office via email and we can arrange this for you.

Excitement is building for our Year 6 Camp at Point Peron, which is coming up early in Term 4!

A reminder to Year 6 families that permission and payment are due before the end of Term 3. We encourage families to finalise these arrangements as soon as possible, so our students are ready for what promises to be a fantastic experience.

Kindergarten enrolments for 2027 are open! As we welcome our newest families to our school, each family enrolling for Kindergarten has been offered the opportunity to tour our school and meet with us to talk about their child. These conversations give us the chance to get to know each child's individual strengths, interests and needs before they begin their Kindergarten journey.

Building these relationships early helps us create a welcoming and individualised learning environment, while supporting a positive transition into school for both children and their families.

Families interested in enrolling for Kindergarten in 2027 are encouraged to contact our Front Office for further information/Application form and to book a school tour.

Class Showcase: Meet the Potato Pets! - There has been some interesting persuasive writing happening in Ms Loughton's Year 3/4 class recently!

As part of their learning, students created their very own Potato Pets and put their persuasive skills to the test, trying to convince Associate Principal Mr White that Potato Pets should be allowed at school.

Despite some concerns about just how noisy and messy these new classroom companions might be, students came prepared with some very convincing arguments!



It has been fantastic to see students having fun while developing their writing skills and writing for a real audience. Well done, Year 3/4! 🍌 ✨



Athletics Carnival – P&C Volunteers Needed! Our Athletics Carnival is coming up on Friday 28 August and our P&C would love some extra hands to help with the hot dogs at lunchtime.

Volunteers are needed from 11.30am–1.30pm to help prepare and serve lunch. Even if you can only help for part of this time, we would love to hear from you!

If you are available to lend a hand, please comment on our Athletics Carnival volunteer post on Facebook. Thank you to our P&C and families for helping make these special school events possible.

Mrs Hannah Moore
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



WIN

Waroona District High School kindly encourages families to finalise payment of their child's school contributions and charges.

As a thank you for supporting our school community, students whose contributions and charges have been paid will be eligible to be entered into the draw. Prizes will be awarded to the parent/carer.

**FAMILIES WILL BE ENTERED INTO THE DRAW TO WIN:
1 OF 3 X \$100 VISA GIFT CARDS**

Draw Date: Friday, 20 November 2026

These vouchers have been generously donated by our School P&C.

2026

WIN



Secondary Deputy

Hi all,

Welcome back into Term 3 and what a busy term it is already turning out to be! We have already had some fantastic opportunities arise with plenty more scheduled.

All high school classes have been hard at work which has been fantastic to see. The dedication to their studies and the effort they are putting into achieving their best is really shining through, not only in their results but in the opportunities the students are able to experience.

Our Years 7-10 dance students were able to participate in a dance tutorial with Rachel Bott from Creative Moves WA. During this tutorial, the students were able to learn some new dance techniques and styles which they have then been able to incorporate into their own performances. The group will be competing in the YohFest competition on September 4, and we wish them all the very best.



Our Year 10 students recently had the wonderful opportunity to step out into the 'real world' and experience what life could look like beyond their schooling years.

From mining and gardening to working as library officers, hairdressers and retail assistants, our students gained a valuable insight into a range of potential career pathways. For some, the experience even opened the door to part-time employment opportunities.

A huge congratulations to all our Year 10 students who took part. You represented yourselves and our school with enthusiasm, maturity and pride, and you certainly made us all very proud. Well done!



Student achievement doesn't just occur in the classroom though; they are able to achieve and dream big when the village behind them is so supportive. It was so encouraging to see our families come in during our "Time to Talk – Parent/Caregiver Teacher Interviews". This was the first time that the school has run our interviews for a full day and give families the opportunity to interact with their child's teacher either Face-to-face or via phone calls. It is vital that families and teacher work together to ensure the best learning can occur for each student. If you were unable to attend on that day, staff are always willing to have those conversations during the school term.

With students being so commitment to their schooling, it has been so great to see the C.A.R.E.S tickets being handed out. Demi, our school Chaplain, and I have been working hard on improving the prizes that students can win so we encourage all students to continue striving to do your best.

As we come into the second half of the year, I encourage all of you to set those goals you have been wanting to achieve and continue working hard to make them a reality, after all, "Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible'!".

Mrs Monique Zeverona
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

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

Year 1	Summer Connolly	Karson Silverwood	Tyson Chappell	Braxton Harris
Year 2	Connor Lees	Amira Chappell		
Year 3	Adakin James	Selina Beznoska	Everett Cooper	
Year 4	Harry Grant			
Year 5	Jarrad Woodley	Ruby Waldon	Nickeli Murry	
Year 6	Jude Purcell	Isabelle Sweeney	Allyssa Waldon	
Year 7	Jackson Clarke Mila Williams	Annalee Miles Georgia Rutherford	Sienna Frisina	Aiva Coles
Year 10	Matilda Taylor			



IMPORTANT DATES

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

Sunday 23 August – Pedal Prix, Busselton

Tuesday 25 August – Primary Jumps & Throws

Wednesday 26 August – Secondary Jumps & Throws

Friday 28 August – Whole School Faction Carnival

Friday 4 September - Fudge (Fathers, Uncles, Dads, Grandads, Everyone) Night (Yr 1, 2 & ECE)

Friday 4 September – YOFEST (Mandurah – support our students participating)

Thursday 10 September – RU Okay Day – students are encouraged to wear Yellow

Thursday 17 September – Year 3 & 4 – Scitech excursion

Monday 21 September – Friday 25 September – Country Week (Selected high school students)

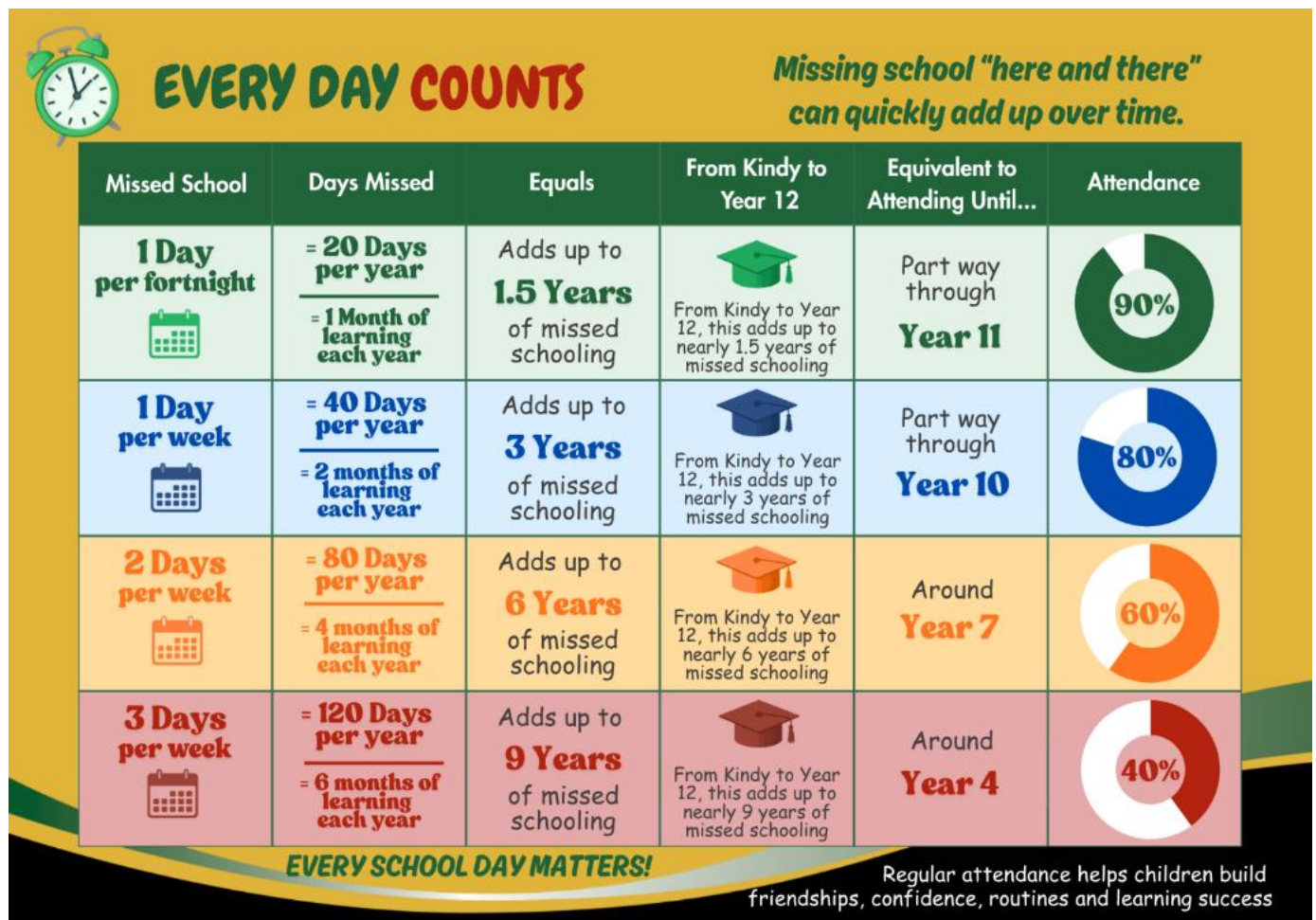
Monday 21 September – Friday 25 September – Year 10 Work Placement (Selected high school students)

Wednesday 23 September – Visiting Artist – Wendy Binks

Thursday 24 September – Book Week Parade

Friday 25 September – Last day of Term 3

Tuesday 13 October – First day of Term 4





2027 School Bus Transport Assistance

Will your child be enrolled in a school in 2027?

Do you live more than 4.5km from your child's school
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swimming lessons.

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Enrolments open and close

Enrolments open Wednesday 22 July 2026

October enrolments close Wednesday 19 August 2026

Summer enrolments close Wednesday 14 October 2026



Women's Health Week Morning Tea

Wednesday 9th September

10am - 12pm

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Waroona Community Resource Centre
10 Henning Street, Waroona

Supporting women, girls, and their families with the knowledge, tools, and confidence to make informed health decisions and effectively manage conditions.

Please direct any queries to:
programs@waroonacrc.com.au
or call
9733 3011 for more info.



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Meet the NDIA Waroona

Come and meet the NDIA

Take the opportunity to drop by and connect with the NDIA team in **Waroona** to discover how we can support you



Tuesday 25th August 2026



10.00am to 2.00pm



**Waroona Community Resource Centre
10 Henning St, Waroona**

If you want to know more about the NDIS, the team will answer your questions and speak about what we do:



How the NDIS works



Am I eligible?



How do I apply?



Using your plan