



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kaya,

As Term 3 comes to a close, it's been a week full of highlights and achievements. Our high school students have enjoyed great success at Country Week, representing our school with pride and skill. Meanwhile our primary students have been fully immersed in the magic of Book Week.



As we look ahead there are few things I would like to bring to your attention:

Smart Glasses Ban - On 22 September 2026, the Director General of the Department of Education issued a CEO Instruction that bans smart glasses on any government school premises or at any school organised event or activity.

From the start of next term, smart glasses are banned from Waroona District High School grounds and from school events. This ban applies to students, staff, parents, carers, visitors and contractors.

Smart glasses are wearable devices that incorporate technology traditionally associated with mobile phones and computers into eyewear. Many smart glasses can:

- take photographs
- record audio and video
- make and receive calls
- access the internet
- use artificial intelligence applications
- connect to other devices using wireless technology.



Smart glasses are becoming more accessible and widely used. This has raised public concern about privacy, wellbeing and safety in school environments, including from the eSafety Commission.

Every student, staff member, parent and carer has the right to be safe in our school. This instruction helps us to maintain a safe, appropriate and effective learning environment.

Exemptions are permitted for school-approved medical, accessibility or assistive technology purposes, or for educational programs specifically authorised by the principal.

We ask for your help to ensure these items stay at home.

Further information on this technology, and other online safety resources for parents, is available via the eSafety Commission [website](#).

Thank you for your support to keep our students and school community safe.

Bushfire preparation - As the weather warms up again, I would like to remind you, as I do every year of our bushfire procedures in preparation for the upcoming season.

Waroona District High School has been placed on the Department of Education bushfire zone register as it is located in a designated bushfire risk area.

If a fire behaviour index of 75 (extreme fire danger) or greater is forecast for the Shire of Waroona, the school may be required by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) or the Department of Education (DoE) to invoke a pre-emptive (planned) closure. A 'catastrophic' fire danger rating poses a significant threat to the school if a fire starts. It is likely to be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast-moving.

If this is the case parents and carers will receive a text message to inform them of a possible pre-emptive closure of the school.

The final decision to pre-emptively close the school will be confirmed with the principal no later than 4:30 pm on the day before the pre-emptive closure. If the forecast changes after the 4:30 pm deadline, the school remains closed.

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Parents and carers will receive a text message to either confirm or cancel a pre-emptive closure of the school.

Typically, schools will be required to close for a day at a time however, this will depend on changing weather conditions. Parents and carers will receive a text message to advise if the school will reopen the day after the pre-emptive closure, or whether it will remain closed.

Further information is available on the school website:

<https://waroonadhs.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Parent-Information-Bushfire-Procedures-for-Waroona-DHS-2025-26.pdf>

Students and staff will be participating in a bushfire drill during Term 4 and again during Term 1 in 2027 to prepare for the upcoming bushfire season.

2027 Planning - Planning for the 2027 school year is now underway and part of this process involves reviewing our projected student enrolments. If your child will **not** be returning in 2027, we kindly ask that you notify the school as soon as possible. Having accurate enrolment information helps us plan effectively for classroom placements and staffing, ensuring a smooth start to the year.

Morning arrival to school - 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.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable mid-semester break!

Kind regards,

Mr Gareth Smith
PRINCIPAL

FROM THE DEPUTIES Associate Principal

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the end of what has been an incredibly busy but rewarding term.

This week I have been at Arena Joondalup coaching the Country Week Volleyball team. Country Week is a fantastic time of the year and students look forward to it all year long. I must commend the students on their effort and sportsmanship. It has been wonderful to see them represent the school in such a great fashion and they should be very proud of their endeavours. I will also take this opportunity to thank the staff that have spent time organising the trip, as well as coaching the teams. There are a lot of early mornings and late nights when on a camp such as this. Well done to everyone.

Back at school we have had lower attendance due to the amount sickness going through the community. The school is aware that both Influenza A and Covid have been causing student sickness and thus have been missing school. Staying home when sick is completely acceptable, however, we do ask that parents please advise the school of absences, as this will ensure that students don't miss out on any attendance rewards. Please contact the school if there are any questions. Recoding absences will get easier once Compass is fully rolled out to families.

The school has started to roll out Compass log-in details in a staggered fashion. We have started with the Year 6 class to aid their upcoming camp. We expect to have the remainder of the log-in details available for Term 4. In Compass you will be able to track attendance, submit reasons for being away and stay connected with the school. Once log-in details have been provided, the school will facilitate an information evening and will assist with any issues.

I hope everyone has a relaxing well-earned holiday and Go Freo.

Mr Matthew White
ASSOCIATE 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.

WIN

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

2026

Draw Date: Friday, 20 November 2026

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

WIN



Primary Deputy



Celebrating Three Terms of Learning - It is hard to believe we are at the end of Term 3! It has been busy across our Early Years and Primary classrooms and we would like to thank our students, staff and families for their support throughout the term.

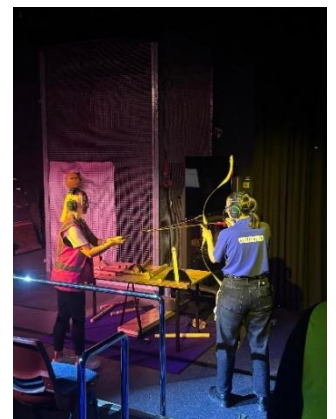
Book Week - This week we celebrated Book Week across the school with activities conducted throughout the week. On Wednesday, we welcomed author, "Wendy Binks," to Waroona DHS. Our students met Wendy and heard about her books and work as an author and illustrator.

On Thursday we held our Book Week Character Parade. We enjoyed seeing everyone's costumes and celebrating some favourite books and characters together.

Classroom Showcase - Scitech - Mrs Davies and Ms Loughton's classes recently travelled to Scitech, accompanied by Mrs Zappia.

The excursion connected with the Science learning taking place in the classroom and gave students the opportunity to explore scientific concepts through hands-on activities and experiences. It was a great opportunity to take their learning beyond the classroom and put some of what they have been learning into practise.

Thank you to Mrs Davies, Ms Loughton and Mrs Zappia for providing this experience for our students. We also greatly appreciate the support of our EA's, Bianca, Naomi and Jamie-Lee; as well as the group of parent volunteers who chaperoned for the day.





A Holiday Head Lice Check - We have had some recent reports of *head lice in our Early Years classes*. With the holidays coming up, we ask families to please take some time to check their child's hair and treat it if needed.

When checking, pay particular attention to behind the ears and around the nape of the neck. If lice are found, treatment may need to be repeated and hair should continue to be checked regularly.

Families may also like to use the holiday break to wash bedding, pillowcases, towels and hats, and clean brushes and combs. We appreciate everyone doing their part to help reduce the spread when our Early Years and Primary students return for Term 4.

Welcoming Our 2027 Kindergarten Families - It has been lovely to start meeting some of our *2027 Kindergarten children and families* as we prepare to welcome our newest students to Waroona DHS.

In Term 4, our *LEAP into Learning* sessions will give children another opportunity to visit the school, get to know the Kindergarten environment and meet staff and other children who will be starting school with them next year.

LEAP sessions will run from **9.00am–10.00am** on:

- **Monday 19 October** – Fun Fit Circus Games & Skills
- **Monday 26 October** – Messy Play Day
- **Monday 2 November** – Water & Sand Play Day
- **Monday 9 November** – Kindy Information Session

Sessions are open to prospective and enrolled Kindergarten families in our community.

It is **not too late to enrol for Kindergarten in 2027**. If you know a family with a child who will be eligible for Kindy next year, please encourage them to contact our Front Office.

We hope all of our Early Years and Primary families have a safe and relaxing school holiday break.

Mrs Hannah Moore
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Secondary Deputy

Hi all,

As we draw close in another term, it has been wonderful to see the Waroona way still strong in all aspects of our day. With all students continuing to strive for greatness in the classroom and with many events taking place these last 10 weeks, I think we can all agree that this term flew by way too quickly.



Faction Athletics Carnival Day - In my opinion, one of the best school days of the year also happened this term - the WDHS Faction Athletics Carnival. All students put their best foot forward on all 3 days; jumping, throwing and running to achieve as many points as they could for each of their Factions. As the community came together on Friday, it was fantastic to observe the sea of colours in each of the bays and in the crowd. We even had some fun and exciting visitors *jump in* on the action by opening the carnival day by having their own race! Although it was a very tough and close competition, there can only be one winner. A very big congratulations to Woojan (blue) for being the 2026 winners.

R U OK Day - On September 10, the school came together to raise awareness for R U OK Day. It is an Australian National Day of Action dedicated to mental health awareness. The aim of the day is to inspire and empower everyone to meaningfully connect with the people around them and start a conversation with those in their world who may be struggling. Research shows that 1 in 4 people might hesitate to ask even when they think someone is struggling. That's why R U OK Day acts as day to remind everyone that if someone's on your mind, trust your instinct and start a conversation. Students and staff were encouraged to spread a little cheer across the school by adding a splash of yellow into their outfits and when we came together, all students radiated the sunshine and joy. All students from Years 1 – 10 were able to then come together at lunchtime for a big celebration in the undercover area where we had biscuit decorating, bracelet making, games, collaborative colouring in and of course the music pumping. Although R U OK DAY is just one-day, we are reminded that the smallest check in with those around us might have the biggest impact.



PBS - The PBS team have been working hard on listening to the student voice. New and improved prizes have been bought, with brands including LEGO, Disney and Nike being added to the shelves. It has been amazing to see each week the CARES boxes being filled with all the different coloured tickets and I encourage you to continue displaying those values in the community as we enter the holidays. A big congratulations to every student who has won a prize over the term and we look forward to having even more winners in Term 4.

As we move into the holidays, I wish you all a safe and relaxing break. Enjoy the time together before the chaos of Term 4 begins, and remember *"Be careful going in search of adventure – it's ridiculously easy to find."*

Mrs Monique Zeverona
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

ASSEMBLY MERIT CERTIFICATES

The following students received merits at our second and third assemblies this term:

Year 1	Flynn W Hazel E	Braxton Harris	Avah Grimlinger	Charli Teale
Year 2	Lynken R	Van R		
Year 3	Hunter M	Millie I	Olyver M	Isabel D
Year 4	Aliyah P			
Year 5	Lilly A	Tegan W	Addison M	
Year 6	Jet M-T	Sophie B		
Year 7	Jax W	Mila W	Cavalli D	
Year 10	Koree W			



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Last day of Term 3
Friday 25 September
Final Bell 3pm

First day of Term 4
Tuesday 13 October
First Bell 8:45am

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October



SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICES

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Waroona DHS

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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our **2026 Faction Athletics Carnival** was a huge success, with students from Pre-Primary to Year 10 giving it their all! It was a fantastic day filled with energy, enthusiasm, fun and, most importantly, incredible teamwork and school spirit.

We were thrilled to see such a wonderful turnout, with plenty of spectators coming along to cheer on our students. Participation was fantastic, and we loved seeing so many students embracing the day getting into the carnival spirit for their faction!

After a day of fierce competition and fantastic sportsmanship, the results are in:

 **Wooyan** ● (Blue) - Carnival Champions

 **Nodjam** ● (Green) - Runner-Up

 **Mirda** ● (Red) - Third Place

Wooyan

Congratulations to all of our students for their wonderful effort, participation and sportsmanship throughout the day. Every student should be proud of their achievements!

A huge **thank you** to everyone who helped make the carnival such a smooth and successful day. We are incredibly grateful to our staff, volunteers and helpers for their time and hard work, as well as to all the friends and families who came along to support and encourage our students.

Finally, congratulations to our **2026 Individual Student Champions and Runners-Up**. Your dedication, determination and outstanding performances deserve to be celebrated!

The individual student Champions and Runner-Up's from this year's Carnival are as follows: ●●●

Year		Champion	Runner-Up
Year 1	Boy	Dustyn R ●	Karson S ●
	Girl	River-Leigh W ●	Charli T ●
Year 2	Boy	Lynken R ●	Vance S ●
	Girl	Georgia M ●	Amira C ●
Year 3	Boy	Izaiah L ●	Hunter M ●
	Girl	Isabel D ●	Harlow M ●
Year 4	Boy	Max C ●	Billy W ●
	Girl	Georgia L ●	Violet E ●
Year 5	Boy	Jack L ●	Cruz S ●
	Girl	Ally M ●	Tegan W ●
Year 6	Boy	Charlie I ●	Jason M ●
	Girl	Ruby-Rose J ●	Quinn B ●
Year 7	Boy	Lenny W ●	Brennel T ●
	Girl	Aiva C ●	Rubi C ●
Year 8	Boy	Kody W ●	Seth A ●
	Girl	Lilly W ●	Tyler B ●
Year 9	Boy	Mitchell H ●	Tyler B ●
	Girl	Aaliyah H ●	Tahlia P ●
Year 10	Boy	Koree W ●	Kynan S ●
	Girl	Rubee B ●	Harper B ●
Sportsperson Award	Primary	Leo P	
	Secondary	Rayne B	





YOHFEST 2026

WHAT A PERFORMANCE! ✨💙

On Friday 4th September, our incredibly talented Year 7 to 9 Waroona District High School Dance students took to the stage at the Peel YOHFEST Heats at the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre.

After weeks of hard work, rehearsals, injuries, sickness and plenty of nerves, our students stepped onto that stage and absolutely gave it their all!

Mrs Davies could not be prouder of each and every one of them. Watching everything they had worked so hard for, come together on stage, was an incredibly emotional and proud moment. There were definitely a few tears of pride!

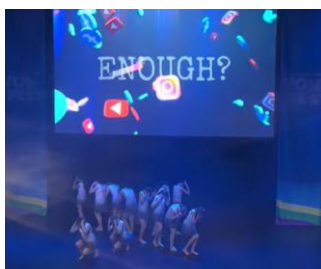
Our students should be so incredibly proud of themselves and what they achieved. Not only did they deliver an outstanding performance, but they also took home the Visual Impact Award!

The wonderful compliments and feedback received from the judges afterwards made the achievement even more special. A performance like this takes an enormous amount of work behind the scenes, and there are so many people who deserve our heartfelt thanks.

A very special thank you to Mrs Bonner and Miss Brylin Bonner, who went above and beyond to support Mrs Davies and the students throughout this journey. Mrs Davies truly could not have done it without you both. 💙 A huge thank you also to Mrs Smith for jumping in and helping behind the scenes on performance day.

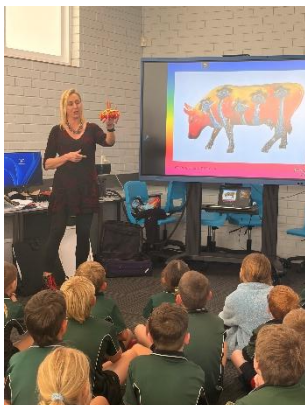
To all of our parents, Education Assistants, teachers and staff who supported our dancers, thank you!

And finally, to our amazing dancers - WELL DONE! 🙌🙌 You showed resilience, commitment, courage and teamwork, and represented Waroona District High School beautifully.





BOOK WEEK 2026 – A SYMPHONY OF STORIES





LEAP into Learning

A great
start to
Kindy! ♥

This program is designed to help you and your child become familiar with our school, staff and future classmates. It provides an opportunity for you and your child to meet our staff, feel comfortable and safe in the environment they will be learning in next year, and take part in some fun activities. These experiences will help your child take their first steps into Kindy next year with greater confidence.

 **9am to 10am**

Monday 19 October

FUN FIT CIRCUS GAMES & SKILLS



We have visitors from the "Fun Fit" team coming to provide an hour of circus games and skills. This session will be held in the school library.

 Please sign in at the Front Office before making your way through to the library building.

Monday 26 October

MESSY PLAY DAY



Get ready for a fun morning of messy play and creative craft activities!

Please dress your child in old clothes that can get messy.

 Please sign in at the Front Office and then proceed to the Kindergarten building.

Monday 2 November

WATER & SAND PLAY DAY



This week we will be enjoying some water and sand play. (weather permitting)

Please bring bathers and a towel.

 Please sign in at the Front Office and then proceed to the Kindergarten building.

Monday 9 November

KINDY INFORMATION SESSION



This session is designed to give you important information about our Kindy program for next year. It will also be an opportunity to speak with our staff and ask any questions you may have.

We will have some guest speakers joining us to provide information about:

- School Nurse screening
- Telethon Speech and Hearing assessments
- Uniform shop
- P&C

While the information session is taking place, the children will be involved in outside play.

To finish off our session, the children will receive a special goodie bag to take home!

 Please sign in at the Front Office and then proceed to the Kindergarten building.

*We look forward
to welcoming you! ♥*



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