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# Principal's Message

Welcome back to all of our students, and a particularly warm welcome to our new students enrolling in Year 7.

We are very pleased to have you as part of this outstanding school. 2010 finished on a big high with our school being named the winner of the 'Cohesive Community School of the Year'. Warilla High stood out in NSW as the outstanding school, from both Public and the Private sector. It is a reflection of the outstanding work done by the broader community in working with our school to improve the learning and opportunities of our students. A ceremony will be held at school in MAY this year.

There have been a few changes in staff for 2011 and I would like to publically welcome our new teachers to the school. They are:

Ms Veronica Carroll	Head Teacher CAPA
Mr Ben Spooner	HSIE
Mrs Caroline Gibson	Science

We also have some long term casuals at school replacing staff on leave. These are:

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Ms Renee Holt	HSIE
Mr Michael Lothian	D&T
Mrs Karen Cohen	PD/H/PE
Mrs Libby Monro	Support
Mrs Jaimie Goucher	LOTE
Mr Graham Hird	Industrial

Our biggest loss comes with the retirement of our Deputy Principal, Mr Bob Ashby, on 11 February 2011. He agreed to come back for the first few weeks of this year to assist with staffing and the timetable. Bob was originally appointed to Warilla High School in 1982 as a Science Teacher with a passion for chemistry. He was successful in obtaining the Head Teacher Science position Warilla High School and later, appointed on merit as Deputy at Warilla High School.

Arts

Many parents, whose students are enrolled at our school, have very fond memories of Mr Ashby as their teacher back in the 1980's. Bob is an outstanding educator and has been integral in managing the timetable, staffing and finances at school for many years. He will be greatly missed and we wish him well for exciting times in retirement – travel and golf are both high on the agenda.

Mrs Fallo-Cranney will relieve in the Deputy's position until this position is filled later in THE year. As of week 4, Mr McInnes will also be relieving for me for the rest of the term. I have struggled with a deteriorating ankle problem which requires surgery and lengthy rehabilitation. At this point in time I hope to be back on deck at the beginning of Term 2. Mr Anderson will relieve as Deputy while Mr McInnes is in the Principal's position.

Our new uniform has been a great success. Both the sports uniform and the new blue senior shirts have sold out already.



Our School's Core Values:

New stocks will arrive on 18th February and seniors may wear the traditional white shirts for the short term. The uniform looks very smart and it is great to see the students so enthusiastic about it.

A few important reminders. Please encourage your students to use their diaries daily to record all homework, assessments and assignments. Also, school shoes need to be fully laced joggers <u>not</u> the slip on 'RABIN' footwear that is popular. These are not a safe shoe and definitely not part of the school <u>uniform</u>. Students are reminded that they must wear their sports uniform to school on Thursday except for Year 12.

Students are also reminded that mobile phones and music devices are to be <u>off</u> and <u>put away</u> (not visible) during class time. Also, earphones/plugs need to be out of sight. This was a cause of concern in 2010 and students who persistently break this rule will be banned from bringing these devices to school.

Don't forget that the newsletter is also available electronically. It can be accessed through the schools website on <u>www.warillahs.nsw.edu.au</u> (check out our new promotional movie while you are there).

Already this term is shaping up as a busy one. We have the Year 11 camp in Week 4 and some outstanding positive welfare and learning initiatives organised by our Head Teacher Welfare, Mr Stanizzo, (eg Year 8 Leadership Day, Year 12 Camp and Year 7 Transition Program).

I would also like to invite parents to attend our P&C meetings. They are held on the second Tuesday of the month. It is a great opportunity to find out about what is happening at school. Many parents fear turning up at P&C's for fear of being "landed with a job" or that they "go on for hours". This is not the case. Over the past 2 years we have had about 20 parents attend and meetings start at 7.30pm and finish by 9.00pm at the latest. We also have staff from Warilla High School who are guest speakers about programs and initiatives we offer our students. Please come along. You'd be surprised.

So everyone, get ready for another stellar year. We are so proud of the opportunities we offer our students, the successes we have and the wonderful young citizens we foster from Warilla High. Have a great year!

Cheers and best wishes. Mr G Isemonger Principal

Year 7 Amended Schedule of Contributions 2011

School Service Fee	\$35
Sport Fee	\$10
Design and Technology	\$40
Music	\$5
Science	\$5
Visual Arts	\$25
Technology	\$5
TOTAL	\$125

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## **Coming Events**

#### Week 3A

14 Feb	<ul><li>Year 7 and 10 vaccinations</li><li>ED swimming</li></ul>
15 Feb	<ul> <li>Year 9 Parent Laptop Meeting – hall – 6pm</li> <li>Laptop rollout to Year 9</li> <li>Maria Gray-Spense to school 1-2.30pm</li> <li>ED swimming</li> </ul>
16 Feb	<ul> <li>Year 10, 11, 12 excursion to National Gallery Canberra</li> <li>Ed swimming</li> <li>Zone Swimming Carnival</li> </ul>
17 Feb	<ul> <li>Year 12 Geography Coastal Management Excursion Killalea</li> <li>Year 10 PASS – Blacks Beach Period 1</li> <li>ED swimming</li> </ul>
Week 4B	
21 Feb	Year 11 Camp
	Ed swimming
23 Feb	<ul><li>Year 11 Camp</li><li>Ed swimming</li><li>Year 11 camp</li></ul>
25 Feb	<ul> <li>Year 11 camp</li> <li>Jumbulla Aboriginal Discovery Centre Bulli</li> <li>Ed swimming</li> </ul>
Week 5A	
28 Feb	ED swimming
1 March	ED swimming
3 March	ED swimming
4 March	<ul><li>Year 7 Interim Reports due</li><li>Regional Swimming Carnival</li><li>ED Swimming</li></ul>

# WHS Breakfast Club

The WHS/Vinnies Breakfast Club will re commence in the school auditorium from Monday 7 February. A free breakfast is available on Monday and Wednesday mornings for any Warilla High School students who have not had breakfast at home. Our menu consists of eggs, toast, cereal, raisin toast, milk, milo and juice.

This program is run in partnership with St Vincent de Paul Society High School Support Program and Warilla High School.

Sonya Ankerholz-Potts Head Teacher VET & Volunteering Kellie Marsh St Vincent de Paul Society Youth Worker

# From the Deputies

Welcome back to Term 1. It's been a hot start to the year. There are a few reminders regarding school rules and requirements.

Mobile Phones, i-pods and Personal Property – a reminder that students bring these items to school entirely at their own risk. We therefore suggest that the safest place for them is at home. If students choose to bring these items to school they **must be turned off and out of sight during class time**, otherwise students will be given detentions. In the event that these items are lost or stolen we regret that we do not have the resources to follow up.

**Uniform** – Warilla High School is a designated uniform school. Students are required to be in full school uniform. Canvas shoes are NOT acceptable due to OH &S regulations. Fully enclosed joggers, which provide adequate protection for feet are required. If students are unable to wear a uniform on a particular day, they will need a note from home. Families who are experiencing difficulty in providing proper uniform should discuss this with the School Principal. There is a small amount of money available in the student assistance fund.

**Bikes** - If your child rides a bike please ensure they must wear a correctly fitting helmet. They should also secure their bike in the bike compound with a strong lock.

A. McInnes B. Ashby Deputy Principals

# **Special Provisions 2011**

Students are able to apply to the Board of Studies for special provisions for the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate.

Some of the conditions covered by special provisions include literacy difficulties, anxiety/depression, Aspergers/Autism, vision, hearing, colour blindness, diabetes, mental health disorders, medical conditions and physical limitations. There are many options available to the students.

The Board of Students will attempt to accommodate the needs of students wherever possible.

The application for Special Provisions is lengthy and time consuming. Supporting documentation is required for the application and often includes reports from health/medical practitioners.

If you or your child wishes to apply for special provisions for either the School Certificate or HSC, or you would like to find out more, please contact Ros Gaynor, School Learning Support Teacher at school.

Applications close at the end of term one, 2011. Ros Gaynor



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NEW SOUTH WALES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING



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#### WELFARE NEWS

- A very successful transition program was conducted with Year 7 during the first 3 days of the school year. I would like to thank Mrs Robinson and Mrs Fallo-Cranney for the magnificent job that they did in implementing the program. A major facet of the transition program was a Bonding Day which took place on Tuesday 1 February. Each Year 7 student was placed in a Peer Support Group and participated in various activities during the course of the day. Special mention must be made to Mr Hawkins and Miss Hollis for their impeccable organisation of the Bonding Day and also to the 54 Year 10 Peer Support Leaders and 5 Year 11 Peer Support Facilitators who exhibited terrific leadership skills and commitment during the program.
- Over 100 Year 8 students participated in a Leadership Day at Killalea State Park on Monday 7 February. The students took part in a number of initiative games which allowed them to display their listening skills, communication skills and ability to work in a team. Thank you to Mrs Unicomb and Mrs Bryant for their efforts in organising this day.
- Each student in Year 12 should have received a note this week outlining the details of a proposed Year 12 camp to be held at the Tops Conference Centre on the 7 & 8 March. The purpose of this camp is to consolidate the Year 12 Mentoring Program and to empower Year 12 with several strategies in order to assist them in the pursuit of the best possible HSC result for 2011. I would like to thank Mr Meizer for his tireless efforts in organising this opportunity for our Year 12 students.
- A reminder to all parents/caregivers that it is the responsibility of your child to collect schoolwork from their teachers if they are going to be absent from school for an extended period of time. Year Advisors are more than happy to collect work for your child in unforseen circumstances.
- Congratulations to Mrs Napier & Mr Neill on their appointment as SRC Co-ordinators for 2011. I am positive that they will continue the great work performed by Ms Nelson & Mr Hawkins in previous years.
- I would also like to thank Mr Cairncross for taking up the position of relieving Year 11 Advisor from the beginning of Week 3 whilst Mrs Orton is relieving Head Teacher Home Economics. Any concerns regarding the welfare of your child in Year 11 should be directed to Mr Cairncross from Week 3.
- Tutoring for Year 12 students will be available soon and is free of charge. Qualified teachers will be undertaking the tutoring. For more information please contact Michael Stanizzo at the school.

Michael Stanizzo Head Teacher Welfare.

# CAPA

2011 is looking to be a great year in CAPA. Staff have already been busy planning and booking various excursions to enhance students experiences in the art and music worlds and supplement topics studied in class. Senior Visual Arts, Visual Design and Photography students have been on an excursion to the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra to view *Ballet*  *Russes* and *Space Invaders.* Senior art students will have the opportunity to stay overnight at Cockatoo Island later in the term and use the surroundings as inspiration to create some artworks.

Music students will also be involved in some excursions with further details available via excursion notes and in future newsletters. So keep your eyes and ears open for all the exciting opportunities available this year.

There will be many opportunities to enter competitions and also exhibit art works throughout the year. Class teachers will let their students know about these activities and events and will post notices in their classrooms.

Shellharbour Youth Services are holding their 3 Annual Youth Week Art Exhibition. Entries close 25 March and the exhibition will run from 1 April – 8 April at Blackbutt Youth Centre. If you are interested in being a part of this exhibition please see your art teacher for an entry form.

CAPA students have been advised on particular resources and equipment that is required for each subject. It is vital that students come prepared with this equipment in order to be able to partake in learning in our subject areas. A note regarding specific equipment requirements and subject fees have been given to students. A list of all fees can also be found in students diaries. These fees help cover the cost of various materials and specialised equipment that students will be using in class. HSC Visual Art students may be required to purchase further resources and art materials in order for them to complete their Body of Work.

Any student who cannot meet these financial arrangements should see Ms Carroll as soon as possible. Fees are to be paid to the front office and the receipt shown to classroom teacher. **Ms V Carroll** 

**Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts** 

### Alexander Neloski Year 8 – Successful New Zealand Tour 2010 with the Australian Under 12 Futsal Team

Alexander Nelosk (Year 8) had a very successful New Zealand Tour with the Vikings Futsal under 12s Australian Team, which ran from 27 November to 7 December 2010. The team played extremely well and were a very good side.

The under 12s Australian team won 11 of the 13 games played on the tour (lost 1 game and drew 1 game). Australia dominated the tour which saw the Vikings score 109 goals conceding only 29.

The Vikings kicked off the tour by winning the South Island Titles in Christchurch. The team won all four matches in the series, scoring 39 goals in the process. They also played games in Queenstown and Timaru. Alexander and the other boys enjoyed the tour immensely. The boys can be proud of the way they played. It was an enjoyable experience for all the players.

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