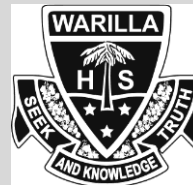


Warilla High School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

The start to 2013 has been relatively smooth and I thank parents and care-providers for your support to ensure this outcome.

The kids look great in their uniforms with most of the Year 7 students I have spoken with providing positive feedback about their experiences in the first few weeks of the school year.

It was very gratifying to see some new parents attend our first P&C meeting of the year. I would urge other parents to come along and enjoy the educational discussions that take place and to express your views on the issues that impact on our organisation and structure.

February 12 was what we colloquially refer to as Census Day. This is the date where enrolments determine staffing entitlements - teaching and non-teaching - as well as funding levels for 2013. As a result of enrolment on this day, staffing levels will be reduced by the equivalent of 2.0 teaching staff and 0.4 administrative staff.

This reduction is largely attributable to senior students who initially indicated they would be returning to school but have subsequently taken up apprenticeships, traineeships or enrolled in TAFE based courses. These are great options for these students and set a very solid path for their entry into the workforce.

Indeed, we have built on this platform with our school curriculum with nearly 90 students opting to do a joint School -TAFE course.

These courses include: Baking, Information Technology, Hairdressing, Signage, Automotive, Sport Fitness and Recreation and several others.

The result of our staff reduction will mean some realignment of our timetable which could include some class changes. We hope to have this finalised within the next month.

Our School Expo is on 5 March between 5-7pm. This will showcase the wonderful facilities of this fine school and provide an opportunity for prospective enrolments to view first hand these facilities and to meet present and past students, view sample lessons and generally get a good feel for what we do and how we do it. I am sure you will be impressed.

Again, I thank you for your support of our school uniform and discipline code. A consistent message being sent to our kids both at home and at school will have a real impact in enacting those values of respect, courtesy,

honesty and social justice that we aspire to at Warilla High School.

See you at the next P&C meeting on Tuesday 12 March in the Library at 7pm.

With my kind regards

John Hambly
Principal

Coming Events

Week 6B

4 March	• Year 12 Society & Culture Excursion to NSW State Library
5 March	• Year 6 into Year 7 Expo 5pm – 7pm
6 March	• Regional Swimming Carnival • Year 12 VET Metal Excursion to BlueScope

Week 7A

12 March	• P&C Meeting 7pm in Library
15 March	• Year 7 Interim Reports Issued

Week 8B

20 March	• Year 7 Big Fish Little Fish Workshop • Year 11 Study Skills Workshop
21 March	• Grandparents Day
22 March	• Year 8 Group Visual Arts Excursion to Killalea State Park • Zone Touch Football – Open Boys & Girls at Albion Park Oval • Year 7, Year 10 Peer Support & SRC Easter Show Excursion

Year 12 Study Skills – STORM

On Thursday 21 March, a study and revision workshop will be held for all of Year 12. The workshop will help to prepare students for their Half Yearly exams (commencing in Week 10), using the STORM approach. The workshop will be held in the Library from 12.30pm – 2.00pm.

Mrs J Fallo-Cranney
STORM Team

Our School's Core Values:

Care for your environment
Embrace honesty
Respect others and value yourself
Seek knowledge

Deputies Report

School Uniform – Thank you to the students, parents and guardians who have been ensuring students attend our school in full uniform. Please ensure students continue to attend school wearing all required uniform including appropriate shoes that are all black or all white. The school has sourced samples for a junior girls skirt and shorts to be available for purchase through the school. These samples have been viewed by the SRC and P&C. A key aspect is the appropriate length of the skirts and shorts as this is an area that our school is committed to improving. All girls have been asked to ensure they are wearing skirts or shorts that are mid-high in length. Students who arrive at school with items that do not meet this expectation will be asked to change into more appropriate school clothing. Samples for boys navy shorts are also being sought and reviewed by our SRC and P&C.

Core Values – With the start of another year it is timely to remind all of our students of Warilla High School the four core values:

- Seek knowledge
- Care for your environment
- Embrace honesty
- Respect others and value yourself

These values are the cornerstones of our behaviour expectations at Warilla High School. It is important that student realise that behaviour that opposes these values will not be tolerated at our school. The vast majority of our students do a terrific job each day in giving their best effort and working toward these values.

Mrs J Raison and Ms M Brook
Deputy Principals

Careers

Year 10 TAFE Alternate Program

Congratulations to the following Year 10 students who have been accepted to participate in a TAFE Alternate Program for Terms 1 and 2 of the Year. Students selected the program of interest and will attend TAFE one day a week learning skills and gaining valuable qualifications.

Dylan Tubaro - Wollongong TAFE Trades (Construction, bricklaying, plumbing and Metals and Engineering)

Jayden Wilder - Wollongong TAFE Trades (as above)

Tyson Bower-Burton - Wollongong TAFE Trades (as above)

Jye Lamont - Shellharbour TAFE Trades (Automotive Vehicle Servicing and Bricklaying)

Luke Campbell - Shellharbour TAFE Trades (as above)

Shenay Riza - Shellharbour TAFE Nursing and Child Care

TVET

This week 64 Year 11 and Year 12 Warilla High School students started their TAFE studies as a part of their HSC. They attended orientation classes at their specific campus with students travelling to Wollongong, West Wollongong, Yallah and Shellharbour. This is a great opportunity for students to achieve a Nationally Recognised Industry qualification as part of their HSC

and some of these subjects can even contribute towards their ATAR for entry into University. There are 32 different courses that students have selected from which include Electro Technology, Nursing, Auto Panel Beating, Hairdressing, Property Services, Animal Care and Children's Services to name but a few.

UOW Discovery Day

On Thursday 7 February, 68 Year 12 students attended the University of Wollongong Discovery Day where they got the opportunity to taste what the life of a University student is like. They selected a number of lectures to attend and were issued with individualised timetables for the day. The University organised a lot of social events during the lunch break and the students always have a great day.

Mrs Glasgow
Careers Adviser

Premier's Reading Challenge

Warilla High School will be participating in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge in 2013.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is an initiative of the NSW State Government available to all NSW students in Kindergarten - Year 9.

The Challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

All students who enter and successfully complete the Challenge will receive a Premier's Reading Challenge certificate for that year and their name will be published on an Honour Roll. The Honour Roll will appear in a special publication of *The Sun-Herald*.

The Challenge runs from March to September.

Students can see Mrs Bryant in the Library to enter or register online at

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

from 4 March.

Books on the reading list may be borrowed from the Library.

Mrs Bryant
Librarian

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISEMENTS

All advertisements from organisations and sporting groups can now be found on the School Website. <http://bit.ly/13AjL4X>

Year 7

Year 7 have settled into Warilla High School. They have completed the Warilla High orientation and induction process and are well into the first units of work for each subject.

On the 9 February the year group had an enjoyable experience with the peer support leaders on the Bonding Day. This day allowed the students to develop new friendships and participate in fun activities run by their Year 10 Peer Support Leaders.

The 25 February was the anti-bullying workshop. This program provided the students with the skills to recognise bullying and develop strategies and techniques to STOP bullying.

The 20 March is the Big Fish Little Fish program. It covers all the things to expect in high school and the challenges that the students will face in the coming years.

Many Year 7 students have started to get their 5 merits into Mr Cairncross to allow them to attend a rewards excursion to the Easter show later this term. These Merits also count towards the achievement of Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.

The Year 7 camp is fast approaching; large numbers of students have shown a keen interest in attending the camp. Please pay the money into the front office (\$235). The camp will be attended by numerous teachers and some peer support leaders. This experience is designed to build self-esteem, establish positive relationships, develop problem solving and teamwork skills. I encourage all Year 7 to attend the camp at the Tops Conference Centre on the 8-10 April.

Drew Cairncross
Year 7 Advisor

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ASTHMA?

Article I. ALERT:

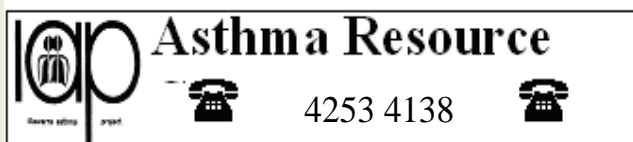
Article II. EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT presentations for asthma increase dramatically when children return to school in February.

REFER to CHILDRENS ASTHMA EDUCATORS:

1300 792 755

Make your child "Ready for School" by:

1. Regular review by GP before school starts
2. Review and understanding of asthma medications and symptoms
3. Review and update of asthma action plan



Sport Absences

Sport is an integral part of the school curriculum, and a mandatory subject. As with all subjects, the Board of Studies requires students from Year 7 – 11 to participate in school sport, and complete at least 85% attendance, to successfully meet their requirements in the subject.

We ask that where possible, appointments for students be made out of school time, and if a student must attend appointments, that the permission to leave request is accompanied by an appointment card.

Requests from parents for their children to attend work commitments during school time are unable to be approved as a leave from school.

Parents are reminded that if they need to remove students from school at short notice on any day, that they are required to sign the student out of the school through the front office. This will avoid the student being marked with an unjustified absence.

Disability Support Program (Special Provisions) 2013

Students are able to apply to the Board of Studies for Disability Support Program for the Higher School Certificate.

Some of the conditions covered by Disabilities Support Program include literacy difficulties, anxiety/depression, Asperger's / 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 Studies will attempt to accommodate the needs of students wherever possible.

The application for Disability Support Program 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 Disabilities Support Program for the Higher School Certificate, 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, 2013.

Ros Gaynor
Welfare