25th June 2010

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

NEW SCIENCE BLOCK NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS: On Friday 18 June, the school was handed over its newly refurbished Science labs. All six labs have had a total of $2 million spent on them and have been totally gutted and refitted. As an ex-teacher of Science, I can say they are “pretty flash” with all the modern electronic equipment for a 21st Century school. Stay tuned for our OPEN DAY in Term 3 and come and see for yourselves.

2011 ENROLMENTS: Enrolments are still being accepted for Year 8 in 2011, and any other year in which families are seeking an enrolment at Warwick SHS. Please inform your friends or family who may be wanting a place in our wonderful school.

SCHOOL RETURN DATES FOR TERM 3

A REMINDER: School starts again on Tuesday 20 July at 8.30 am for all students. Staff return on Monday and are involved in professional learning activities for the new Year 11/12 courses. Please ensure your child has their winter uniform ready for Term 3. All students must wear uniform as we issue detentions for repeated non-uniform infringements.

Lesley Wintle
Principal

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Ben Hangan (Year 10), Nicholas Robertson (Year 10), Shaquille McKenzie (Year 11) and Ashton Bradley (Year 10) - selected in the State Schools’ Football Team 2010. They will play in the National Carnival in Perth in Term 3.

Daniel Ottey (Year 11) - selected in the State Schools’ Football Umpire Team.

This is a great honour for the boys, Mr Batten and the school. Well done to these young gentlemen.

Nyomi Jenkins (Year 10) – selected in the 2010 State Schools’ Netball Team. The team will be competing at the National Schools Championships in Toowoomba, Queensland from the 23 to 30 July.

Jessica Greene (Year 11) – selected for WA State Gymnastics State Championships Team that competed in Perth last week. Jessica came 6th in the competition, and will now represent the state at the Australian National Championships next month in Perth.
I am writing to invite you to the Parent/Teacher Report Evening as per the details above.

The process, for those who have not been to our Reporting to Parents’ evenings before, is to collect the Semester 1 report and meet up with some or all of your child’s teachers.

As this is a very long school day for our teachers we are able, based on the Department of Education’s policy, to suspend the school day for half a day. As such school will commence at 8.30 am on Wednesday, June 30, 2010 and conclude at 11.30 am. The timetable will be as follows:

8.30 am – 8.45 am - Pastoral Care Group
8.45 am – 9.30 am - Period 1
9.30 am – 10.15 am - Period 2
10.15 am – 10.40 am - Recess
10.40 am – 11.30 am - Period 3
11.30 am - Students finish school
11.30 am – 5.30 pm - Teacher break
5.30 pm – 8.00 pm - Parent/Teacher evening

If you would like your child to be supervised from 11.30 am till 2.45 pm on this day they will be supervised at school in the library. Normal classes will not run from 11.30 am so students will need to bring work to school in order to study. The canteen will sell food at lunch (1.20 pm) but there will be a limited range.

As there is a large demand to speak to teachers we ask you limit your interviews with teachers to 5 minutes so that they can talk to a maximum number of parents. If you would like to speak to teachers for a longer period we ask that you make an alternative appointment.

We look forward to seeing you at our Parent/Teacher Reporting evening.

Marisa Del Pin
Associate Principal

FRIENDS OF WARWICK BUSHLAND
ANNUAL PLANTING DAY

On Sunday 20 June the Friends of Warwick Bushland attended their bush care day which was their annual Planting Day. The planting was concentrated on the bush near the Warwick Leisure Centre car park.

Thanks to the City of Joondalup for the plants, and a big thank you to Bill Betts and Dave Pike, for growing the plants from seed collected from Warwick and organising the truck equipment, crew, and advice. A thank you also to the founder and botanist, Karen Clarke, who organises the suitable selection of the plants and where they should go and how etc. The First Warwick Scouts Pastoral Care Group

A Bushcare 2010 Calendar is shown below. Contact Janina, email: friendsofwarwick@gmail.com for further information.

Sunday 18 July 9.00 am Bush regeneration, fungi spotting
Sunday 15 August 9.00 am Nature Walk and Bush regeneration
Sunday 19 September 9.00 am Bush regeneration
Sunday 17 October 9.00 am Bush regeneration
Sunday 21 November 10.30 am Nature walk and end of year picnic

CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

If you haven’t already paid your contributions and charges, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible, as these funds are given directly to the Learning Areas to subsidise ingredients, tools, equipment, textbooks and photocopying paper. If the school does not collect all contributions and charges then we have no alternative but to make cutbacks to the learning areas budgets. To allow the school to provide all students in the school with optimal educational outcomes, please make every effort to pay the requested contributions and charges. Payment may be made by:

- Cash or EFTPOS
- Cheque or Money Order (please make payable to Warwick Senior High School, please write the students name on the back)
- Credit Card (payment may be made in person or by telephone)
- Electronic Transfer (Internet Banking) or Direct Debit through your bank – account details are as follows:

ACCOUNT Name: Warwick Senior High School
BSB: 306 074
ACCOUNT No: 419 704 8
REFERENCE: Student’s name

Are You Experiencing Financial Difficulties?

The school is sympathetic to families suffering financial hardship, if your family is experiencing financial difficulties, please contact Robyn Upton, Business Manager on 9342 7422 to arrange a payment plan, Contributions and Charges may be paid off at as little as $10 per week.

Thank you to all the parents who have already made payment to the school.

MINOR ADJUSTMENT TO TERM
DATES FOR 2011

The Minister for Education, Dr Constable, has considered it to be in the best interests of students to make a minor adjustment to the 2011 term dates for public schools in Western Australia. The change is necessary for the scheduling of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

The last day of Term 1 for students and teachers will now be Tuesday 19 April 2011 (previously Thursday 21 April), and students and teachers will begin Term 2 on Thursday 5 May 2011 (previously Monday 9 May).

The Department of Education’s website (det.wa.edu.au/education/termdates) has been updated.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ECU Open Days

Welcome to your future, we predict one where you realise your potential and land the job of your dreams. Sound exciting? We want to share your journey, so why not take the first steps by attending one of our Open Days?

If you’ve got questions about courses, careers or what life’s really like at uni, don’t miss ECU’s Open Days. It’s when we open our doors to everyone and it’s your chance to chat, explore, watch, listen or just soak up the atmosphere, in the company of future, present and past ECU students as well as highly-qualified lecturers and staff.

ECU Joondalup Open Day
Sunday 18 July
10am – 3pm
Joondalup Campus
270 Joondalup Drive
Joondalup WA

ECU and WAAPA Open Day
Sunday 25 July
10am – 3pm
Mount Lawley Campus
2 Bradford Street
(Enter of Central Avenue)