**1st September 2010**

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

**DANCEFEST SUCCESS**

Warwick SHS conducted its Annual Dancefest on 19 August at the Penrhos Auditorium in Como. Over 100 students took to the dance floor in about thirty routines across the night. It was a high energy night with a lot of class and pizzazz. Due to the extensive costuming and practice required to hone the routines, many many hours are spent in preparation. Congratulations to Mrs Janne Nolan, Mrs Karon Patterson our dance teachers, and parent Mrs Rhonda Naylor who has produced a lot of the costumes. Well done everyone.

**WARWICK SHS SCHOOL COUNCIL - VACANCY**

The Warwick SHS School Council has a newly created vacancy due to the resignation of Mrs Gaye Furey. Gaye has been a member for the past three (3) years and we thank her for the contribution to the growth and development of the school in this time.

This creates one (1) vacancy on the Warwick SHS School Council, for a two (2) year period (with possible extension). If you are interested in joining the Council or would like more information about the role of the School Council, please call the Principal to discuss this matter.

**ERG VISIT**

In the first week of August, our school was visited by the Department of Education’s Expert Review Group. They were here for five days, interviewing staff, and talking with parents and students. They have heard many views about the school. This Group will develop a report which will outline ways to improve the learning environment for our students.

This review is very comprehensive and has four members who are very experienced principals and deputy principals. They are able to look over our data and policies and processes and give us feedback on how we can improve. We look forward to their final report.

Lesley Wintle
Principal

**CHANGE OF WSHS SCHOOL & CANTEEN PHONE AND FAX NUMBER**

During the school holidays Warwick Senior High School’s phone system was upgraded with a new digital phone system. Please make a note of the new phone numbers.

Phone number: (08) 6240 4400, Fax number: (08) 6240 4497

**THE CANTEEN ALSO HAS A NEW NUMBER** which is: (08) 6240 4459

**ACHIEVEMENTS – CONGRATULATIONS**

**NATHAN SIMPSON** (Year 10) appointed Head Captain of the Under 15 State Lacrosse Team (Northern Thunder) which will be going to Adelaide during the September/October school holidays.

**MR MARK WEBER** (Staff) appointed Umpire Coordinator for the School Sport Australia National Hockey Championship held in Bunbury and Busselton in August 2010.
UPDATING FAMILY DETAILS

Please inform the relevant Year Coordinator about any health or family issues that may affect students at school. It may be related to health, separation of parents, recent family bereavements, and change of address, living away from of the family home or any relevant matters.

If we know, we can assist by providing help from our Student Services Team.

Year 8 Coordinator - Ms Robin Leake
Year 9 Coordinator - Ms Jodi Weaver
Year 10 Coordinator - Mr Iain McAlpine
Year 11 Coordinator - Mrs Jill Burns
Year 12 Coordinator - Mr Don Green

Thank you.

Dennis Hodge
Associate Principal

Curtin University of Technology
Excelebrate Program 2010

Veronica Lam (Year 12) has been attending a special program offered by Curtin Business School for Year 12 Economics/Accounting students who may be interested in studying at university in 2011. Veronica attended Monday night lectures and workshops over the year and has successfully completed Economics 100 at Curtin University this year. The Units of Competence from the course will be added to her Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). She attended a special presentation for students and their teachers by John Nicolau, Chief Economist at Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He is pictured here with Veronica Lam and Mrs Sheryl Giannas. The talk included a detailed overview of the current state of the Western Australian economy and projections about the future. The school congratulates Veronica on this achievement and hope that this program has provided her a valuable insight into the life and study requirements of a university student.

Mrs Sheryl Giannas
VET Coordinator/Career Advisor

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2010

Sunday 5 September to Saturday 11 September 2010-08-23

Find out how you can keep your child safe in cyber space at a free public presentation with Dr Julian Dooley, a cyber safety expert and senior research fellow at Edith Cowan University, who will share with parent’s safety tips for children.

Keep your child safe in cyber space
Wednesday 8 September
Two times are available
Session 1 – 12.00 pm to 1.00 pm
Session 2 – 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm
Murray Street Mall, Perth (near City Arcade Entrance)

Here are some simple tips for keeping your child safe when using the internet:

• Keep computers in shared spaces.
• Have an agreement with your children about their use on the internet.
• Explain why it is important to be careful about what information is shared online.
• Discuss why your children’s offline friends should be their only friends online.

Visit www.internetsafety.wa.edu.au to find out where you can go for more information on cyber safety and your child.

This event is brought to you by the Department for Child Protection, Department of Health, Department of Education and WA Police.

FOOTBALL ACHIEVEMENTS
SMARTER THAN SMOKING CUP

The lower school football team’s Smarter Than Smoking Cup campaign finished in disappointment as the boys went down to Christian Brothers College Fremantle by 8 points, in the semi-final of the competition.

It was a fantastic achievement for the boys to reach the last four of the 170 plus team competition, which included topping their pool against schools such as St Stephens, Sacred Heart, Carine and Duncraig; followed by a 138 point defeat of Mercy College to become Subiaco metro champions.

The boys then had the long trek to Lake Grace where they took on and defeated Esperance by 74 points to become Subiaco Zone champions and make it to the last 8 of the competition. A clash with Woodvale SHS followed, which resulted in a 78 point win and a meeting with CBC in the semi-final.

Despite having the majority of play, the boys weren’t able to translate this to the scoreboard, while CBC made the most of their charges, and despite continually pumping the ball forward Warwick were never able to get their noses in front.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Five students represented their state this year, with two ex-students also pulling on the black and gold state jumper.

WA were successful in their State Schoolboys’ campaign this year, defeating Vic Metro in the final, with Nic Robertson (Year 10) being an outstanding contributor throughout the week long carnival.

Ben Hangan (Year 10) and Ashton Bradley (Year 10) played in the WA Black team, which finished an impressive 5th, losing only to the two Grand finalists. Unfortunately, for Ashton, he received a heavy knock early in his first game and was unable to take any further part in the carnival. Daniel Ottey (Year 11) also represented WA at the carnival, this time in a field umpiring capacity.

In the Under 16 carnival Shaquille McKenzie (Year 11) played a pivotal role in WA’s campaign, with WA finishing equal on points with SA and with a superior percentage, however the championship went to SA due to defeating WA in the head to head clash. Former student and school football team captain Jacob Regan (left Year 12 2010), who is in his first year of a plumbing apprenticeship also, was a member of the 16’s team, who like Ashton in the 15’s had his carnival cut short by injury.

Another former student and football team captain Aaron Sweet (Year 12 – 2006) was one of Western Australia’s better players in the Open team which suffered a heavy loss against Victoria.
WAFL COLTS

Well done to the following boys who have represented their WAFL team in the colts’ football competition this year.

Subiaco: Josh Horton-French (Year 12), Allan Jones (Year 11);
East Perth: Michael Hutchings (Year 12); Shaquille McKenzie (Year 11); West Perth: Brandon Calladine (Year 12); South Fremantle: Ben Stone (left Year 12 2010)

John Batten
Football Program Director
Physical Education Department

P&C NEXT MEETING

NEXT MEETING of the Warwick SHS P&C Association will be held on Monday 25 October 2010. This will be held in the front office lobby. Everyone is welcome.

Mrs Angela McGuinness
President

MONEY MATTERS

SUBJECT SELECTIONS FOR 2011

Students with unpaid charges from 2010 or prior years may not receive their preferred subject choices for 2011. Preference will be given to students who have paid their Contributions and Charges in full.

Some students have submitted their Subject Selection sheets for 2011 but have omitted to include their 50% deposit for each high cost option they have selected. A letter will be mailed home shortly to the parent/carer of these students requesting this deposit. The government has decreed that schools are permitted to collect up to 50% of the total cost of these higher cost subjects at the time of subject selection to secure the student’s place in that course. Our ability to offer these very popular, but expensive non-compulsory courses to students, depends on the 100% recovery of costs from the participants.

YEAR 12 2010 – UNPAID CHARGES

Year 12 students with unpaid charges will not be invited to attend the Year 12 Farewell Ceremony and their reference and graduation photo will be withheld until the charges are paid in full. The Year 12 Farewell Ceremony is held in Term 4 to celebrate our Year 12 students’ achievements and wish them well in the future. This ceremony is heavily subsidised by the school therefore students with unpaid charges will not be invited to attend. Under the Education Act (1999), payment of school charges is compulsory for all school students in Year 11 and 12.

INCURSIONS, EXCURSION & CAMPS

In future, students whose charges are not paid up to date will not be invited to attend extra curricular events i.e.: reward excursion, river cruises, camps etc.

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 Area 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:

The following payment methods are available:
1. Cash/EFTPOS – in person at the front office
2. Cheque/ Money order – payable to “Warwick Senior High School”
3. Credit Card– payment slip below
4. Internet – ACCOUNT NAME: Warwick Senior High School

ACADEMIC TASK FORCE Phone 93174421

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you the new star of Centro Warwick’s advertising campaign?

Do you want to star in Centro Warwick’s new advertising campaign? If you live within 10 km of the shopping centre, come along to the shopping centre between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on Saturday 4 September and have your photo taken for free by one of Perth’s top photographers, and you could be one of the ‘faces’ of our new marketing campaign.

There are some great prizes to be won as well, including all sorts of computer accessories, digital cameras, GPS systems - even a laptop package valued at $900!

For more information contact Karlee Trout at Centro Warwick on 9447 4800.

ACADEMIC TASK FORCE - WACE REVISION COURSES

OCTOBER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Study skills and subject courses for Years 11 and 12. Venues North and South of the river. Small groups, expert teachers, individual help.

For more information contact Dr Robert Hallam or Dr Pam Bagworth

All Students with unpaid 2010 Charges will be referred to our debt collector at the end of Term 3, 2010

WSHS CLASS OF 2000 REUNION

Upcoming reunion to be held: WHEN: Saturday October 23 201, TIME: 2.00 pm onwards, WHERE: The Saint, Innaloo

Everyone rocks up and can buy your own food and drinks and just mingle around. Check out the Facebook page for anyone interested, in Events “Class of 2000 Reunion”. Looking forward to seeing you.

Sheree Pemberton and Hayley Cox

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