FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

VOTING FOR INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR WARWICK

VOTING SLIPS WILL STILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL MAY 10. PLEASE SEND, FAX, OR DELIVER TO FRONT OFFICE.

All families have been emailed information about the process of Warwick SHS becoming an Independent Public School in 2012 and a voting slip (which is on the reverse of the letter). I firmly believe that it is critical for the future of our fantastic school that we become ‘independent’ and therefore self managing to increase our enrolment in the future. This is a fantastic school, producing great results in our academic, sporting and arts programs.

ANZAC DAY 2011

On Friday 15 April, Warwick SHS held its annual ANZAC Memorial service. Three members of the Mirrabooka RSL attended Mr Chris Campbell, Mr Graham Worth and Mr Ted Parker and they gave a speech, recited the ode, played the bugle and laid a wreath. Connor Campbell (Year 12), Codie-Marie Stevens (Year 12) and Kate Nieuwenhuyze (Year 11) read extracts from war time experiences. The Student Councillors conducted the service and the Music students sang ‘My Island Home’ at the end of the assembly, accompanied by Brandon Suhendra (Year 12) on guitar and backing singers. This was a moving and fitting commemoration and recognition of the importance of ANZAC to our School.

Lesley Wintle
Principal

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS - 2011

There will be four (4) school development days for staff during the remainder of year and students are not required to attend school on these days. The dates are:

Term 3: Monday, 25 July 2011
Term 4: Monday, 17 October; Thursday, 15 December; Friday, 16 December, 2011

You can access the Department of Education’s web site for information on term dates, www.det.wa.edu.au

Go to The Department of Education website, click on Schools and You (News for Parents) on the right hand side of the page, then click on Term Dates, also on the right hand side of the page.

DATES FOR TERM 2

The last day of Term 1 is Tuesday 19 April. Students are expected at school until then as normal lessons will operate up to the start of the holidays.

Term 2 resumes on Thursday 5 May for teachers and students.

The last day for Term 2 is Friday 8 July.

More information regarding the events in Term 2 can be found on the school’s website www.warwickshs.wa.edu.au

We wish all a happy, safe and relaxing holiday.

Marisa Del Pin
Associate Principal

WSHS P&C ASSOCIATION

Come along and enjoy a cuppa and biscuits at the WSHS P&C Association which will be held on Monday 23 May at 7.15 pm to 8.30 pm. This will be held in the downstairs Administration area at WSHS. Everyone is welcome, especially new members. We strongly encourage you to be involved to ensure the ongoing viability of our uniform shop and canteen.

YOUR P&C NEEDS YOU! All welcome.

Mr Kevin Tiplady
President

Have you subscribed for our E-Newsletter?
We now send the newsletter home via email!
To subscribe go to:
**MONEY MATTERS**

**Are you eligible for the $350 Secondary Assistance Scheme?**

To be eligible to claim for the Secondary Assistance Scheme you must hold one of the following cards:

- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Centrelink Family Health Care Card
- Veterans’ Affairs Pensioner Concession Card
- or the student has been declared independent by Centrelink

These cards must be current in the first term of 2011.

The allowance consists of two components:

- $115 Clothing allowance paid directly to the parent/guardian or the school
- $235 Educational Program Allowance paid directly to the school to reduce the contributions payable by the parent/guardian in Years 8-10 and the course charges in Years 11 and 12.

Applications close on Tuesday 19 April 2011. Forms available at the Front Office.

**2011 Contributions & Charges are now payable**

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

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 attached to this article.
4. Internet - ACCOUNT NAME: Warwick Senior High School BSB: 306 074

ACCOUNT No.: 419 704 8

**Reference: student name**

**Workplace Learning (WPL)**

The subject charge for Workplace Learning (WPL) is $100.00. 50% due before participating in the Induction Program. 50% is due before the commencement of the first work placement.

**Vocational Readiness Program (VRP)**

Students enrolled in the Vocational Readiness Program are reminded that 50% of charges are to be paid on enrolment and the remainder to be paid by the end of Term 1.

**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 6240 4400 to arrange a payment plan for 2011. 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.*

ROBYN UPTON, Business Manager

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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS - STOCK SALE REDUCED PRICES (PRICE INCREASE TERM 2)**

**UNIFORM SHOP 2011 OPENING HOURS**

For parents/carers and students the School Uniform Shop is opened on:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:00 am – 8:45 am

**UNIFORM VOUCHERS**

2010 and 2011 $20.00 uniform vouchers will be accepted by the Uniform Shop.

**DISCOUNTED STOCK FOR SALE**

The Uniform Shop has a quantity of stock for sale at a REDUCED PRICES. A large range of items and sizes are available.

- Polo Netball Excellence – White
- Long Sleeve Surf Shirt – Navy
- Bangor Shorts – Navy
- Corduroy Short – Navy
- Stubbies Straight Skirt – Navy
- PE Soccer Shorts – Black
- Stubbies Bootleg Hipster Pant – Navy
- Netball Excellence Jacket – Old Logo
- Netball/Dance Excellence Jacket – Old Logo

**NAPLAN 2011**

On Tuesday 10 May, Wednesday 11 May and Thursday 12 May, students will undertake the 2011 NAPLAN tests.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment since 2008 for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

At Warwick SHS we have a whole school plan that assist students to improve their Literacy in all subject areas. Special efforts and resources are in place to extend students’ Literacy and Numeracy across the ability range.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in literacy and numeracy skills against national standards for all Australian children.

All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for special provisions that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom.

An individual student NAPLAN Report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.naplan.edu.au.

Students return to school on Thursday 5 May. NAPLAN commences on Tuesday 10 May after only three school days. Please make sure that your child goes to bed early the night before, has a healthy breakfast and arrives at school on time in order to be calm and relaxed for the test. We wish them well.

Experts regularly inform us that there is a strong relationship between NAPLAN scores and Year 12 results.

Dennis Hodge
Associate Principal
GREAT START TO WORKPLACE LEARNING BY VET STUDENTS IN 2011

The following students have received “Letters of Commendation” for making a great start to Workplace Learning this year. The students have all been acknowledged by their employers as being capable workers who are interested in what they are doing and show initiative in the workplace. We have had comments like "best student we have had from all the schools", and "I would employ this person full time in my business", which is a credit to our students. These students have excellent attendance and punctuality, completed log books, dressed appropriately, have a positive attitude, tried hard at all times and received outstanding feedback from their employers.

Danny Sholdas
Allan Jones
Britney Labruyere

Darnell Mitchell
Faith Johnstone
Jaymee Williams

Katelyn Hahnel
Rachel Turbett
Alana Leonard

Brody Martin
Ellis Kidner
George Coseski

Jessica Kenney
Matt Pearce
Shanae Punter

Brandon Paulitz
Clay Wooding
Emma Murrie

Jamie Thompson
Joshua Flegg
Nicholas Hare

Aaron Josephsen

FROM THE NURSE

Seven healthy suggestions from our School Nurse to help your child perform at their best at school.

1. Organisation: Diary use – keep in touch with what your child is learning at school and the latest school events by asking your child and checking their school diary each week. Have a copy of your child’s school timetable at home. Put it in a prominent place e.g. the fridge!

2. Get to bed at a reasonable hour e.g. 8.30 – 9.00 pm.

3. Get out of bed on time 6.30 – 7.00 am.

4. Eat a healthy breakfast. Ensure it is low in sugar and includes milk.

5. Pack a healthy lunch. Be organised to have the food in your house the night before. Include fruit, vegetables, protein, Omega 3 and 6 (found in fish, leafy vegetables, lettuce, broccoli, spinach), seeds, nuts and grains, carbohydrates and water.

6. Exercise 30 to 60 minutes per day.

7. Drink 6 – 8 glasses of water a day.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FRIENDS OF WARWICK BUSHLAND

2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Meeting at: Bowling & Tennis Club car park, Lloyd Drive, Warwick
When: Third Sunday of the month, 9.00 am
Contact: Janina Pezzarini. Phone 9404 8756
Email: friendsofwarwick@gmail.com

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ACADEMIC TASK FORCE – WACE REVISION COURSES

APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Study Skills, Essay Writing and subject courses for Years 11 and 12.

For the first time we will also be running a Skills Development Program for Years 7 to 10. Covering Mathematics, English, Science and Learning Skills.

Venues North and South of the river, small groups, expert teachers, individual help.

For more information contact Dr Pam Bagworth

ACADEMIC TASK FORCE. Phone 9317 4421
learn@academictaskforce.com.au

JOHN FAIRCHILD’S TENNIS EDGE

TEEN TENNIS

Commencing Saturday 14 May – 8 week course – Fee $125.00
Saturday mornings at Glengarry Tennis Courts, Arinsdale Road, Duncraig. Enquiries and enrolments call: John Fairchild, Phone 9448 4580
LEARNING PERFORMANCE SEMINARS

If your child is in Years 10, 11 or 12
‘STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS’
FOUR DAY SEMINAR
Cost $440.00 Venues: Edith Cowan University (Mount Lawley Campus) and Murdoch University.
Time: 9.00 am to 3.00 pm daily
Dates: 26, 27, 28, 29 April 2011
For a free brochure with full details Phone (08) 9246 2733, www.learnperform.com

FREE WOMAN’S SELF DEFENCE WORKSHOP

WA Institute of Martial Arts, 15B Canham Way, Greenwood is holding a FREE Women’s Self Defence Workshop. It will be a 1 hour seminar on Thursday 28 April from 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm that will cover the basics of not only how to best avoid dangerous situations but how best to get out of them and some basic self defence techniques to assist you if ever attacked.
Registration essential as places are limited: Call 9247 4800 for more information.