15 August 2011

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

YEAR 12 RESULTS 2010

ATAR Results compared to local secondary schools

The table below illustrates that when the Year 12 students’ achievements in Stage 2 and Stage 3 ATAR courses are compared for local schools, Warwick SHS has performed better than most local high schools and is equal to one school.

This is an outstanding result for Warwick and indicates the depth of achievement of Warwick Year 12 students in 2010. It is not only the top students gaining outstanding results but also those in Stage 2.

These are outstanding results of which we should be very proud.

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CONGRATULATIONS

TEACHERS NOMINATED FOR AWARDS

Thank you to students and parents who nominated teachers for various awards recently. The following teachers will be nominated for NEITA Awards (National Excellence in Teaching), Ms Jody Weaver, Ms Meredith Dawn, Mr John Batten and Mrs Lisa Griffin. Mr Graham Johnson and Mrs Suzanne Goldman have been nominated by a parent as worthy of a WA Teacher of the Year nomination. Well done to all those teachers, they are truly worthy nominations.

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL STATUS

I have recently received feedback that Warwick SHS has not gained IPS status for 2012. As you can imagine the School Council, P&C and the school itself are very disappointed. I will shortly receive feedback on the reason why we did not gain IPS, and this will then be used to reconfigure our application for the 2013 round of applications. Thank you for the resounding support we gained from the parents who sent back their voting slips, which almost gave unanimous support to our application.

PARENT-TEACHING REPORTING AFTERNOON

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the Reporting Afternoon on Wednesday 27 July. The new on-line booking system was an outstanding success and there were none of the big lines of people waiting as there were in Term 1. Parents who spoke to me gave me very positive feedback about how easy it was to book and the amazing difference it made to being able to see a teacher on the night. To those who did not attend, may I remind you that I always maintain that educating a child involves three parties; the child, the parent and the school.

Lesley Wintle
PRINCIPAL
MONEY MATTERS – FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Subject Selections for 2012 - Deposits

Some students have submitted their Subject Selection sheets for 2012 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 recovery of costs from the participants.

Year 12 2011 – Unpaid Charges

Year 12 student with outstanding charges may not be invited to attend the Year 12 Farewell Ceremony. Until the charges are paid in full, certificates, school reference and graduation photo will be withheld. 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 outstanding charges may 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.

All Students - Unpaid 2011 Charges will be referred to our debt collector at the end of Term 3, 2011. 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 photocopier 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:

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– refer to link
4. Internet - ACCOUNT NAME: Warwick Senior High School
   BSB: 306-074
   ACCOUNT No.: 419704-8
   Reference: student 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 6240 4400 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.

UNIFORM SHOP: SEMESTER TWO

The school uniform shop is reducing the number of days that it opens for the rest of the year. It will only be open on Friday from 8.00 to 8.45 am. A volunteer is required to run the uniform shop for the rest of the year as the P&C have decided that as it is only one morning and they would like a volunteer to run this.

PLEASE CALL THE PRINCIPAL IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS POSITION.

Kevin Tiplady
P&C President

P&C NEWS

Come along and enjoy a cuppa and biscuits at the WSHS P&C Association which will be held on Monday 22 August at 7.15 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

PARENT/TEACHER REPORTING AFTERNOON

As we widely advertised, all parents were asked to engage in a new online booking process. I need to thank Mrs Glenda Simpson, our Systems Administrator, for her enormous effort to set it up ready for parent use.

For the online booking process to work efficiently, we posted home all reports. This single change reduced the rush significantly. The other measure that we implemented was to provide assistance and support to those parents who were unable to make their own bookings online. This went well and parents did seek assistance by phoning our office.

During the afternoon several parents related to me and the Principal, that the booking system was a vast improvement on previous parent/teacher meetings.

The teachers also informed me that the new arrangement worked better for them as well.

Thank you to all those who supported the new booking system and particularly all those parents who attended the Reporting Afternoon.

Dennis Hodge
Associate Principal

VET COORDINATOR NEWS

SCHOOL + FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Students going into Year 11 in 2012 can complete or start higher education or training while still at school. Senior Secondary students can now achieve their WACE (Western Australian Certificate of Education), at the same time as working towards TAFE qualifications, or APPRENTICESHIPS, or TRAINEESHIPS. Students may even be entitled to receive a payment for the hours they complete in the workplace.

1) TAFE COURSES: a wide range of certificate and pre-apprenticeship courses are offered to high school students while they are still at school. There is no course fee for these (usually $400-$800 per semester). Students may have to pay for resources. Contributes to WACE.

2) SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS/TRAINEESHIPS: school students can sign up with the school and the Apprenticentre to get a head start on their qualifications. They receive a payment...
for hours in the workplace and the certificate qualification contributes towards their WACE.

3) CERTIFICATE QUALIFICATIONS: Warwick SHS offers a wide range of Certificate qualifications that can be completed as part of the students normal school timetable.

4) WORKPLACE LEARNING: Students can participate in a Course of Study that enables them to experience real life work experiences while still at school. This program is good for students who are unsure of what they want to do in the future.

Further information is available in the 2012 Upper School Handbook, from the Career Centre at school or contact me on 6240 4457 Sheryl Giannas (Vet Coordinator)

YEARS 10 STUDY SKILLS
The Year 10 students will be involved in a study skills session, being presented by Elevate Education, on Tuesday 16 August.

The hour long session will address the question: “What is study?” Students will break down the study process, in order to provide then with a “road map” for how they can best go about their own study. They will look at the kind of work they need to be doing and how they need to get it done.

Skills covered will include:
- Dynamic Reading
- Note-taking
- Conceptual Learning Skills
- Independent Learning

Follow up sessions will occur in Year 11 2012.

Marisa Del Pin
Associate Principal

SKILLS WEST EXPO
FRIDAY 19TH – SUNDAY 21ST AUGUST
PERTH CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE
This FREE ENTRY 3-day event will promote Career, Employment, Education and Training opportunities in skill shortage industries across Western Australia. Over 100 exhibitors will showcase real job opportunities, education and training pathways and professional career advice. The Expo will feature many of WA’s resources companies and 2011 will see a broader representation to include the healthcare, hospitality, tourism, retail, aviation, defence, education, finance and government sectors – plus many many more!

Sheryl Giannas
Vet Coordinator

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS
The Warwick SHS Music Department were very busy in Semester 1. We have had numerous performances including our highly successful ‘Winter Concert’ featuring all our amazingly talented music students. We also had a special guest appearance by ‘Just after Five’ a vocal acapella group who are exceptional musicians. Our Year 12 students have also toured all our local primary schools and the Year 8 students performed at the ‘Great Start Awards’. We are all proud of our students’ progress and we look forward to even more amazing performances next semester including our ‘Spring Concert’ and many more.

Ms Kate Thumwood
Music Teacher

WSHS MUSIC CONCERT – WOMAN’S CARDIGAN FOUND
A woman’s black cardigan was left behind in the Performing Arts Centre after our Winter Music Concert in June. Please contact Carol on 62404432 to claim.

TIPS FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE – HEALTHY FOODS
We just can’t get enough of healthy foods at Warwick SHS.

Here are some examples of healthy foods to keep your weight in check, colds and infections at bay, and increase your thinking process.

1. Chicken and Turkey and lean Pork
They use more energy to digest so you will burn more calories.

2. Low fat milk yoghurt and cheese
The theory being that calcium breaks down fat cells and suppresses the growth of new ones.

3. Berries and citrus fruit are anti oxidants
Quick and easy frozen berry shake after school

4. Soybeans and chickpeas and lentils
Add to soups curries and stir fries

5. Salmon, avocado nuts and flaxseed oil
Reduces weight body fat and insulin levels. Try avocado and salmon sandwiches

6. Cinnamon ¼ teaspoon
Add to your smoothie. Lowers blood sugar levels and helps us store less fat

7. Sweet potatoes, oats and wholegrain cereal.
High soluble fibre and low GI keep you feeling fuller for longer

8. Chilli, Cayenne pepper
Hot foods increase your metabolic rate and burn extra calories. Indian curries. The spice turmeric slows down the spread of fat tissue in animals and lowers blood glucose, triglyceride fatty acid and cholesterol.

9. Ginger and Garlic
Ginger has been shown to speed up metabolism. Add to curries and stir fries. Drink ginger teas.
10. Omega 3, some examples are fish/diary/lean meats/nuts
Feel great! Eat healthy foods and get sufficient sleep! This will give Warwick SHS students the edge with their exams!

Ros Webster
School Nurse

COLLECTION OF WOOLWORTHS DOCKETS AND COLES VOUCHERS

WSHS is once again collecting Coles Vouchers and Earn and Learn Woolworths dockets.

Woolworths dockets can be collected from July 18 until September 18 2011. Coles Vouchers can be collected from August 11 thru to October 18 2011.

Last year our Physical Education Department were able to purchase sports equipment to the value of $500 with the Coles vouchers that were collected.

Start collecting now and bring them into the WSHS Administration Office and place in the appropriate boxes.

NETBALL UMPIRING

In the last month Warwick Senior High School Netball girls have umpired at five different lightning carnivals. It has been a valuable experience for the girls although at one carnival they were thoroughly drenched.

Stacey Horner (Year 10) and Hayley Tavanyar (Year 10) are pictured umpiring at Kingsway Netball Centre for the primary school carnival held on Wednesday 6 July. All the girls are accredited Level One umpires. The Year 9 students are currently completing this accreditation with Netball WA State League umpire Joe Gorinski.

Jill Burns
Netball Program Coordinator

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK – AN INVITATION

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

The aim of Mental Health Week (Monday 10-14 October) is to bring about education and increasing awareness and understanding of mental health and to reduce the stigma of mental illness in Western Australia. Mental Health Week is a national event where organisations, corporations, businesses, schools and the whole community can participate and be involved in. The week is a community event with activities taking place all over Western Australia. So mark your calendars and help celebrate the Opening of Mental Health Week 2011! Featuring Spirit of the Streets Choir Sunday 9 October from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm Hyde Park. Contact WAAMH on (08) 9420 7277 or www.waamh.org.au

Rita Burgess
School Psychologist

VacSWIM 2011 – 2012

VacSwim gives families the opportunity to access high quality, affordable swimming classes to ensure all children learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills.

VacSWIM 2011 – 2012 Information Brochures and Enrolment Forms are available from WSHS Administration Office. For further information visit the VacSwim website at: det.wa.edu.au or telephone 9345 4007. Closing dates for enrolments are 7 September 2011 for the October program or 9 November 2011 for the December/January Program.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CARINE CATS BALL CLUB

Registration days for Teeball, Softball and Baseball will be held on Saturday 6 August 2011 between 9 am and 1 pm at Carine Open space Club Rooms off Beach Road. Any further questions please call:

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STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

In January 2012, students aged 14 – 19 years from Japan, Europe, the USA and Latin America will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 2-10 months. Opportunities are available to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit our website. http://studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student

DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE AT GREENWOOD PRIMARY

The new Dental Therapy Centre at Greenwood Primary School will open on Monday 1 August.

Address: Dental Therapy Centre, c/- Greenwood Primary School, 12 Merivale Way, Greenwood 6024, Phone: 9203 5611 Entrance is from Ranleigh Way.

STIRLING SENATORS SUMMER BASKETBALL DOMESTIC COMPETITION

For Girls and Boys 12 to 18 years

Stirling Senators Basketball Association affiliation with their Domestic Clubs is holding Friday Nigh Basketball Competitions. This competition is aimed at boys and girls 12 to 18 years who have played basketball and who currently do not play basketball.

The competition is held at the Warwick Leisure Centre. Registration day will be on Saturday 24 September 2011 from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm. Registration and team nomination forms are available on http://stirling.basketball.net.au or contact Joel Green 0404233568.

FREE PARENTING WORKSHOPS

City of Stirling Family Services would like to invite you to attend the following FREE parenting teenager’s workshops on Wednesday evenings.

August 17 – Raising Teenage Girls – A Workshop for Dads
August 24 – Mums Raising Boys – Setting Boundaries
August 31 – Parenting with Today’s Technology
September 7 – Solving Differences using S.I.R. – Situation – Interpretation – Response

Booking essential – Please contact Family Services on 9345 8555 or email familyservices@stirling.wa.gov.au