1 July 2011

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

Cody Grace (Year 10) has been selected to represent Western Australia in the 2011 State AFL Boys’ 15 Yrs team. This team will be competing at the National Schools Championships in Canberra, ACT from the 22 – 30 July.

Brody Martin (Year 11) – Selected to play in the State School Boys’ Golf Team in Adelaide in August 2011 which includes four rounds of 36 holes match play and one round of stroke play over the week. Brody was one of six chosen in the team.

Tristan Lyons (Year 10)

Tristan to Attend Statewide Student Parliament

Year 10 student Tristan Lyons has been selected to participate in the Legislative Assembly in the 2011 Statewide Student Parliament, which acknowledges the centenary of state secondary and tertiary education in Western Australia. The Parliament will be conducted from Sunday 28 August to Tuesday 30 August.

Tristan will be representing the Carine electoral district and will be linked to Mr Tony Krsticevic, MLA.

Tristan will be required to complete tasks including preparing an Address-in-Reply, a speech on the proposed bills set for parliamentary debate and a parliamentary question or answer linked to question time.

Tristan was nominated to attend the Statewide Student Parliament by the Head of Society and Environment, Mr Sam Rawlings. Mr Rawlings said Tristan performed exceptionally well in...
the Government and Law topic, demonstrated very good understanding and showed a keen interest for the Parliamentary process.

Even though Tristan is unsure of his future career path he is hoping that this outstanding opportunity will help him decide if he wishes to study Politics at university.

Good luck Tristan!

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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WA EDUCATION AWARDS 2011 – TEACHER OF THE YEAR

The nominations for the WA Education Awards 2011 are now open. The awards are a wonderful way to recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements and contributions of our school and staff. The awards are the highest accolade that our school and the staff who work here can achieve.

This year it is even easier to nominate a Warwick SHS staff member, by using the enclosed nomination slip to acknowledge a Warwick SHS staff member.

Nominations can only be made by principals or school staff, but parents can play a role in acknowledging schools, and this can be done by completing the form, indicating who they would like to see recognised and returning it to the school.

When the school receives the nominations from students and parents, we will acknowledge them and select which ones will go forward to the state competition.

Please complete the nomination form and return to the Reception office ASAP. (Please ignore the return date on the slip and return by 29 July, 2011.) Thank you.

PAST STUDENT SUCCESS IN U/19 AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE TEAM

On Saturday 25 June, Mrs Jill Burns and I attended the function to farewell the WA members of the U/19 Australian Girls’ Lacrosse Team. We attended this function to farewell a 2010 Year 12 student Hayley-Anne Simpson, who gained a place on this team. Over the past two years, Hayley-Anne has been through an extensive selection process to make the final 20 in the Australian squad. She will travel to Hanover in Germany, in August to play in the U/19 World Championships.

On behalf of the school, I wish Hayley-Anne and the team every success and hope they bring home the world championship trophy.

MINISTER OF EDUCATION VISITS WARWICK SHS

On Friday 10 June, The Minister for Education, Dr Elizabeth Constable called into Warwick SHS as a part of her visits to schools. (She had visited Quinn’s Beach PS and Girrawheen SHS before Warwick.) We welcomed Dr Constable as she was scheduled to visit in November last year, but cancelled due to parliamentary commitments. Dr Constable and her advisor walked through the school with the Principal, viewed our facilities and asked questions about Warwick’s education program. She then had lunch with the Principal and the Associate Principals where we spoke about matters like the National Curriculum, Year 7’s going to high schools, disadvantaged students, Stage 2 ATAR subjects and their compulsory exams.

Overall it was a very positive visit and I believe the Minister went away with a positive view of Warwick.

Lesley Wintle
Principal

PARENT TEACHER MEETING ON LINE BOOKINGS

Included with the report of your eldest child, you will have all the relevant information in order to make your appointments with teachers.
If you have any difficulties please contact the school and we will assist. The bookings close at 11.55 pm Tuesday 26 July.

Dennis Hodge
Associate Principal

LATE START ON WEDNESDAY 27 JULY

As we will be having Parent/Teacher Meeting up to 5.30 pm, formal classes will start with Period 3 at 11.15 am on Wednesday 27 July.

From 8.30 am, students may do supervised private study in our Library, if parents/carers so desire.

Dennis Hodge
Associate Principal

START OF TERM 3

School commences on Tuesday 26 July for students and the Parent/teachers afternoon is on Wednesday 27 July starting at 3.00 pm.

Term 3 finishes on Friday 30 September.

Dennis Hodge
Associate Principal

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Warwick SHS Music Department has been very busy this semester. 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’s performed at the ‘Great Start Awards’. We are all proud of our students progress and look forward to even more amazing performances next semester including our ‘Spring concert’ and many more.

Ms Kate Thumwood
Music Teacher

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 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

MONEY MATTERS

Thank you to all those parents/guardians who have already made payment of their child’s contributions and charges to the school. It is expected that a considerable portion of a student’s contributions and charges for 2011 will have already been paid to the school, prior to the commencement of Semester 2. The school relies heavily on parents/carers promptly paying contributions and charges in order to provide the best education for our students. Under the Education Act (1999), payment of school charges is compulsory for all upper school students in Year 11 and 12.

Are your Contributions and Charges paid up to date?

Students in high cost options may be moved to a low cost option for Semester 2 if a considerable payment toward 2011 charges has not been made to the school by the end of Term 2, 2011. High Cost Options: Work Place Learning, Certificate courses, Fasttrack (VRP), Food, Football, Netball, Dance, Photography, Outdoor Education, Jewellery, Woodwork, Metalwork etc.

Work Place Learning (WPL)

The subject charge for Work Place Learning (WPL) is $100. Students are required to have paid this amount in full by the end of Term 2, 2011 or they may not be offered a work placement for Semester 2, 2011.

Vocational Readiness Program (VRP)

Students enrolled in the Vocational Readiness Program are reminded that full payment of their 2011 charges is now due.

Certificate Courses

Students enrolled in Certificate courses will have their certificate withheld at the end of the year by the School until the charges are paid in full.

Camps, Excursions, Tours etc

Students whose charges are not paid up to date will not be invited to attend extra curricular events such as: reward excursions, river cruises, camps, tours 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
4. Internet - Account Name: "Warwick Senior High School" BSB: 306 074
Account No.: 419 704 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 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.

NEWS FROM THE CAREER CENTRE

YEAR 10 STUDENTS TRY-A-TRADE.

A group of 8 students from Warwick attended a 4 day Bricklaying/Tiling course at Polytechnic West in Balga. The boys learnt how to lay bricks, render walls and cut and lay tiles. The program is designed to give the students an opportunity to try a trade area before they have to pick the course they will do in Year 11. Most of the students found the experience very valuable and have expressed an interest in the next program in Carpentry and Joinery.

Kane Martin said that, “It has been a valuable experience because we have learnt about 3 different trades, bricklaying, rendering and tiling. It has helped me to find out what I would like to do in the future.”

TAFE AND CERTIFICATE STUDENTS IN YEAR 11 & 12

Warwick SHS students enrolled in either, the Certificate in Metals (Engineering), Furniture or Construction or a TAFE course, had the opportunity to complete a block work placement during the exam break. The students spent up to eight days in an industry placement that related to their course or area of interest. The feedback from the students and employers has been extremely positive and, as a result, the initiative to include work experience in these courses will continue next year.

Sheryl Giannas
Vet Coordinator
ABSENTEES BY TEXT MESSAGE
NOTIFYING THE SCHOOL OF ABSENTEES BY TEXT MESSAGE
If you notify the school as soon as you know your child will be absent, the school will be aware your child is safe, and will not need to contact you. An SMS text message sent to the school is the best way to do this.

WARWICK SHS TEXT ONLY MESSAGE NUMBER FOR SMS ABSENTEES IS 0407 983 896.

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENTS FOR 2012
Applications for Enrolments for children entering Kindergarten, Pre-Primary, Year 1 or Year 8 or changing schools in the 2012 school year, should be made by Friday, 29 July 2011. i.e. end of Week 1 Term 3.

As all schools are closed between 9 and 24 July 2011 for the July vacation, parents are encouraged to submit applications before the end of Semester 1.

NURSE’S NEWS
MESSAGES FROM THE HEALTH CENTRE
Dress warmly
Make sure you have your children dress warmly for these cold winter days to try and avoid sickness. School jumpers are available at the Uniform shop. Some children may need reminding to add an extra blanket or two on their beds at night to ensure a good night’s sleep.

Keep sick students at home to avoid transfer of infection.
Thanks to all the wonderful parents at Warwick SHS for being responsible and keeping their children home when they’re sick. It is much appreciated by the whole school community.

Update your child’s health care status/change of phone numbers, by simply calling one of the school nurses on 6240 4428

Ros Webster and Pauline Karsakis
School Nurses

PURPLE BRA THANK YOU
On Friday 17 June Warwick staff and students supported the annual Purple Bra Day. A group of students from Years 8, 10, 11 and 12 collected donations during Pastoral Care Group and donations were also collected during Year 11 and 12 assemblies a week later, as they were absent on the Friday. A number of staff members donned their purple gear and brought in a selection of delicious goodies for a special purple morning tea. A grand total of $227.80 was collected from students and staff. All the funds collected support West Australians affected by breast cancer. Many thanks to all the staff and students who donated and/or collected for the appeal.

COMMUNITY NEWS
UNITING AID DONATION
The clients, volunteers and Board members of Uniting Aid would like to sincerely thank Warwick SHS for the kind donation of Christmas presents and food received last year. They really appreciated the effort and support of the students and staff.

FILMBITES
The FilmBites Youth Film School will be holding workshops for all budding film makers during the July school holidays. Students interested in a career in the media and entertainment industries attain a head start in their skills development. FilmBites student films have won awards and screened in film festivals. For more information please phone (08) 9408 0362 or go to the websites - info@filmbites.com.au or www.filmbites.com.au.

LEARNING PERFORMANCE SEMINARS
If your child is in Years 10, 11 or 12 don’t miss our JULY school holiday program 4 day seminar in “Strategies for Success”.

Students emerge from the seminar confident and motivated towards their studies and possessing powerful new strategies for speed reading, advanced understanding, summarising, memorising, revision, essay planning, stress management, goal setting and study methods.

Cost is $440, to be held at Edith Cowan University (Mt Lawley Campus) from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm daily on 11, 12, 13 and 14 July. For a free brochure with full details phone (08) 9246 2733 or go to www.learnperform.com.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS STRATEGIES
The focus of this three day seminar is University preparation. Intended target audience is upper school students, local and international, as well as alternate entry and mature age students.


JOHN FAIRCHILD’S TENNIS EDGE
Commencing Saturday 30 July – 8 week course. Fee $125.00. Saturday mornings at Glengarry tennis Courts, Arndisla Road, Duncraig. Featuring small squads. Enquiries and enrolments call: John Fairchild 9448 4580.