26 May 2011

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL APPLICATION (2012)

Thank you to all parents/carers who replied to the IPS vote held recently. While only a small percentage of replies were received, the support was overwhelming. FOR 87% AGAINST 13%.

Thank you for your confidence in the school to be able to manage its own affairs as an IPS. We are fairly confident we will gain IPS this time as we have shown significant improvement in Year 12 results and Year 9 NAPLAN in 2010.

NAPLAN TESTING

The annual NAPLAN testing conducted in Week 2 of this term went very smoothly and students were very well behaved and industrious during the tests. The school supplied each student with a fruit juice popper and a muesli bar before each test, to ensure their brains were well fed in preparation for the test.

Lesley Wintle
Principal

COMPUTER NOTEBOOKS ARRIVE AT WARWICK SHS

I was invited into Mr Bell’s Year 9 class room this week to observe the Society and Environment lesson in which students were using their computer notebooks.

I observed a class of silent students all with their screens clearly visible from the back of the room. Mr Bell was quietly assisting where required as well as one student helping a peer with a software issue. The teacher’s instructions were on the board and were all working away on their notebooks.

At the end of the lesson Mr Bell downloaded the students’ work for marking.

I left the class satisfied that when the technology is working and the teacher is embracing its positive aspects, then both teacher and students are winners.

Thank you Mr Bell for sharing your lesson with me.

Dennis Hodge
Associate Principal

ASSEMBLIES, PARENT NIGHT, 2012 COURSE COUNSELLING

YEAR 11 - 2012 COURSE COUNSELLING

We are entering a very important time for the Year 10 students as they start to make decisions about the courses they will study in Year 11- 2012.

Below are brief details of events for Term 2 relating to the counselling process.

YEAR 10 ASSEMBLIES

Every Wednesday morning the Year 10 group has an assembly. At this assembly students receive important information about Year 11 and 12 courses. It is important students are in attendance and on time to the assembly. The assembly commences at 8.30 am in the PA.

YEAR 10 PARENT NIGHT

Wednesday 1 June at 7.00 pm in the PA.

At this Parent Night, parents/carers will receive current information on the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). A student who achieves WACE achieves Secondary Graduation. This is an important meeting and attendance of Year 10 parents/carers is strongly encouraged.
YEAR 10 COURSE COUNSELLING

Monday 4 July and Tuesday 5 July (Day sessions 8.30 am – 3.00 pm).
Wednesday 6 July (Night session 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm).

At these sessions a Counsellor will meet with parents/carers and their child to discuss course selections for Year 11, 2012. This is an important part of the counselling process and your attendance at this session assists in choosing the most appropriate pathway for your child. Details will follow later.

If a parent/carer does not attend the session with their child the counselling will be completed with the student only.

COURSE SELECTION HANDBOOK AND SELECTION SHEETS

Year 10 students will receive a 2012 Year 11 Course Selection Handbook and Course Selection Sheet. Please take the time to discuss the courses in the handbook with your child and complete the Selection Sheet as accurately and completely as possible.

The Handbook will be available on the school’s website: www.warwickshs.wa.edu.au

The Selection Sheet is due back by Wednesday 27 July 2011 with payment (see below).

CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

Contributions and Charges in Year 11 and 12 are compulsory. To assist in facilitating planning for the 2012 timetable we require that a deposit of $100.00 is received with the Course Selection Sheet. If you are a recipient of a Pensioner Concession, Family Health Care Card or Veteran’s Affairs Card, a deposit of only $50.00 and proof of this status will be required. The deposit is not a guarantee that a student will receive his/her first preferences but will ensure that your son/daughter’s application will be processed before those who have not contributed. Thank you for supporting the school to provide the best resources we can for your child’s education.

The Year 10 Course Counsellors and I look forward to meeting you during this important time in your child’s education.

MARISSA DEL PIN
Associate Principal

WSHS P&C ASSOCIATION NEWS

Come along and enjoy a cuppa and biscuits at the WSHS P&C Association which will be held on Monday 27 June 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

CAMPS, EXCURSIONS 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.

Students in high cost options – Certificate courses, Work Place Learning, Fast Track (VRP), Food, Football, Netball, Dance, Photography, Outdoor Education, Jewellery, Woodwork, Metalwork etc – may be moved to a low cost option for Term 3, if payment for 2011 has not been made in full by the end of Term 2, 2011.

As we are nearing the middle of the year it is expected that at least 50% of a student’s Contributions and Charges for 2011 will have already been paid to the school. The school relies heavily on parents/carers promptly paying Contributions and Charges in order to provide the best education for our students.

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 given 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 are now due.

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”
ACCOUNT NO.: 419 704 8
BSB: 306 074
Reference: Student name

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

A BIG THANK YOU FOR THE CARE PACKAGES

A thank you letter has been received from the Staff Sergeant and a Private from the Solomon Islands on behalf of the troops serving there, the contents are as follows:

3 May 2011

Dear Andrew, Peter and all the students from Warwick Senior High School

James and I would dearly like to say a Big Thank you to all of you for the care package and the letter that you sent to us.

We hope that this letter finds you all in good health and that you have enjoyed your time off during the school holidays. James and I are both from WA as are most of the soldiers on this deployment. We also have soldiers from SA, Qld and Tasmania with us. Most of us are Reserve soldiers who have volunteered to be on this deployment.

The contents in the package were very much appreciated and James and I shared them with our fellow soldiers. We have received numerous care packages from people all over Australia and it makes us proud that we are in your thoughts while we are away.

Anzac Day was very special for us as we also remembered all the other Servicemen and Woman who are deployed and are away from their families and loved ones. We also remembered all of our fallen comrades who have lost their lives in battles far away and at home.

Again a Very big Thank You for the parcel and we wish you good health and we hope you enjoy the rest of your time at school.

Yours sincerely,
Colin and James
PURPLE BRA DAY AT WSHS – 17 JUNE

On 17 June we will be fundraising for Purple Bra Day for the Breast Cancer Organisation of WA. Students will be encouraged to wear something purple on the day in the way of a ribbon/sash, scarf, hat, socks, shoes etc. School uniform will still be required to be worn on the day as this is not a Free Dress Day. Also during Pastoral Care Group our Student Councillors will be collecting donations of money. So please support the Purple Bra Day and encourage your student to bring a donation and wear something purple. Thank you in anticipation.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop Hours 2011
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8.00 am – 8.45 am

Uniform Vouchers
2010 and 2011 $20 Uniform Vouchers will be accepted by the Uniform Shop.

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations

Brody MARTIN – Year 11 for being invited to play in the 2011 Honda Junior Masters Golf Championships being hosted by the Vines Resort. Maybe in the years to come, our next Greg Norman.

RED CROSS BLOOD DONATION

Year 12 students have rolled up their sleeves to donate blood to the Red Cross. Year 12 Coordinator Jill Burns, said the students were given a presentation from the Red Cross explaining blood donation and their eagerness to get involved and donate demonstrated the wonderful dedication and community spirit of Warwick students. They should be very proud of themselves for the difference they are making to the lives of patients in need.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FUTURE STUDENTS EVENTS – ECU

If you have a student in Years 10 – 12 and they are hoping to attend University, Edith Cowan University at Joondalup and Mt Lawley are having an “Open Day” at Joondalup Campus on Sunday 31 July from 10 am – 4 pm and Mt Lawley Campus & WAAPA on Sunday 7 August from 10 am – 4 pm.

You can also find out what’s happening for “Future Students” by going to www.reachyourpotential.com.au/events for registrations and more details.

ACADEMIC TASK FORCE

Looking for that extra edge to your results, or would like additional support in reaching your potential, ACADEMIC TASK FORCE can help you get the results you deserve.

Master Classes: Starting from 8 May

Power your way to excellence in the WACE exams! Be inspired by expert teachers, gain fresh insights into subject concepts and polish your performance.

WACE Help Weekend Classes: Starting from 7 May

Get the help you need each week in these small tutorial groups! Taught by experienced teachers dedicated to improving your academic performance.

Yr 7, 8, 9 & 10 Saturday Program: Starting 7 May

Keep up to date with your work and get extra help in English and/or Maths. Experienced teachers will work with you to build your skills and understanding in a small group.

For more information and enrolment contact Academic Task Force – Ph: 9317 4421, email: learn@academictaskforce.com.au, visit: www.academictaskforce.com.au.

PARENT PROGRAM IN ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS

On 13, 20 and 27 June, Behaviour Tonics will be running a course called Engaging Adolescents (Parenting skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems), at Wembley. The workshop is appropriate for parents of 11 to 16 year olds. For more information or to register call 9382 1182 or go to the website and register online @ www.behaviourtionics.com.au

HOST FAMILY REQUEST IN WA

In June/July 2011 Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd will be receiving exchange students from Europe, the USA and Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family in WA and attend a local school for 2-10 months. Suitable families are required who are located in WARWICK who might be interested to host a student.. Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au.