4th November 2011

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Year 12 Graduation

On Wednesday 26 October, the annual Year 12 Farewell Ceremony was held. In the new Balcatta venue, 103 Year 12 students were farewelled by the school.

The ceremony was outstanding with the Head Boy and Head Girl’s speeches being particularly moving, and recognising the enormous impact that school and teachers have had in their lives. Year 12 Coordinator, Mrs Jill Burns’ speech was very complimentary to the Year 12 students and their five years at the school.

The major awards given were:

- **Year 12 ATAR Dux**: David CHUNG
- **Year 12 VET Dux**: Jaymee WILLIAMS

Both students were fully deserving of their awards and will receive $1,000 from the government for their hard work. (See full results list in the next "THE WORD" magazine).

School Council

The Warwick SHS School Council met on Monday 31 October for the last time this year. Matters discussed included: school finances and collection rates, Year 12 results 2011, P & C matters including the uniform shop and Year 9 NAPLAN results.

The School Council commended the school staff for their work with the Year 12 and Year 9 results as the NAPLAN especially has shown great improvements. The Chairperson, Mrs Eleonora Di Bello-Greatley, moved a motion of appreciation for the school Business Manager, Mrs Robyn Upton, as collection rates of school Contributions and Charges have improved.

Ms Wintle thanked Mrs Di Bello-Greatley and Mrs Cheryl Patroni for their work on the Council in 2011. Mrs Di Bello-Greatley will retire as Council President at the end of this year after six years on P & C and/or School Council.

Staff Recognised

Mrs Meredith DAWN (English) and Mrs Elise SMITH (VRP), were recently recognised for their teaching skills and leadership by gaining their Level 3 Classroom Teacher status. This is not just “given” to staff, they must earn it by writing a lengthy application including proof of their leadership skills and then presenting a talk using their skills to a group of other teachers. A daunting task! They will have their pay increased to that of a HOLA and be given half a day out of classes per week, to undertake school development work. Well done to Mrs Dawn and Mrs Smith, this is well deserved by both.

Last Day for Year 8, 9 & 10

Please be aware the school year does not finish for Years 8 – 10 until Wednesday 14 December at 2.45 pm. Students are expected to be at school and prepared to work! The end of the year is not party time or DVD watching time. All staff have been directed to keep students fully occupied with meaningful, relevant work.

Lesley Wintle
PRINCIPAL

P&C NEWS

The last meeting for 2011 of the WSHS P&C Association will be held on Monday 28 November at 7.15 pm to 8.30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Your P&C needs you.

Mr Kevin Tiplady
President
UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
The Uniform Shop day has changed from Friday 8.00 am to 8.45 am to Tuesday 8.00 am to 8.45 am as from 1 November 2011.

UNIFORM COORDINATOR

SIGNIFICANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

11 November Vocational Readiness Program – PRESENTATION
18 November Last day for Year 11 students who have completed all their assignments.
21 November Year 11 ATAR exams commence
28 November Year 11 ATAR exams finish
30 November – 1 December Year 11 ATAR students attend for exam feedback and pre Year 12 holiday study outlines.
7 December Year 8 -10 Reward Excursion to Adventure World
14 December LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Dennis Hodge
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

CANBERRA 2012
Plans for the 2012 Canberra Tour are currently being put into place. The venues and our accommodation are booked and ready for us in 2012.

The group will be flying out on Friday 29 June and returning on Friday 6 July. Students will be visiting significant sites including the Houses of Parliament, Australian War Memorial, AIS, Questacon, Deep Space Centre, Black Mountain Tower and numerous other venues. There will also be a day snow skiing at Mt Blue Cow and a day in Sydney before our return to Perth. The cost is currently being calculated but is estimated to be around $1400 - $1500. This includes all accommodation, flights, travel insurance, breakfast and dinner, venues, coach hire, skiing equipment and lessons.

Very importantly our flights have been costed and we are able to obtain an excellent airfare. To take advantage of this airfare I need at least 20 students to have paid their $500 deposit to the school by Friday 11 November. The balance of the tour costs can then be paid in instalments by 10 May 2012. Therefore, I would encourage students who are intending to go on the Canberra/Sydney 2012 tour to see Mr Green and collect the necessary paperwork ASAP and organise to pay the deposit by the above date.

The payment of deposits is essential as without this commitment from students and parents, the costs may rise and the tour may not be able to go ahead. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mr Green at Warwick SHS on 6240 4400.

Don Green
TOUR COORDINATOR

ATHLETICS

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The Interschool Athletics carnival was recently held at the State Athletics Centre. Our Warwick team performed very well, gaining third place out of nine teams. As a result, we will move up a division next year.

Well done to all team members who represented the school. Students were very well behaved, reliable and worked hard to give their best. One high ranking official made comment on the excellent behaviour and manners of our students.

Many of our athletes made a huge effort, performing in many events throughout the day. To gain a place at this level is a great achievement but to get a first place is outstanding. Well done to the following students who won events:

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Our depth of talent was highlighted with all our relay teams gaining a place. Congratulations to the 13 Year boys, 14 Year boys and 16 Year boys who won their relays.

The following students were outstanding in gaining a place in the overall Champion award for their respective age divisions:

- Neil FIORINI Runner-up Champion 13 Year boy
- Lenny BROWN Champion 14 Year boy
- Shania HORTON-FRENCH Third place 14 Year girl
- Cody GRACE Third place 15 Year boy

I would like to thank the Year 12 members of our team for coming back to school to compete at the carnival. A special thank you to Shaquille McKenzie who has represented the school with distinction throughout his five years at Warwick SHS.
MONEY MATTERS – FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Year 12 2011 – Unpaid Charges

Year 12 students with outstanding charges will have their reference and graduation photo withheld until the charges are paid in full. Under the Education Act (1999), payment of school charges is compulsory for all upper school students in Year 11 and 12.

Reward Excursion

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

Debt Collection - students with unpaid 2011 Charges will be referred to our debt collector shortly

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:

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 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. 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

FROM THE DESK OF THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

THE PROBLEM OF UNDERAGE DRINKING

With Schoolies Week just around the corner, as well as the approaching Festive Season, I would like to highlight this area of growing concern in the community: the serious issue of underage drinking.

Reasons why young people drink:

• Imitate adult behaviour
• Experimenting and having fun
• As a means of coping with their problems
• Peer influence.

Examples of how alcohol harms young people:

• Impairs physical growth and brain development
• Affects learning and social development
Affects mental health that may lead to depression and self-harm.
Increases the probability of risk-taking behaviours.

What can Parents do?

- Be a good role model with your own alcohol drinking practice
- Have good communication with your child in order to discuss issues that matter to you and your child
- Set clear boundaries regarding issues such as alcohol, partying etc.

Some helpful contacts and resources:

- Alcohol and Drug Information Service – 9442 5000
- Parent Drug Information Service – 9442 5050
- Crisis Care – 9223 1111

If you require further information or are worried about your child drinking alcohol, contact the suggested numbers, or speak to your GP or your child’s School Psychologist.

REMEMBER:
The safest option for young people less than 18 years of age is NOT to drink alcohol at all!

Rita Burgess
SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

COMMUNITY NEWS

LEARNING PERFORMANCE SEMINARS

If your child is going into Years 10, 11 or 12 don’t miss our January School Holiday Program in STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS, a four day seminar. 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, time management, goal setting and correct study methods.

For a free brochure with full details phone 9246 2733 or go to their website www.learnperform.com.

STUDENT EXCHANGE – HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

In January 2012 we will be receiving exchange students from Japan, Europe, the USA and Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2 – 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families located in WA who might be interested to host a student. All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries please call our office on 1300 135 331 or go to our website www.studentexchange.org.au

FESA – BUSHFIRE SAFETY

During the bushfire season we all like to go on holidays, visiting favourite campsites, beaches and national parks. It is important that all families develop a Bushfire Survival Plan to prepare for the possibility of bushfire. For further information and suggestions visit www.fesa.wa.gov.au

VACSWIM ENROLMENT REMINDER

VacSwim enrolments are closing soon. December program online enrolments close Sunday 13 November 2011 and January online enrolments close Sunday 27 November 2011. For information telephone 9345 4007 or go to vacswim@det.wa.edu.au.

ANNUAL FETE – ST JOHN’S ANGLICAN CHURCH

St John’s the Evangelist Church Community is having its annual fete at St John’s Anglican Church, Calectasia Street, Greenwood on Saturday 12 November between 8.00 am and 12.00 noon.

White elephant stall, plants, books, craft stalls, home made jams, pickles, gourmet foods and fantastic cake stall. There will be an auction at 9.30 am. Donations may be left at the church from Monday 7 November. PLEASE no electrical goods.

Great activities for kids which include a bouncy castle, “fishing” marquee, face painting and much more.

There will be raffle prizes and a sausage sizzle/Devonshire tea.

MASTER MIND AUSTRALIA – ACADEMIC PATHWAYS

January Jump-Start Program

Study Skills – Essay Writing Revision

This revision program prepares students for Term 1 (2012) before the academic year begins. The classes will revise those important components from the 2011 syllabus that are vital for success in the new year. The program will also preview what students can expect in their courses in 2012.

Formoreinformationconsultourwebsitewww.mastermindaustralia.com.au or call Dr Robert Hallum at Master Mind Australia on 9486 1377

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