

#### WARNBRO COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

# BULLETIN

# DATES TO REMEMBER

#### MARCH

Friday 2 March - Swimming Carnival

Monday 5 March - Public Holiday

Tuesday 6 March - Parent Night

Tuesday 6 March - Friday 23 March - OLNA

**Thursday 8 March -** Interschool Swimming Carnival

**Wednesday 14 March -** KIC Arts Award Evening (Gary Holland Centre)

**Monday 19 March -** Study Skills Parent Info Session 6.30pm – 7.30pm

**Friday 30 March -** Public Holiday (Good Friday)

#### **APRIL**

**Monday 2 April -** Public Holiday (Easter Monday)

**Tuesday 3 April -** Public Holiday (Easter Tuesday)

**Monday 9 April - Tuesday 10 April -**Year 8 Immunisations

**Tuesday 10 April -** Performance Arts Perspective (7pm Concert Hall)

Friday 13 April - End of Term 1



YYYYEEEIIOOOOWWW! Is the sound of a satisfying morning surfing. When the surf is up, Warnbro Community High School Surf Club has been shredding waves at Secret Harbour at 6am before the school day starts, AKA strong coffee o'clock.

This small but dedicated group of students are not only improving their surfing skills, but also their beach awareness, teamwork and the ability to interpret weather forecasts. The activity also helps contribute to a healthy and active lifestyle. There is no better way to start the day with good people, good waves and good wipe-outs!

Mr Stevens

### CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS!

#### Would you like to join the WCHS School Board?

Do you want to be involved with planning the school's strategic direction? Want to know more about the budget and which educational opportunities are supported? Want to know why some programs are introduced and which policies are endorsed? Nominate now for the School Board. Nominations close on Friday 2 March 2018 with nomination forms available from Reception.



# FROM THE **PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

Welcome to our first school Bulletin for 2018. My name is Cindy Kerr and I have taken over the role of Principal from Kya Graves. Ms Graves has taken up another Principalship and we wish her well at her new school.

Warnbro Community High School is not new to me. I was here about 17 years ago and in the 6 years I was here I had a number of roles including ARTS teacher, Head of Learning Area and Student Services Manager. It is exciting to be back in a new role as Principal.

So, a bit about me: I grew up in Darwin and most of my family are still up there. I have spent the rest of my time in the Peel area as my husband is W.A born and bred, and so are my 3 children. As well as having the current title of Principal, I also proudly wear the title of mum. I therefore spend my time between dance, footy, tennis and the surf. The rest of my time I spend with my other kids, your kids!

I come from a long line of educators, mainly in the ARTS, English Learning Areas and Administration. I trained as a Drama, Dance, Visual Arts, English and French teacher in the secondary area. Over the last 10 years, most of my time has been spent working in the Student Services Area, Behaviour Management and school leadership in schools across the Peel District.

What am I passionate about apart from the students? I am passionate about ensuring the right conditions are in place so that all students can reach the best outcomes in their learning journey. My priority is to ensure that classrooms are settled, learning is happening, and that staff, student and family relationships are healthy. I will work hard to ensure that we all work together to set high expectations and that we also work together to achieve them.

It has been a busy start to the year. We have welcomed 187 new Year 7 students through the gate as well as 12 new staff. My priority over the first few weeks has been to be out and about getting to know our students, staff, school and community. I have been able to meet many parents over the last few weeks at various school functions, such as the New Parent Morning Tea and the Year 7 Sausage Sizzle.

Our new school Business Plan for 2018-2020 is being collaboratively

developed this term. During recent School Development Days staff spent time drilling down into what we will do in each of our school priorities and identifying key areas within each priority.

I like to showcase what we do and what our students are doing in the classrooms. One way of doing this is through daily posts on our face book page. I encourage you to 'like' us and see all the wonderful learning and engagement that is happening within our school. I am also increasing our school Bulletin to 2 editions each term. Bulletins will now be distributed via email so please ensure you have updated your email address with the school. Our school website is another great source of information and will soon have a fresh look after it has been upgraded.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or organise a time to come in for a chat. I would like to know how we could do things differently together to ensure your children have the best opportunity to succeed. I welcome your feedback, thoughts and suggestions for improvement.

**Ms Cindy Kerr**Principal

### ATAR STUDY SKILLS INFORMATION SESSION

Dr Jane Genovese has been working with our ATAR students since our current Year 12 students were in Year 10. She has delivered presentations on Study Skills and on how to look after your own health and wellbeing when study stress takes its toll.

This year we have invited Jane to present to our parents on how best to support their children throughout their school journey. Parents are encouraged to also bring their children to this presentation. **Parent Information Session** 

When: Monday 19 March Time: 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Where: The School staffroom

Please register your interest by calling the school and leaving your details. For further information check out www.learningfundamentals.com.au

# SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2018

#### Hello, I'm Kayla!

I have been elected, with Connor Gibling, as School Captain for 2018. I am also currently a Year 12 ATAR student, which is exhilarating.

I view my leadership presence both in and out of school as an incredibly important part of my life, and something that I am passionate about.

Myself and Connor, hope to help the Student Leadership Team gain confidence as leaders. Out of school grounds I am also part of the Youth Advisory Council, which involves participating in youth events around Rockingham.

#### Hi, I'm Connor Gibling!

I am in Year 12 and enrolled in general classes. I want to be a Sports Teacher and the courses I do here at Warnbro are helping me to make this happen.

I have been in Student Leadership for about 4 years. I wanted to be School Captain so I could listen to others students and make changes for the better.

Please feel free to speak to me about School or other help you might need.

# MONDAY BASKETBALL GROUP

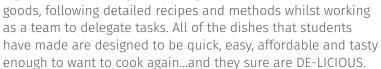
Our Future Links Boys Group, recently played basketball at various free outdoor basketball courts all over Perth. Every Monday, students participated in basketball drills and games. We have some rising stars in Future Links with the likes of Michael Brown and Daniel Trainer who always make Basketball Mondays a decent competition, even against YMCA worker Kim and PE Teacher Miss Addison.

**Kim Nasio** YMCA

### **THURSDAY** COOKING PROGRAM

Future Links students have been involved in an offsite YMCA cooking program every Thursday afternoon, exploring various cultural dishes from around the world.

All students are involved in the planning process including budgeting for their ingredients, shopping and paying for their



Rachael Joyce



## YEAR 7 BEST START During the first few weeks of Year 7 we have had...

- **MUSTERS** the whole group of Year 7's have got together at the end of the day or throughout the day for a 15 min check in. Student Services staff have spoken about school expectations, what's happening, factions, attendance, timekeeping and support within the school.
- POSITIVE RAFFLE Students have been given raffle tickets by their teachers for a prize draw at the musters if they are displaying the 3 B's.
- **NEW PARENT MORNING TEA** on Friday 9 February we had 20 parents come along.
- **SAUSAGE SIZZLE** on Wednesday 14 February there was an informal 'Meet the staff Sausage Sizzle' after school
- **SAFE ZONES** at recess and lunch we have an area where the Year 7's can sit and hang out. Our older Student Leaders have been in the area as a support.

Here are some comments from the Year 7's about their start to high school:

"I love high school, it's just a really cool school, and I like all my classes and teachers." Rhys Coffey

"It's great but it is like a maze." Malachi Wano

"I like looking for my classes." Bobbie-Lee Paaki

"It's got good teachers." Jacob Newcombe

"It's good, I like woodwork and visual art." Kade Hale

Attached are some photos of the Year 7's hanging out at lunchtime in the HASS area



## MEET THE STAFF



**Christie Simpson** 



**Geoff George** 



Jake Correia



**Tom Ferriere** 



**Kirsten Hocking** 





Martin Skeffington

#### **AMY DRANSFIELD - SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST**

What do you like about Warnbro CHS?



What is the most important thing to you about your job?

Who would you most like to have a conversation with and why? Beyoncé because she's Beyoncé and she could probably give me

#### **JOSHUA PALMER - HASS TEACHER**

What do you like about Warnbro CHS?

What is the most important thing to you about your job?

Who would you most like to have a conversation with and why?

# FREO DOCKERS VISIT WARNBRO CHS!!!

#### On Friday 8 December, students in Year 7 and 8 were visited by players from the Fremantle **Dockers Football Club.**

Young gun defender Griffin Logue, upcoming ruckman Sean Darcy and new recruit Brandon Matera (from the Gold Coast



It was fitting that these characteristics are also required by our students to be successful at school and in life and to 'Be their Best'. The players spoke about their training regimes, their positive role models and how they combine this with a healthy lifestyle to help achieve success.

On behalf of our Year 7 and 8 students, I would like to thank the Fremantle Football Club for taking the time out of their busy pre-season schedule to speak with our students and provide an insight into what it takes to be successful and achieve your dreams.

#### **Mr Watson**

Health & Physical Education



# FUTURE LINKS VISIT TO CAVERSHAM WILDLIFE PARK



At the end of Term 4 last year some of our Future Links students visited Caversham Wildlife Park to learn about and interact with our native wildlife. The students were able to feed the kangaroos within their enclosure and learn more about the different breeds of kangaroo in Australia.

**Ms Owen**Future Links



## LESMURDIE NATURE TRAIL

This term the focus of the Girl's Group was getting back to Nature and with this in mind we set off for Lesmurdie Falls to the east of Perth. The girls hiked to the top of the lookout point to take photographs from as many interesting angles as they could. The photographs taken will be used as part of their reflection task back in school.

**Ms Owen**Future Links

# FUTURE LINKS FUNDRAISER FOR CAMP

During Term 3 the Future Links girls organized a fundraiser at the Mike Barnett Sports Centre.

Some of the stalls included second hand clothing, bric a brac, a cup cake stall and a display of artwork for sale created by the students.

The students interacted positively with local seniors and parents and raised \$250. The girls were enthusiastic and displayed the 3 B's throughout the day. The girls were able to show off their entrepreneurial skills and creativity in a thoroughly enjoyable event.

**Ms Moodley**Future Links



## YEAR 9 ENGLISH **EXTENSION CLASS**

Students in extension 9.4 have been experimenting with narrative structure, and identifying exposition, rising tension, climax, falling action and resolution. They have explored the story of Scheherazade, from "One Thousand and One Nights", and have had an opportunity to critique Charles Perrault's "Blue Beard".



Working together in groups, the students have re-written "Blue Beard", fixing issues with the structure, filling plot holes and fleshing out the story. Yesterday the students shared their rewritten stories with their audience, and the results were fabulous! They should be extremely proud of their teamwork and wonderful writing!

Ms McKenna-Green English

## **WEDNESDAY BOYS GROUP**

Students from the Future Links Boys Group were involved in fishing all around South Perth at local beaches. Whilst fish were not always caught, our students enjoyed the activity and went out of their way to help those who were new to fishing.

Another activity which the boys enjoyed was skateboarding in various parks around South Perth. Students were in their element and staff were in awe at the skills displayed.

**Kim Nasio** YMCA

### YEAR 12 HUMAN BIOLOGY



The Year 12 General Human Biology students have been learning about the structure and function of the bones and joints of the skeletal system. They have been looking into how the body moves by understanding the location and structure of joints.

Their first Science Investigation Practical for the year was dissecting a chicken wing. The students were asked to identify the relationships between bones and muscles and to explain the relationships found through the dissection of a bird wing to the homologous structures in humans.

## **INDUSTRY LINKS CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to 3 of our Industry Link students, Isabella and Callum from Year 11 and Robyn from Year 12 for being selected for school based traineeships for 2018. This is an amazing achievement as numbers are limited for these work force opportunities.



Isabella will be studying Cert III Individual Support – Disability through the ACTIV Foundation. Callum, Certificate II Warehousing Operations through Reece Group and Robyn, studying Certificate II in Business with Kwinana Industries Council. We would like to wish them all the best in their studies for 2018.

**Ms Johnson Industry Links** 



# **HOMELESS CONNECT** PERTH

Homeless Connect is held every year in Northbridge Perth, where they strive to create a one-stopshop model of service provision to homeless people, bringing together business and community groups to people for a day.

YMCA staff and Future Links students worked together to make 'hygiene packs' which were made up of basic toiletries. Items were donated from across the Perth region and the students involved had a great time making these

On the day of the event our students set up their stall and need. In total over 70 packs were made through the generosity and hard work of our students. A big thank you to all who donated.

**Rachael Joyce** YMCA

## SECONDARY ASSISTANCE **ALLOWANCE**

#### It is not too late to apply - Applications close 13 April 2018.

The Western Australian Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs. Application can be made through the school. To be eligible you will need to hold a current Health Care Card, Pension Concession Card or Veteran's Affairs Card.

For each child you will receive \$235.00 paid to the school to pay for Contribution and Charges.

An additional \$115.00 is paid directly to you as the parent/guardian, unless you indicate that you would like to use this to pay Charges.

For further information or assistance, please contact Jo on 9553 0117 or Amanda on 9553 0146

## PARENT - TEACHER INTERVIEWS **TUESDAY 6 MARCH 2018**

Interviews will be of 10 minutes duration.

As per parent request we have extended the Parent Evening so that more parents are able to obtain interview times. **Due to the extension** students will finish the school day at 1.11pm (start of lunch) on Tuesday 6 March 2018.

For these interviews we will once again use the internet-based booking

you best from any internet-connected computer. A computer will be available in the library during school hours if you do not have internet access at home or elsewhere.

### A BIG THANK YOU!

To all our parents that have paid their child's Compulsory Charges and Voluntary Contributions in full. You are now in our **EARLY BIRD DRAW** with a chance to have these Charges and Contributions fully refunded to you.