

WARNBRO COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

BULLETIN

TERM 4, ISSUE 8 - DECEMBER 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER:

December

Thurs 17th
End of Term for students

February

Mon 1st
Students Commence

Wed 10th
Swimming Carnival

Mon 15th
Year 12 Assembly

Tues 16th
New Parent Morning Tea

Wed 17th and Thurs 18th
Year 7 Immunisations

Fri 19th
Bullying No Way Day

March

Mon 1st
Labour Day Public Holiday -
Pupil Free Day



ThinkUKnow?

On Friday 27 November we had the privilege of welcoming Sergeant Gary Benzies from the WA Police Force to speak with our students as part of the ThinkUKnow program. See page 4 for more information and to hear how our students responded.



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Welcome to our final Bulletin for 2020.

We have had a fabulous year despite the obvious disruption. Our school, students, families and our community have continued to work within the changing environment that is COVID-19. I have been highly impressed with the flexibility, creative problem solving and forward thinking people I have worked with to support our students. At times we have not always been able to meet everyone's needs, however I am confident that decisions have been made with our students, staff and family safety at the forefront of the decision making.

Our school is well supported by many educational providers, agencies and community groups. Without their continued support our school would be less capable of providing the best for our students and families. Many provide support on site while others support us through accepting referrals. We highly value and are most appreciative of our partnerships and the work we do together that support positive outcomes for our students. Our goal is to strengthen these relationships in 2021 and build on the work we have achieved this year. On behalf of WCHS I would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported our school throughout this year. We are truly grateful that you chose us!

Term 4 has been an action packed term! We officially sadly farewelled our Year 12 students at the Valedictory Ceremony, acknowledged many students at their year assemblies for academic excellence and for upholding the 3Bs. We have had some major end of year events such as the Year 8 Camp, Year 10 River Cruise and the Good Standing Reward excursion to Adventure World. We have also welcomed our 2021 Year 7 students for Transition, as well as held an extra transition for 2021 LEAP students.

In 2021 we will welcome nearly 200 new Year 7 students to our school. I have already had the pleasure of attending their Year 6 Graduations and I look forward to welcoming them again in 2021 as well as teaching them during their orientation days in Term 1.

2021 commences with a focus on teaching and learning. We will have a number of our teaching staff attending week long intensive teaching courses in mid January. The second focus will be on our continued spotlight on developing our leadership group. 13 School Leaders will be attending the fourth day of their Senior Leaders Program through the Fogarty EDvance School Improvement program at the end of January.



We will also welcome a number of new staff prior to the commencement of Term 1. The Executive Team will be meeting with new staff and commencing the orientation program with them.

I would like to welcome the following new staff to WCHS:

- Elinor Evans (Science)
- Krasanka Carmichael (Science)
- Tanya Yakovlev (SAER)
- Clare Detchon (Art)
- Michelle Bertschi (English)
- Sharon Harding (HR Support)
- Britney Mellor (Education Assistant H&PE)
- Ronda Hannen (School Officer)

The following staff will be sadly leaving WCHS in 2020, so on behalf of the School Board, staff and students, I would like to thank them for their continued focus on improving student outcomes during the time they have been at WCHS. We say farewell to:

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| - Ryan Screaigh | - Fletcher Cooke |
| - Emily Smith | - Michael Bond |
| - Gavin Chester | - Rachael Symmons |
| - Melissa Barnier | - Ashlee Dagnall |
| - Alex Discombe | - Christina Harkin |
| - Laure Braconnier | - Jasmine Kirkwood |
| - Farhana Abdus | |

As we quickly approach the end of 2021, I would like to thank you all for your continued support of our school. We are all heavily invested in the best for our students so let's continue to work together in 2021. I look forward to doing so in the New Year.

All the very best for a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I wish you, your families and loved ones, a healthy, safe and happy 2021.

Merry Christmas,

Cindy



On Wednesday 18 November, Warnbro Community High School Student Leaders, Dakota and Ethan, our Chaplain Ms Stonesmith and Associate Principal Ms Wetton attended the 2020 Your Move Awards at UWA.

Dakota and Ethan proudly represented WCHS as they participated as part of the panel on 'What role should transport play in creating healthy communities?' and received the Champion Award in Student Teams: Health and Wellbeing!



Active school scoops award

CHLOE FRASER

Warnbro Community High School has been recognised at the 2020 Your Move Awards.

The awards celebrate the success and achievements of councils, schools and workplaces encouraging people to walk, ride and use public transport more often.

Department of Transport executive director of urban mobility Justin McKirdy said the awards were expanded this year to recognise Western Australian Bicycle Network grant recipients delivering exemplary cycling and walking infrastructure projects across the State.

"It was fantastic to formally recognise the way local and State government are working collaboratively to provide communities access to safer, more convenient active transport options," Mr McKirdy said.

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Justin McKirdy

to walk and ride, then encouraging communities to use these new paths is a vital part of our WA Bicycle Network Grants program so it's important to showcase best practice examples and recognise those who do it well."

Warnbro Community High School's student health and wellbeing team were among one of the winners. The team promotes active travel across the school through regular events including Wellbeing Wednesdays.

Rewards are provided to active travellers. The student team also maps routes to school for an access guide.

Student leaders encourage walking, bike riding, scooting and public transport use among Year 6 students in feeder primary schools — setting positive norms for getting to high school.

Mr McKirdy said award winners demonstrated best practice across the areas of behaviour change, infrastructure design, construction, activation and evaluation in delivering their projects.

There are now 58 workplaces, 24 councils and 171 schools across Western Australia participating in the Your Move program.

WCHS has only been a part of Your Move for a year and are already soaring through. At the awards, we realised how much of a community Your Move really is and it inspired our team to look forward to coming up with more ideas and to start planning bigger and better events for 2021 with Your Move.



Our Chaplain, Ms Stonesmith spoke at the annual EdConnect event for 2021, which was also attended by their very own EdConnect CEO of Australia, Gerri Clay.

The CEO of EdConnect approached Ms Stonesmith after the event and asked if together they could make a video that would show tips for others and how we deliver the EdConnect program at WCHS for all Year Coordinators through Australia for 2021.

Needed more than ever now

AARON KIRBY

Edconnect Australia volunteers have had a bigger impact in 2020 than ever before with students being disrupted by COVID-19.

This year, more than 160 EdConnect volunteers provided about 240 hours of support each week when schools were open, assisting close to 900 students across the Kwinana, Peel and Upper South West regions

through the Connecting Generations for School Success Program. Their support is estimated to be worth more than \$370,000 to the community and schools.

"Education has been disrupted in many ways during 2020 which has affected learning and created anxiety for many students," EdConnect chief executive Gerri Clay said.

"This year particularly, students have needed the

reliable, one-on-one time EdConnect volunteers provide."

EdConnect Australia is a not-for-profit that trains as well as supports volunteers to go into local schools and provide one-on-one support with vulnerable students.

For more information about the EdConnect volunteering opportunities, see edconnectaustralia.org.au or contact edconnect@edconnect.org.au.



Chaplain and school co-ordinator Christina Stonesmith and EdConnect Australia CEO Gerri Clay.

THINK U KNOW

Sergeant Gary Benzies, a Community Engagement Coordinator from the WA Police Force came in to speak with our students as part of the ThinkUKnow program.

The ThinkUKnow program gives parents, carers, teachers and students information on how to stay safe online. Topics included within the presentations are specifically aimed at educating and increasing awareness about online child sexual exploitation including avoiding unwanted contact, online grooming, self generated content, sexual extortion and how to get help.

Two of our students wrote about their experience being a part of the talk...

"Sergeant Gary was so amazing and interesting. The high amount of detail he had on the powerpoint and in general on online awareness was unbelievable. Thank you for making the time to help us and learn to be a better friend, boyfriend, girlfriend and everything in between. I love how you made a serious topic fun and kept us all on our toes.

The information on the powerpoint was very in depth and the way Sergeant Gary cleared points up with some of his own advice, really put everything into perspective.

Thank you for answering all of our questions and showing us your kit (belt) and vest, it made my day.

Thank you for visiting WCHS and we hope to see you here for another session."

- Min-May



During Session 2, all of the Year 10 students gathered in the lecture theatre to talk with a police officer, Sergeant Gary Benzies about cyber-bullying, how it affects us and how to stop it. He explained how joining cyber-bullying can ruin your future and how it severely hurts young people. It was so interesting, detailed and informative because he also explained it in a way as a police officer showing us more than one perspective and I couldn't have asked for a better officer to talk, for showing us his kit, and what it's like to be a police officer. I hope we see him again.

- Latisha

NAIDOC WEEK 2020

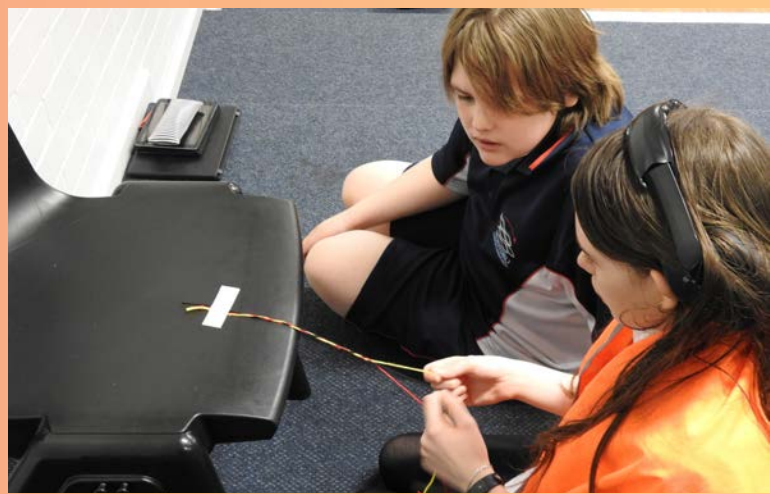
NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each year to celebrate the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This year's NAIDOC theme was "Always Was Always Will Be".

NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the true history of this country – a history which dates back thousands of generations.

Here at Warnbro Community High School, on the 12 November we celebrated as a school, a community and as one.

The following celebrations took place throughout the day:

- Damper Making
- Anklet and Bracelet Making
- Indigenous/ Contemporary Dance Workshop and Performance
- Face Painting
- School Band Performance
- Kangaroo Sausage Sizzle
- Indigenous Sneaker Design Workshop



Student Assemblies in Term 4

Over the last week of Term 4, our Year 7-10 Student Assemblies were held, with many awards being given out to students who have shown that they follow our 3 B's:

- Be Respectful - Be Responsible - Be Your Best

Awards were given to students for Academic Excellence, Improved Academic Achievement and there were awards for 100% attendance, even throughout COVID-19.

Well done to all our students who received an award.



CASP Showcase

The Creative Arts Specialist Program Showcase 'Metamorphosis' was a highlight for the Arts Department this term. Students worked extremely hard to put together a well-polished and entertaining showcase.

In Drama, students created an engaging rendition of the play 'Clue'. This was challenging work due to the length of the play and we are very proud of the efforts our students put into learning lines and rehearsing stage blocking.

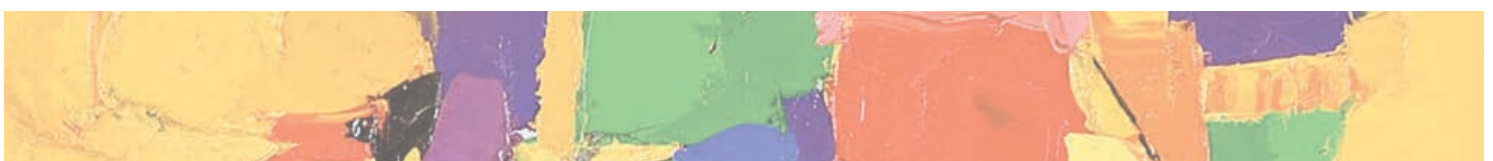
In Dance, students explored how they could express their creativity through movement, devising short choreographic works surrounding this year's theme, Metamorphosis. Year 7 students learnt a challenging Jazz routine and performed it perfectly on both nights. Tap was a new genre of dance to most Year 8 students; however, they took the challenge in their stride and produced a classic rendition of 'Singing in the Rain'. Year 9/10 students worked on refining their Lyrical technique, producing a beautiful work to Sia's 'Angel' by the Wings.

Students in Visual Art experimented with the art of immersion, transforming our gallery space into an interactive art gallery.

Students in Media designed and created a series of engaging short films and stop motion productions.

Thank you to the students for their diligence and creativity in putting together the 2020 showcase.

A massive thank you must be extended to the CASP teachers. The performance ran over two nights and tickets sold out within days of opening. It was lovely to see such strong school community support for the work of our CASP students.





Year 10 River Cruise

By Jordan and Amber

On Thursday 3 December 2020, the Year 10 students of Warnbro Community High School went on the Stirling James for their annual River Cruise.

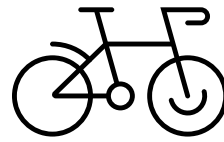
Before the trip had begun, everyone had met outside the gates at school, dressed up in their fancy suits and lavish dresses. We then split up into two groups, and took two buses to the jetty. After an hour of lovely sing alongs we had arrived at the jetty and awaited for our departure. After taking some time to go to the bathroom and taking pictures, Mr Chadwick made a grand speech about what an honour this experience is and that NO GUM was to be tolerated. Once he was finished, we boarded the Stirling James.

We sat at the many tables available, choosing who we sat with and it was announced that they would go table by table, allowing one group at a time to go up to get food from the buffet. The buffet offered bread rolls with butter, roasted potatoes, lamb chops, salads, pasta, and a variety of sweet drinks. After dinner was served, everyone began to roam around, most people gathering around the dance floor to let loose and have fun. The songs played were a variety of old classics as well as modern favourites.

The people who preferred not to dance decided to test their strength against one another in the ultimate sport, arm wrestling. After all the excitement we were brought back to our tables for dessert. After all that, we got to chill out for the last hour, doing mostly the same stuff we were doing before, dancing, wandering around, taking pictures and admiring the beautiful night scenery.

Once we had returned back to the shore, we returned to our original buses and headed home, tired but happy.





"Before we talk about education, training or employment, first we need to find out where a young person is, where they want to go, and what's going to get them there."

BikeRescue is a dynamic youth development program that uses hands-on skill-building to engage and mentor young people in need of support. BikeRescue builds knowledge, social skills, confidence and teamwork through various mechanical and mentoring activities.

WCHS had BikeRescue come in to work with our students where they stripped and rebuilt two bikes. The first is donated to charity, which earns them the second one to customise and keep for themselves.

During each session, the BikeRescue mentors worked alongside the students, while exploring their mental health, hobbies, passions, and vocational aspirations. They help them to identify their barriers, figure out how to tackle their challenges, and provide support so they can reach their potential.

BikeRescue has a massive positive impact on both its participants and those around them.



YEAR 8 CAMP 2020

On Monday 30 November until Wednesday 2 December, the Year 8's of 2020 went to Ern Halliday Campsite in Hillary's. Majority of the Year 8's attended this years camp, most with high expectations, none of which were let down. We had a splendid time, meeting and becoming friendly with our fellow peers, completing new and fun activities, and overall having a superb time together.

A bulk of Year 8's do not know their peers, considering most of us differ in classes. This years camp allowed us to meet a great number of whom we will be spending the rest of high school with. The groups we were placed in for camp, were made for us to be put with other students we would most likely not communicate with at school. This was done so we could get to know other students our age. The staffs plan worked immensely, the students at camp both enjoyed the meeting of new people, and the camp itself.

Over the three days spent at camp, we completed several enjoyable activities. On our first day at camp, we did three team building events. We completed these so we could become friendly with the new people in our groups. The back-to-back activities were enjoyable, but very tiring for the students, who likely did not sleep the night before camp because of their ponding excitement.

The next day, after a not so good night of sleep for most, after they stayed up late chatting with their new friends, we had four more activities to fulfill. These new activities were by far more entertaining than the others. These activities were thrilling, competitive, and exhilarating, and after a full day like this, the Year 8's knew how to finish it off. We finished off our last day of camp with a game of spotlight. In the dark night after a trivia night, we played spotlight until our feet hurt.

Camp was a new experience for many of us, yet it was one all of us enjoyed. I hope we could experience the joy myself and others felt during this camp again. I hope the next Year 8's enjoy it as much as we did, and I look forward to spending the rest of high school with my fellow Year 8's.

By Dakota, Year 8





Year 10 Adventure Recreation, The Final Expedition

If I had an option to repeat an Adventure Recreation camp in my mind and be able to live it over and over again, it would be this one. Our very last camp together as a group in a year as crazy as 2020, I wouldn't have it any other way. We left WCHS at 8am for Mt Trio Bush Camp, listening to Mr Stevens crazy good music and Mr Snows Flight of the Concorde (What was that? Very Weird). As we arrived at Mt Trio Bush Camp it was raining, we all had to set up our tents in the rain and having to move them several times due to clusters of rocks under the surface. After this, we all crowded around an enclosed wood heater, taking turns to dry our clothes and shoes. So glad I packed spares and planned hot food for dinner because it was so cold.

The second day we had planned to climb Bluff Knoll, and that was a whole lot of canned worms in itself. Don't get me wrong, on the bus it was so warm, and I couldn't believe how beautiful something could be in person, rather than just seeing the photos, and that was only the way there. Seeing all the huge majestic mountains through the fogged out window and daydreaming how cool it would be to fly up and touch the tops of the mountains.

Reaching Bluff Knoll Car Park and stepping out of the bus was almost like being hit in the face with a wall of wind and someone had just pushed me into a meat freezer. Everyone sheltering around the back of the trailer while pulling out a big black box with duct tape around the buckles, this was our secret challenge for the hike called Veronica. We soon found out that Veronica was a massive rope that we had to carry to the top. We decided to thread it through our bags and set a strong pace up the mountain. We reached halfway up and decided that our groups safety and wellbeing was more important than conquering Bluff Knoll, and headed back down, and to our next campsite at Emu Beach.

Day three couldn't have come sooner and abseiling at the Natural Amphitheatre near The Gap awaited. One of the best things about Adventure Recreation is that you get the chance to beat your fears head on, and one of my fears is falling and heights. Abseiling itself, let alone at school, was a challenge. The beautiful scenic drive and motivational music on the way there gave me hope and faith that I could do anything. Soon enough it was my turn next. We went through all the safety checks, helmet, harness, gloves, abseiling gear and I was set to go. The first part is the hardest part, with shaking legs I did three or four swift steps and I had done the hard part and enjoyed the 25m decent. I did it! I had abseiled! I exclaimed in delight to Mr Snow and Alyssa who were at the bottom.

On the bus to Shelley Beach, half the bus was asleep, and Mr Snow was playing another weird song by Flight of the Concorde called "Robots". That afternoon was the best, our tent set up was looking at the waves, wet sand between my toes as the ice cold water ran over my feet and pancakes for dinner at the beach while watching the sunset.

As I write this I feel so much compassion for my Year 10 Adventure Recreation group of 2020 and thank all my past and present teachers for your time, patience, planning, and the best camps and practical sessions. You made me have the best high school life ever. I leave you with two things; 1. Mr Stevens has the best Music. 2. Wake me up Before you Go Go, AKA the D'Jeynah Bug. I lied there's 3, Africa by Toto.

Written by Min-May



WCHS HAS A NEW PHONE SYSTEM

We have transitioned to a new phone system and
our contact numbers have changed.

If you dial our old contact number it will be transferred to our new number.

Main Administration: 9528 9400

Student Services/ Absences: 9528 9424

We will endeavour to answer and/ or forward all queries.



**Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year, we hope you all have
safe holidays!**

**We will see you all back for
Term 1 2021
Monday 1 February 2020**