

WARNBRO COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

BULLETIN

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

August

Fri 27th
Pupil Free Day -
Staff Development Day

September

Fri 3rd
Year 12 School Ball

Thurs 9th
R U OK? Day

Wed 15th
Warnbro Day

Mon 20th - Fri 24th
Year 12 Mock Exams

Fri 24th
Year 12 Farewell Breakfast and
Assembly

Fri 24th
End of Term 3

October

Mon 11th
First day of Term 4

Mon 25th
Year 12 Valedictory



SCIENCE WEEK

Warnbro CHS celebrated Science week from Monday 16 August to Friday 20 August. Our Science department organised a range of activities for students which can be found on page 8.

One of the activities for Science week was a demonstration by Mr McComb and Miss Lambert on making ice-cream with Liquid Nitrogen.



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE



Welcome to our latest Bulletin. A special welcome to our new families who started Semester 2 with us and those who have just joined us in the last few weeks. I hope you are settling into your new school and community.

Term 3 is the term where we have many events and celebrations on the calendar. This term we have already had NAIDOC Day and within the Bulletin you will find some great photos showing students participating in the events which were held on the day. Our Aboriginal Education Team did a great job working together to ensure that the week ran smoothly and that we focussed on this year's theme, 'Heal Country'.

For many of our school events we also try to celebrate and link in with our network primary schools: Warnbro PS, Endeavour PS, Port Kennedy PS, Koorana PS and Rockingham Lakes PS. This term some of our Year 9 LEAP Science students visited Warnbro PS to help celebrate Science week. Our students worked alongside Year 3-6 students and looked at food under the microscopes. It is wonderful for our school and the primary schools to work together to provide such rich learning experiences such as this. We have some further combined learning experiences lined up towards the end of this term, specifically with Port Kennedy Primary School.

Our school, students, staff and community are currently working on finalising plans around our R U OK? Day which is held in Week 8. This is a busy day for us as we have many agencies and community visitors on site sharing information about who they are, the services and resources they provide and how our young people can access the services.

Like our WCHS parents and carers, I am always proud of our student achievements and today I would like to acknowledge our WCHS classic guitar ensemble. Our 9 students, under the direction of Kate Thomson, achieved an Excellence Award at the WA Classical Guitar Ensemble Festival which was held a few weekends ago. A truly wonderful effort by students and staff. Well done.

The WCHS school improvement journey continues as our school works alongside the Fogarty Foundation and participates in the Fogarty EDvance program. We are coming to the end of our third and final year of the program and I have been extremely pleased with the progress we have made during this time. As a whole, we have continued to maintain our direction and focus on Teaching and Learning, School Culture and Leadership. Our detailed plans have ensured that we have continued to progress the work despite some interruptions that have been out of our control. We have one final workshop in Term 4 and then we have been offered a further 6 months extension due to COVID-19 disruptions. The rest of the year we will be working on our new Business Plan and our 3 priority strategic plans. Learning Areas and Development Teams will then be writing their operational plans for 2022. It is an exciting time for all of us as we start focussing on the next 3 year journey.

Future planning is informed from many sources, one being parent/carer feedback through school surveys such as the parent Tell Them From Me and the most recent National School Opinion Survey. I would like to thank those parents/carers who took the time to complete the short survey. We will be looking at the results in the next couple of weeks, as well as the staff and student School Survey results.

As you may be aware, we will be participating in a school review in Term 4. Our date has now been set and the Review team will be visiting our school on Wednesday 13 October. Staff have been working on preparing evidence and comments to upload to the Electronic School Assessment Tool (ESAT). We have to have all our submissions into the ESAT by the end of Week 9 which isn't that far away. Working on the School Review with staff has really made me more aware of how much we have achieved in the last 3 and a half years. I am very proud of what we have achieved and really look forward to sharing our journey with the School Review team.

One of the best things I get to do in my role is to go and visit classes. Sometimes students and staff will formally invite me and sometimes I wander in to see how our students are going with their learning. Recently I visited a Year 10 class who were starting to learn more about Mindfulness and strategies that would help students to achieve this. This was the beginning of their learning and I am looking forward to seeing how they progress throughout the rest of the term. Another class I visited recently was a Year 8 HaSS class, who had spent some time learning all about The Battle of Hastings. I was very impressed with the knowledge they had and the way they could instantly recall facts. They were very proud of their learning and eager to show me how much they knew. Well done Year 8's!

The remainder of the term will be focussed on our senior school students who will be preparing for exams, finalising assessment tasks and preparing for the end of Term 3 events. I wish them all the best for the remainder of the term, especially our Year 12 students who are very close to the end of their school journey.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Bulletin. Remember to please contact me if you would like to discuss anything and we can find a time to chat either on the phone or face to face.

All the best for the rest of Term 3 and thank you for your continued support of your school.

Many thanks,

Cindy

WCHS Assemblies

At the start of Term 3 we held our Year 7 and 11 formal assemblies where students are given awards for the following:

- Academic Excellence
- Improved Academic Achievement
- 100% attendance

Congratulations to all our students who received an award.



WARNBRO WEDNESDAYS

Our Term 3 Warnbro Wednesdays for Weeks 1 - 5:
Fancy Glasses, Country Music, Factions, 3 B's week - Bees and Science Week.



Meet part of the Team!



Hi, My name is Mr Tyrrell and I am the Student Services Manager of the Year 7 and 8 Cohort.

I have been an active member of the Rockingham community for the best part of my life. I even attended WCHS and was a member of the 2003 graduating cohort! I take great pleasure from being able to return to my roots and give back to a community that has provided me so much.

I've been a member of the Rockingham and Coastal Cavaliers Rugby Club for over 17 years and even though it makes me feel old, I've had the pleasure of gracing the field with many of our students. It's a surreal and hugely rewarding experience.

I have a Labrador Retriever called Nala who visits the students every once in a while on the morning gate and a twin brother who brings me coffee. I enjoy getting out and about and exploring our great state and have travelled extensively overseas. My love of travel is something I very much wish to instil in our students, helping them gain a more informed worldly view and an appreciation of what's on our doorstep.

It's nice to meet you!

Hi,

I'm Mr Cicanese, currently the Year 9 Coordinator and Humanities and Social Sciences teacher. This year has been very exciting, joining the team in student services, and partially moving out of the Arts to focus on my new role.

Being in my 20's and looking like I'm in my teens, I've been mistaken twice alone in 2021, by visitors to the school, who have thought I'm a part of student leadership and not student services.

I am an aspiring artist outside of work and I am passionate about starting positive conversations around graffiti/street art by engaging people from different communities in the painting process. This term we are beginning the planning and design process of a mural to take place at Port Kennedy Primary School, which I'm excited to tell you all more about in the coming months.

I have a small white fluffy dog called Minnie, I can't survive without coffee, The Walking Dead is the best TV series to date and I currently suck at basketball, which the students remind me of regularly.



Murdoch University Engagement and Outreach

Kulbardi Workshops

Our AIEO, Mrs Mulholland organised for the Kulbardi engagement and outreach team to present their programs to our students, these programs empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in designing their future.

They inspire students to consider not only university but other ATAR or non-ATAR learning pathways that are available after high school. The Kulbardi team connect with students through their high school engagement, Deadly Dreaming, Djilba and community outreach events. Through knowledge they believe our youth can turn their passion into a successful career.

Two workshop series we have completed are:

Rise Up – leadership workshop, sharing stories and reflect on the impact of studies on school, family and community.

Think Big – aspiration building to give students information about pathway options for university and giving the opportunity to reflect on their journey so far.



HEAL COUNTRY!

On Tuesday 10 August, Warnbro CHS celebrated NAIDOC Day. We participated in a range of activities throughout the day, which included:

- NAIDOC Assembly for our Year 7, 8 and 12 Students
- Guest Speakers - Peter and Francis Jetta who spoke about the Stolen Generation
- Damper Making
- Bracelet and Anklet Making
- Face Painting
- Sausage Sizzle

To start the day off with a head start, we welcomed Koolankas Kreate who performed dances for our guests, students and staff. Throughout the day, our students participated in the different activities and enjoyed a sausage sizzle and face painting at lunch.



SCIENCE WEEK

FOOD
DIFFERENT
BY DESIGN



WCHS AND WARNBRO PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Monday 16 August 2021, our Year 9 LEAP students attended Warnbro Primary School to celebrate Science week.

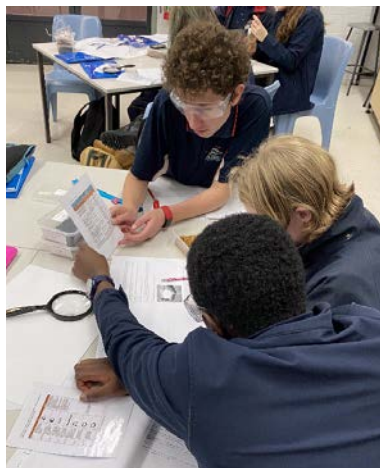
Warnbro CHS students worked with Year 3-6 Warnbro PS students on a microscope incursion, their students were fascinated by using the microscopes and learning about the theme "Food by Design".

Under each microscope was a different food type that the primary school students had to identify, draw and explain their findings.



SCIENCE WEEK ACTIVITIES

Miss Evans 8.1 science class investigated and researched the properties of soil and how these help with farming and agriculture.



CASP CAMP 2021

CASP always provides the CASP students with an environment to explore their creativity, try new skills and make friends with shared memories and laughs. This year was no different.

Some of the highlights included;

Studio students worked with local Perth artist Mark Tweedie and participated in the SFX makeup workshop with Filmbites Screen Academy.

Performance students participated in a physical theatre workshop, as well as a Romeo and Juliet workshop with Bell Shakespeare. Some of our performance students also engaged in a workshop with Creative Moves WA to devise a dance based on the theme of sustainability.

The talent show winners were Jaxx, Joseph and Declan with their Star Wars performance. Our runner-ups were Connor (comedy) and Victoria (contortion).

Fun was had by all, but stay tuned for our end of Semester 2 showcase to see how many of these workshops formed many of our themes.



Talking about Technology

Talking about Technology, our Materials Design: Woodwork class use recycled wood from wooden pallets and other various wood that they can get their hands on.

For 2 years now, they have been using these materials without having to buy material for the class.

Recycling at it's best ♻️

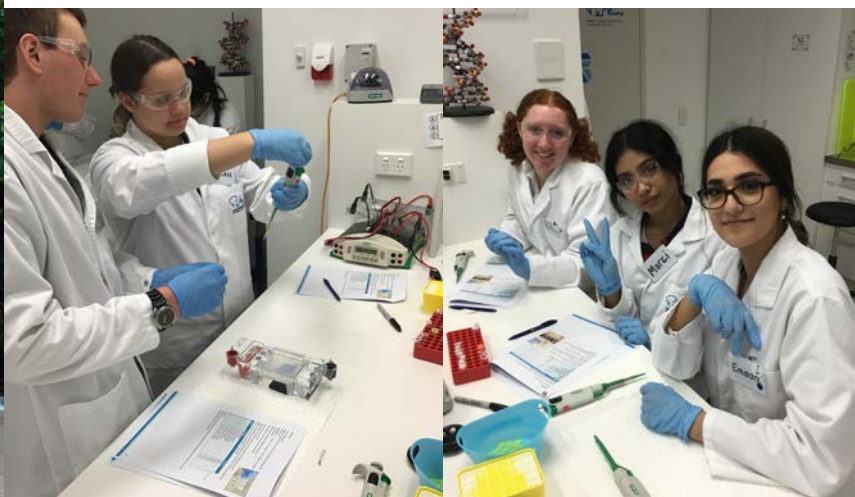


HARRY PERKINS MEDICAL INSTITUTE



On Monday 16 August, our Year 12 Human Biology ATAR students had the opportunity to attend the Harry Perkins Research Institute.

Students took part in a Polymerase Chain Reaction Workshop, where they gained a deeper understanding of how mutations can be identified through PCR, gel electrophoresis and DNA sequencing.



WA Classical Guitar Ensemble Festival 2021

The 32nd WA Classical Guitar Ensemble Festival was held from 21-22 August 2021. Warnbro CHS students attended with their SIMS Music Teacher, Kate Thomson. One of the aims of the Classical Guitar Festival is to provide a performance opportunity for young students.

Congratulation to our classic guitar ensemble who achieved an excellence at the festival.



IN THE CLASSROOM

Children, Family and Community

On Monday 9 August, our Year 12 Children, Family and Community class had a guest speaker from Miracle Babies.

Miracle Babies supports premature and sick newborns, their families and the hospitals that care for them.



Media

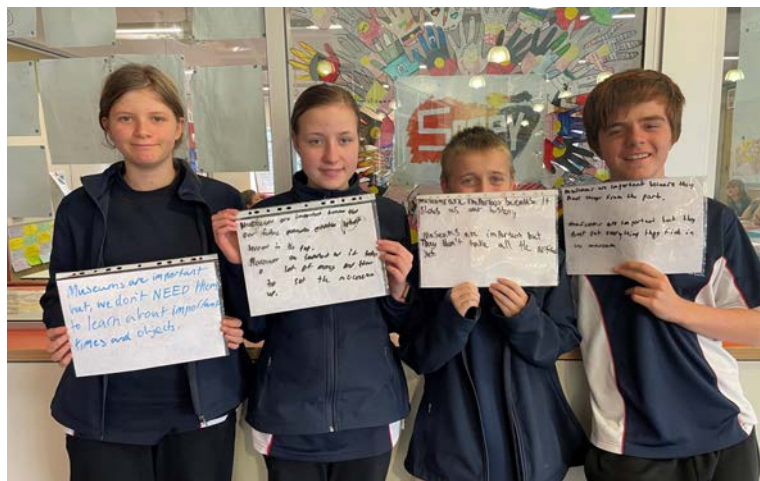
Year 11 Media Production and Analysis are trying out the new Rodecaster and microphones as they develop their own podcast on the effects of gaming. Stay tuned.



HaSS

Here are some of Miss Kirkwood's Year 7's with their sentences they created as part of the lessons they have been doing based on The Writing Revolution.

They have been working on developing their sentences in a HaSS context.



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

ATTENDANCE AT SECONDARY SCHOOL

At Warnbro Community High School, we want your teenager to do their very best. To get the best education, they need to go to school every day.

The teenage years are a time for young people to develop independence and find their place in the world, including how they take part in their school life. We know that some children may need extra encouragement to attend school regularly. By working together, our school community can address some of the reasons why teenagers may not want to go to school.

Some common problems you may have getting your teenager to school:

- They won't get out of bed in the morning.
- They go to bed late at night.
- They take a long time to get ready in the morning.
- They haven't done their homework or are avoiding a test or assignment.
- They are watching television or playing video games before school.

You may also be worried that your teenager:

- is being bullied
- may not have friends or is not fitting in
- may be feeling lost at school
- fears being a failure
- is not feeling academically challenged
- may have learning difficulties
- may not get along with a teacher.



For more information please contact:

Rebecca Vance – Rebecca.vance@education.wa.edu.au – 9528 9445



What can you do to help?

- Act early. It is important to understand and work on the underlying reasons why your teenager is not going to school.
- On average, teenagers need eight to nine hours sleep a night to be healthy and alert. Maintaining a daily routine helps. This may include monitoring internet, mobile phone and television use at night to ensure sleep is not disturbed.
- Try not to make appointments or take holidays during school time. This can make it difficult to catch up on missed school-work, and cause anxiety about attending school.
- Don't let your teenager stay home unless they are genuinely sick.
- Don't let your teenager stay home to finish an assignment that is due. Make attendance the number one priority.
- Set a good example – how you meet your commitments impacts on how they will meet theirs. Teach them that 'showing up' to commitments is normal and expected behaviour.

Do you need to let the school know if your teenager will be away from school?

- Yes, you need to let the Student Services Team know the reason why your teenager is going to be or has been absent from school as soon as possible on 9528 9424 or email Warnbro.CHS.Absentees@education.wa.edu.au. Absences of more than two consecutive days require a medical certificate to be provided.
- Don't feel the need to 'cover up' the reason for your teenager's absence. This reinforces that you are taking over when things are difficult. Be honest so we can work with you and your teenager to improve their attendance.
- Having information about why your teenager is missing school helps us plan for their return, and to work out whether we can provide any further help to you.
- Have clear expectations about after school jobs. Make sure work does not impact on their ability to get to school each day or interfere with study.
- Encourage extracurricular activities such as sport and creative activities. They can help your teenager develop positive relationships and experience success, helping them feel more motivated.
- Monitor your teenager's attendance and learning at school. Periodically check with their teachers, and year coordinator to find out how things are going.
- Avoid taking over or giving your teenager the impression you are fighting their battles for them. Improving attendance requires the school, parent and student to work together.
- If your teenager delays getting ready for school so they are late, encourage them to still go to school.
- Ask school staff for help if you are struggling to get your teenager to school.

What will staff at Warnbro Community High School do to help?

- Offer relevant and culturally responsive learning opportunities to engage students.
- Monitor every student's attendance and work with you to overcome problems affecting your teenager's attendance.
- Talk with you about involving support staff such as school psychologist, chaplain, mentors, Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer, and other agencies.
- Talk with you about local services that may also be able to help such as your GP, Headspace, Anglicare, CAMHS, Palmerston Association, & Youth Focus.

DRESSING TO BUILD UNITY AND COMMUNITY



**Our Uniform supplier is Hot Klobba in Port Kennedy,
5 Fielden Way, Port Kennedy.**

Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:30 - 5:00

Tuesday: 8:30 - 5:00

Wednesday: 8:30 - 5:00

Thursday: 8:30 - 5:00

Friday: 8:30 - 5:00

Saturday: 8:30 - 3:00

Sundays & Public Holidays: Closed

**If students are having uniform difficulties, they can see Student
Services for assistance.**

OFF AND LOCKED AWAY ALL DAY.

Mobile phones and Tablets are to be handed in to Student Services at the beginning of the day and collected at the end of the day.

BE RESPECTFUL

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE YOUR BEST



Act Belong Commit

PhotoVoice

Rockingham



Snap a photo showing how you 'Act Belong Commit' in your community and include a short description explaining your photo to give it a 'voice'.

Amateur Photography Competition

Show us how you 'Act Belong Commit' to stay mentally healthy in Rockingham.

Great prizes to be won and chance to have your photo featured as part of the exhibition from

Friday 1 October - Tuesday 12 October 2021

at the Gary Holland Community Centre.

Four age categories, including modified and non-modified photo styles.

Open to all ages and abilities. Maximum of three (3) entries per person.

Exciting new 'Community' prize category. Open to all local sporting teams, community groups or local services that showcase how the group embraces the Act Belong Commit message.

First prize is \$500 for the group. Happy snapping.



Online submissions open on Sunday 1 August to Tuesday 31 August.

Please see full terms and conditions and how to enter at rockingham.wa.gov.au/photovoice



rockingham.wa.gov.au



headspace Rock's Annual Youth Art Exhibition

2021

Are you a young person aged 12-25 who wants to showcase your creative talent?

headspace Rockingham is hosting a Youth Arts Exhibition. Get in touch if you would like to submit your work to the show!

You can even put your artwork up for sale!



The annual art exhibition will be held at the Rockingham Central Library from 17th September to the 29th of September.

scan the QR code and fill out the form. Its that simple!



Call: 08 6595 8888

or email: hello@headspacerock.com.au



ANNUAL YOUTH ART EXHIBITION



Come join headspace Rockingham in celebrating our incredible young artists at the exhibition launch!

**When: Friday the 17th of September 2021
5pm-7pm.**

Where: Rockingham Central Library

The annual art exhibition will be held at the Rockingham Central Library from 17th September to the 29th of September. This event is FREE.

Some artwork will be available for purchase (cash only).

for more information please contact 08 6595 8888 or email
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