We wish to advise parents that Warnbro Community High School now has “The Smartphone App” that connects parents and the school community. This will be the school’s main communication source. Your App is free and ready for download from the iTunes Store and Android Market. Parents can download the App by searching Warnbro Community High School in the iTunes and Android Market search bar. Some features of our new app include announcements; you can select which announcements options you receive via the groups of interest to your child. You can SMS or email us your child’s absence direct to Student Services, read our latest Newsletter or call us direct from the app and we have included a Term Planner to keep you up to date.

We urge you to download this app as soon as possible and look forward to interacting with you through this communication tool.
With the end of Term Three I have been contemplating the end of year activities that the Year 12 students will soon be participating in – exams, celebration breakfast and assembly and of course their Valedictory. This got me thinking about endings and new beginnings – and the cycle which occurs in schools. As we think about finishing school with the Year 12s and helping them move off into the wider world of work and society, we are also hard at work ensuring that the transition of the Year 6 and 7 students is occurring as smoothly as it can for 2015 as we welcome a double cohort of students into our school.

I am very proud of how our students continue to represent the school in a variety of ways. On a personal, individual level: Advanced Standing students, who have high rates of attendance and persistent effort. I am also proud of our students who represent our school through sporting teams, clubs and afterschool activities. I am always pleased to hear teachers tell me with pride of how our students participated and represented the school in the best way possible – demonstrating attributes such as good sportsmanship, respect, high levels of collaboration and teamwork and at all times trying to be, and do, their best. Examples of this are in this edition of the Bulletin, but deserve to be mentioned here as well. This is but a snapshot of all the opportunities our students have had in the past three months:

- Premiere of ‘Zombified’ at Murdoch University Open Day
- Robotics students invited to attend the Murdoch University Science Week Dinner to showcase their robots and programming skills
- ATD Pedal Prix Team competed for the first time in this national event at Busselton, finishing third in their category and 12th overall
- Yr 11 Dance and Drama students participated in YOH! Fest competition – we eagerly await the results to see if we have made the finals.
- Canberra and Perisher Ski Trip during the July school holidays
- Outdoor Ed and Adventure Rec camps

I want to thank all students who have participated in school events where they have represented themselves and the school outstandingly well. I would also like to thank the staff involved on behalf of the parents and students – these opportunities do not occur without their planning, preparation and willingness to go that extra mile for the students. Having that good will in the school makes school experiences for students just that much better and fulfilling.

Our planning and organisation for 2015 has been made a little easier by the exciting news that the Year 11 Dance and Drama students are in the finals. We eagerly await the results to see if we can be successful in achieving our goals – take advantage of the help and support that is available to you!

Ms Graves
Principal
“BIG WIN FOR YOUTH”

Young Basketball players celebrate a WIN at the Police vs. Youth Basketball tournament held at YMCA, Belmont. An afterschool basketball match with students from Warnbro High celebrated a 63–36 WIN against the boys in “Blue”. Well done team!

M.A.P.I Community Co-ordinator, Tina Tuira-Waldon says “It is great to see parents being involved with their teens afterschool sport, this is appreciated. These activities build an important link between the students, parents, the school and its wider community”.

There are many opportunities for you, as a parent to be involved in school activities, please call Tina Tuira-Waldon, if you are interested.

Tina Tuira-Waldon
M.A.P.I Community Engagement Coordinator

REMINDER!
When calling the school about student absences, you can save time by phoning Student Services direct on 9553 0144 or 9553 0139

UNIFORM SHOP
Opening Hours

Tuesdays & Thursdays
7.30am – 10.00am

Please note that we accept cash only and that layby is available.
This year sees a start to a new school initiative, allowing parents to be present within the high school grounds. Currently we have parents signed up to contribute an hour or two, of their day to be a community role model within the school.

One parent role model is Shakra Dearlove, who has 2 young Adults attending Warnbro Community High School (WCHS). She moved to W.A. two & a half years ago from Melbourne, originally from Northland New Zealand. Shakra says “when I found out about the Cool School Initiative, which enables and encourages parental involvement, I jumped at the chance. I didn’t want to be someone who simply stands on the sidelines berating the efforts of others while not making a useful contribution to affect change in a positive direction”.

Shakra’s husband Eden has also become involved with coordinating an ongoing basketball tournament with Whaea Tina which we now have after school on a Thursday from 3–5.30pm. Parents are also welcome at Basketball on Thursday’s.

If you feel you can make a difference by being a community role model, please contact Tina Tuira-Waldon at the school.

A group of 24 Year 10 students participating in the Recreational Lifestyles program have been attending Non Stop Fitness in Port Kennedy this term. The students have been working with a personal trainer and participating in a range of fitness based circuits. All students have worked really hard, enjoyed the experience and represented Warnbro Community High School in a very positive manner.

Jade Carmody
Health and Physical Education Teacher
Warnbro Community High School

Year 10
RECREATIONAL LIFESTYLES

After school Netball Program

This term up to 50 students across Years 8–12 have been participating in an after school netball training program on Wednesday afternoons. Over term 3 and 4 students will have the opportunity to play against a range of schools in the community. The students have shown some great skill levels and with such positive approaches to this program, they will continue to improve.

Jade Carmody
Health and Physical Education Teacher
Warnbro Community High School
Teenagers need about 9–10 hours of sleep a night. Lack of regular sleep is likely to affect academic and sporting performance, and behaviour. The risk of emotional problems, such as depression, may also increase in teenagers who regularly do not get enough sleep. Even getting an extra 30 minutes of sleep each night will make a difference.

SLEEP TIPS FOR TEENAGERS

The typical teenage brain wants to go to bed late and sleep late the following morning, which is usually hard to manage. You may be able to adjust your body clock but it takes time. Suggestions include:

• Choose a relaxing bedtime routine; for example, have a bath and a hot milky drink before bed.
• Avoid loud music, homework, computer games or any other activity that gets your mind racing for about an hour before bedtime.
• Keep your room dark at night. The brain’s sleep-wake cycle is largely set by light received through the eyes. Try to avoid watching television right before bed. In the morning, expose your eyes to lots of light to help wake up your brain.
• Do the same bedtime routine every night for at least four weeks to make your brain associate this routine with going to sleep.
• Start your bedtime routine a little earlier than usual (for example, 10 minutes) after four weeks. Do this for one week.
• Add an extra 10 minutes every week until you have reached your desired bedtime.
• Avoid staying up late on the weekends. Late nights will undo your hard work.
• Remember that even 30 minutes of extra sleep each night on a regular basis makes a big difference. However, it may take about six weeks of getting extra sleep before you feel the benefits.

To get further advice contact your local Community Health Nurse, Leonie Wilson on 9553 0129, or for more information visit www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au
Warnbro CHS Advanced Technology and Design students achieved very high standards at the recent Pedal Prix on the Busselton foreshore.

Pedal Prix is an annual competition that has been running for many years in Victoria and South Australia. This was the first opportunity for Western Australian teams to race on home turf. It requires a combination of engineering skills, teamwork and physical fitness. The first WA six hour race was held in Busselton on Sunday 17th August.

Team ATD Warnbro outperformed all but the most experienced Pedal Prix teams in Australia. As far as results go we were outstanding. Covering 207km in the six hours, finishing 3rd in our category and 12th overall. Beaten by a Victorian school with 20 years experience and Living Waters LC with eight years experience. Those that beat us have just blown their advantage, we now have experience.

Of the 37 teams who finished the event those that trailed in our dust included senior high teams, University teams and open class teams. Our team was made up of Year 9 and 10 ATD students. For a team of newbies our crew were outstanding, they outshone others in so many ways. Their sportsmanship, cooperation, consideration for others, support for each other, tenacity and digging really deep in the final stages of the six hour race were the stunning features of their performance.

Team ATD Warnbro included:
- Jacob “the Stig” Dolman
- Stan “the Assassin” Chin
- Declan “Vin Diesel” Bradshaw
- Jayden “Fast & Furious” Bolton
- Daniel “Riccardo” Muller
- Eli “the Machine” McIntosh
- Ray “Soulman” George
- Zoe “the Boss” Singleton
- Gina “the Engineer” Smith

Our trike was a bit of a star with a lot of teams marvelling at it and wishing theirs looked as good. Despite two roll overs and some emergency windscreen removal work in the last hour of the race it is still in one piece and still looked smart crossing under the chequered flag. It seems we got the design right first time but have also learned a few tricks for next year.

Thanks go to staff members Tony Gillespie, Greg Rackham, Steve Keeling and Julie Grobbelaar and to the parents of the students for making the early morning drive to Busselton to support us all day. It was a long day but we wouldn’t swap it for quids. It was an absolute pleasure for all of us to spend time amongst the crew as they went about their business. They were perfect ambassadors for our school and we can all be very proud of them.
FREMANTLE Prison Visit

The Year 9 and 10 Future Links students recently attended the Fremantle Prison Tour and the staff loved watching the tour guide/prison guard frog march them around the site. Poor Daemon Manuel haplessly became the class “victim” as Amanda used him to illustrate how an inmate would have been treated for the slightest indiscretion. Mario Mera unthinkingly volunteered to be “flogged” and now has a picture to remind him! “I felt very intimidated,” he said, “and felt sorry for the prisoners who were whipped for being disruptive.” Clearly the visit left its mark and the students learned the downside of not following the rules.
Former Future Links

STUDENT SUCCESS

David Worgan left Warnbro Community High School in 2013 after successfully graduating from a Future Links VET course. He is currently an apprentice welder and boilermaker at Fremantle Steel.

This is David’s story…

“When I joined the course I was not able to do welding due to my age and the dangerous nature of the job. When I was told that I was not allowed to do boiler-making I got angry and my view of school changed. I didn’t want to go anymore but the Future Links teachers did everything they could to keep me interested and they did not give up on me. They sent me to TAFE and into the workplace even though it didn’t have anything to do with my chosen career. I didn’t think this would help me, but it did.

Now that I am out of school I look back and see how much it did help me get my apprenticeship. I was a bad student who missed a lot of school and I want to thank my teachers who did not give up on me. The skills I learned at school definitely helped me to get where I wanted to be. I knew what to expect at TAFE and my traineeship at Hungry Jacks taught me why life skills such as attendance and punctuality, communicating with adults and taking responsibility are so important”.

David Worgan
Former student
AMAZING RACE
FREO 2014

CONGRATULATIONS to
David Wolstenholme, Mario Mera,
Thomas Coppin, Kyle Ferguson
and Adam Wruck for completing
the course first.

“The Amazing Race Freo” is a new Future Links event and
proved to be a great success. After bussing our Year 9 and 10
students up to Fremantle, the race started at 9:45. Five teams
competed to be the first to arrive at Fremantle Prison collecting
cues and evidence along the way. The team with the best
game plan won, spending time to create a logical strategy
before they began.

As always, our students were extremely well behaved and
a credit to our school. Their interaction with the public was
both thoughtful and mature. Year 10 Big Picture student
Andrew Seddon found out that the Roundhouse used to be
a prison, whilst Jaiden Haime-Budd enjoyed “the challenge
of “map reading”. Tayla Chance said that she “enjoyed working
with different people and she had a great day”.

The Future Links Team

ABC Work Experience
Getting the opportunity to have a chance working
at the Australian Broadcasting Corporation as well as
doing an introductory course at the Central Institute
of Technology is a really big thing for me and my
media experience. Already having the privilege
of working with great people from Murdoch and
Myles Pollard himself has been great and would look
good for a portfolio entry into University. But with
something like this will entirely boost both my skills
in the media course and my portfolio, hoping that for
one day I could make it big in the media industry and
I am glad that I was chosen for this.

Deakin Whalen
The Future Links Department held its second annual careers expo in July and this year it was the turn of the Big Picture students to run the show.

Katie Clarke and Jaiden Haime-Budd planned, organised and coordinated the event and everyone involved would agree that they did an outstanding job, from liaising with the exhibitors to ushering students through the stalls. They were supported by the Big Picture class who took turns to run errands for our guests, collect students from classes and distribute goody bags. Jamie Ell and Taylor Chance worked well under pressure ensuring that refreshments were available for all.

The feedback from all our exhibitors was positive and they all signed up to come back next year. Jamie Ell said “It was wonderful to be part of a good team and I think that the students who participated would have learned lots.”
As part of the Murdoch University’s MAP4U (Murdoch’s Aspirations and Pathways For University/You) Creative Arts Initiative, Warnbro Community High School students in CASP, Media and Drama through Years 10-12 were thrilled to be a part of making a short zombie horror film, Zombified. The students involved attended two workshops early in Term Two, an Acting workshop with Myles Pollard (Drift, Wolverine, Underbelly and many more Australian TV credits), and a Special Effects Properties workshop with Jeremy Shaw (Lord of the Rings, King Kong, The Chronicles of Narnia, The Legend of Zorro, and once again many more).

In Week 9 of Term Two the filming began in earnest, students having the opportunity of being a crew member (shadowing the professionals) or actor, and those who wanted a starring role participating in an audition process in front of Myles, our fearless director. Plenty of extras were used, and all went through the makeup department to be turned into bloody, gruesome zombies.

Those who chose crew shadowed the professionals and learned the skills and attributes required for their profession. Many enjoyed seeing the work involved with directing and special effects, and loved to contribute by reading out the slate, or the “clapper”. In one scene, sausage skins were filled with jelly and custard for intestines as two zombies ate the insides of their hapless victim.

During the shoot we had about 65 kids on set during filming (Including about 40 Zombies!) who handled themselves like true professionals!! It really was fantastic to watch our kids shine, not only for us, but industry professionals and the wider media... the local press as well as Channel 9 were on set for the nightly news and the story was given a bigger run in the next mornings’ Today Show, along with a live cross to Myles on set!!

The film was premiered at the Murdoch University’s Open Day, but will be re-screened with the Year 11 and 12 Media Production and Analysis students’ short Art and Documentary films, TV mobisodes and News stories, at the annual Warnbro Film Awards Night. This will be a red carpet event held at the Sanbrook Theatre on Wednesday 17th September, at 6pm.

Stay tuned for ticketing details!!
Zombified
Premiere Screening:
MURDOCH OPEN DAY

On Sunday 24th August, all students that participated in the MAP4U short film project were invited to a red carpet premiere screening of Zombified.

At the screening we were treated to popcorn, caught up with the members of the crew, and some terrifying apocalyptic scenes set at WCHS… Myles Pollard, the director gave a short speech thanking all involved, and also presented a surprise award for an actor that he saw fantastic talent in. Darcie Cocker, one of our Year 11 MPA and Drama students, who played a lead role in the film was awarded with a certificate for a 4 day course at the Myles Pollard Acting Workshop, worth $450.

“I was very honoured to accept such a distinguished award… My gratitude to Murdoch University and Myles himself is immeasurable, and has given me so much self-confidence and inspiration to go on and pursue acting as my life profession.”

Darcie Cocker, 2014
SCIENCE WEEK THEME:
Science feeding the world

Primary Science transition activities
Year 8–10 Extension Science students mentored Year 6–7 students from Koorana, Port Kennedy and Rockingham Lakes Primary Schools when they visited Warnbro during Science week to participate in science based activities.

Students got a close up look at soil organisms and learned how to set up science equipment to separate out soil organisms. They also heard from groups of students about how Science has manipulated plants and crops to improve the food that we eat. Warnbro students presented posters that they had been working on in class.

The best part of the visit for the students was the pizza eating “activity” which allowed the students to mix together and discuss what it was like to come to Warnbro CHS.

Thanks to all the teachers, laboratory staff and students in the Science department for working hard to make this event very special for all our current and future students.

Brain break morning tea
As part of the Science week celebrations, the Science staff hosted a Brain Break morning tea using the Science week theme Science feeding the world to educate our school about superfoods. A number of interesting food samples were provided for staff to taste, which contained ingredients like quinoa, chia seed, kale and acai berry. A large glucose molecule was made from cupcakes to represent the key ingredient required for life.

Staff were also treated to a demonstration of robotics by the WCHS Robotics club.

Robotic club demonstration at the Sebel, Mandurah
Wednesday 20th August
Robotics students were invited to demonstrate their work at the Science week dinner hosted by MAP4U – Murdoch University’s program to help students aspire to university education in the Peel region. Students involved worked hard in the weeks leading up to the event both after school, at recess and during lunchtime to build and program a series of robots to work autonomously as part of a larger robotic demonstration.

There were many principals, university staff and other Science teachers in attendance and many commented on the maturity and expertise of the Warnbro students.
**Year 10**

**Extension student’s excursion to UWA to participate in Science café**

On the 27th August 2014 12 students from Mrs Lindstedt’s extension class went to UWA Crawley for the annual Science café – organised by SCITECH for National Science Week. We then had the opportunity to speak to different scientists about their careers and what we wanted to do in our future ones. Close to 500 people turned up for this event and they were all science fanatics like us. Questions were asked and questions were answered – it was a great day for us all.

Laura Todd (Year 10)
63 CASP students Years 8, 9 & 10 attended the 2014 Camp at the beautiful facilities of Point Walter Recreation Conference Centre in Bicton on Sunday 27th July – Tuesday 29th July. This being the first year a camp had been added to the CASP events calendar it was an exciting opportunity to celebrate the students achievements from the Semester One Production ‘Still Moves’ and be the spring board for events in Semester Two. Students participated in workshops facilitated by highly skilled industry practitioners. They had the chance to expand imaginations, learn new skills and collaborate with others to build creative ideas. The workshops also focus on supporting development in a joyful, playful and safe environment.

Workshops were facilitated by three industry professionals within the contexts of Visual Arts, Dance and Drama. Western Australia Artist Minaxi May, and local performers Brianna Williams (Drama) and Allan Blanchford (Dance) all provided insight into current industry practise, strategies for ideas generation/documentation, skills development, production & presentation of artworks/performances, group and individual evaluation.

Students had many highlights from their experiences some being... 

“The Talent Night was amazing”

“Making new friends” ... “Sharing time with good friends”

“The Drama workshop was really challenging and fun... performing modern versions of our fairy tales”
THE ARTS

YOH Fest – Youth On Health Festival

On Tuesday September 2nd, Warnbro Community High School’s Year 11 Dance and Drama students took part in the Youth On Health Festival (Yoh-Fest) at Mandurah Performing Arts Centre. After weeks of practising, including Sunday rehearsals, we took three pieces altogether, two dances and one drama.

Finally it was time for the performances with many schools from all over WA competing against each other over a number of heats to try and get into the Finals, we were pumped and determined. Blood sweat and many tears went into the planning and rehearsal of our performance, and even though the stress and pressure were high everyone from Warnbro Community High School killed it on the night. Fingers crossed that the judges thought so too, and Warnbro makes it into the finals!

We would like to thank Miss Loveless and Miss Avion for organising YOH-Fest and helping guide our performances and all other Warnbro staff that supported us either by letting us rehearse or by coming to watch us!

Big science competition RESULTS

Congratulations to the 61 students from Science who participated in the competition this year

The following certificates were awarded

High distinctions
Year 10  David Wolstenholme
Year 9  Adam Herbert

Distinctions
Year 10  Claire Oliviera
Year 8  Joshua McCombe
Kayla Roulston
Renae Winter

There were also 21 students across Year 8-10 who received a Credit. On behalf of all the Science teachers of these students, we are very proud of their efforts and encourage them to participate in 2015.

Mrs Lindstedt Head of Science
LUNCHTIME ROCK CONCERT

When the Stage 1 Music class puts on a performance, they rarely disappoint. Their Lunchtime performance on the 26th of August was no exception. The concert took place on the grassed amphitheatre outside the Arts building and showcased some of the great talent we have in the Yr11 and Yr12 Stage 1 Music class.

Their program consisted of five songs ranging from melodic synth-rock, right through to hard rock and it was no time at all before they had the audience bopping along.

The bands line up consisted of:


The students all really enjoyed the performance and they are eager and looking forward to their upcoming performance on Warnbro Day.

Mr. Anthony Price
Director of Music, WCHS

BAND FESTIVAL 2014

On Saturday the 16th of August, the Concert band students went to Churchlands Senior High School to perform in the C division for the WA Schools’ Band Festival. The students performed Sandy Bay March, Celtic Celebration, and their favourite piece – Count Rockula. Although it was a small group compared to other schools, the students were not put off by this and they performed well, playing with confidence which resulted in us receiving an Excellent for our grade. Overall it was a fantastic day for everyone involved and we look forward to doing it all again next year.

Stacey Hollings
ECU Pre-Service Teacher
ATTENDANCE

This term we have been focusing on contacting parents of students who have unexplained absences and lates. All absences and lates require an explanation either via a phone call, text message, letter or a note in your child’s diary.

Our Attendance Hot Line numbers are:
9553 0144 or 9553 0139
SMS: 0437 058 675

Unacceptable Reason (X & K Codes)

This is an absence that is deemed to be taken at the discretion of the family (eg; holidays) – thus there is a choice in the matter. It is not an accepted or endorsed absence and should therefore be avoided as a reason for absenteeism from school. Parents must take responsibility for the consequences of this absence.

All children who are enrolled in an educational setting are expected to attend on a regular basis. As a parent or carer it is your responsibility to support the development of regular patterns of school attendance for your child. This can be achieved by making sure your child attends school on all school days and is on time every day.

It is important that you:
• provide the school with an explanation if your child is away
• contact the school if you are having difficulty getting your child to school
• where possible arrange doctor and dentist appointments out of school hours
• arrange personal shopping trips with your child or birthday celebrations out of school hours
• do not allow your child to stay at home for minor reasons

Did you know?

Being half an hour late to school each day from Year 1 to Year 10 is equivalent to missing one year and one-and-a-half terms of schooling.

Rockingham City COUNCIL BANNER COMPETITION

The Year 9 and 10 Y.A.P students from Future Links have been working with a community artist, Jacq Chorlton on a project through Term 3. They have designed and are now painting two banners for the annual Rockingham City Council Banner Competition. The theme this year is, One City Many Cultures.

The School Banner Competition is an annual program run by the City of Rockingham, and sponsored by Healthway. Schools work with a community artist to design and paint two banners that hang side by side, representing an Act Belong Commit theme. Ten local primary and four secondary schools are making banners this year.

Our banners are a bright, stunning display of flying flags representing the countries that students from Warnbro Community High School originate from.

The banners will be displayed in the foyer of the City of Rockingham Council’s administration building during the last two weeks of September until the end of October. They will then all be hung along Read Street from the beginning of November. Please take the time to visit our banners.

FROM THE ACCOUNTS OFFICE

Many thanks to all of you who have promptly paid your school fees. In doing so you are helping to ensure the financial viability of the school and allowing us to provide a quality educational program for all our students.

We have a variety of ways for you to pay your fees, cash, eftpos, or direct bank deposit and if you are having trouble paying your fees, please call us on 9553 0117 and we can arrange a payment plan.

For those of you that are paying by direct bank deposit, please check that you are using student name and year group as a reference. It is also important that you check your monthly statements carefully as we have had some unidentified payments made.
This term we have started working on teaching the expected behaviours in our Behaviour Matrix. These behaviours are the things we want to promote and develop, under the key areas of ‘Be Respectful’ ‘Be Responsible’ and ‘Be Your Best’.

Each week, we have been focusing on one particular area. In the first week, the Health and Phys Ed department led the way, showcasing ‘Be Your Best: Be Positive about Yourself and Your School’. All students participated in lessons and activities about why it is important to be positive, with some practice activities and reinforcement as they demonstrate these skills. In the HPE video, Mr Cordingley and Mr Clark modeled yes and no examples, emphasising in a fun way the skills for positive social behaviour, as well as the reasons for this.

Other learning areas have also produced videos and lessons for students, and these will run through to the end of the year. Students have reported they enjoy seeing their teachers model the expected behaviours, and having a sense of humour about the learning journey we are on.

Our next phase is reinforcing expected behaviours, where we will be focusing on a whole school approach for reinforcing positive social behaviour.