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Principal's Newsletter, September 25th, 2009

Dear Parents,

First of all my apologies for the email issues we have been having this week. We are working hard to correct these

It is my pleasure to announce and congratulate the following whole school positions of responsibility for this academic year:

Head Boy – **Kevin Minors**
Deputy Head Boy – **Ryan Eve**

Head Girl – **Brittany Hassell**
Deputy Head Girl – **Ashley Berry**

I look forward to working with them all and their first task will be to lead our Student Council. This is a new venture for Warwick Academy and one I am very excited about as we work with the students on areas of mutual concern and interest and give them a voice in the decision making process.

I am increasingly aware that many of our students lead very active lives and go from school to one activity after another. I realize that this causes a problem for some students who find it difficult to get homework done. The obvious solution is to cut back on some of the extra activities but that suggestion does not “go down very well” with our multi – talented young charges. My question to you as parents – would it be helpful if we offered a Homework Club at lunch hour 2 days a week on a Tuesday and a Thursday in addition to our afternoon prep times?

Please let me know if you think this would assist your son or daughter. If this goes ahead it would be run by Mr. Horan and myself.

Next week we honour Senator, Dr. Walwyn Hughes in Monday's assembly and on Wednesday at 5:00 pm. we have the official opening of our 7 new classrooms which will be named after him. Dr. Hughes is a past Chairman of the Warwick Board of Governors.

On Tuesday afternoon next week we hold our secondary dept. Swim Meet and I extend to you an invitation to attend. Please ensure your sons and daughters have a hat and sun block. We will have drinks, etc. for sale but it does get very hot around the pool.

Have a lovely weekend,
Maggie McCorkell
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Merit winners for the Week 14 – 20 September

1st 8 merits – **Kobe White** Y7 - Rhodes

2nd 7 merits – **Arden Vickers** Y7 – Robertson, **Daniel McDonald** Y7 - Rhodes

3rd 6 merits – All from Y7 **Jamarco Sampson** - Rhodes, **Amar Lewis** - Patton, **Ryley Tannock** - Rhodes and **Taylor Saraiva** – Patton.

Upcoming Events

"Women Helping Women" - That's the theme for the annual PartnerRe 5K Walk & Run.

Now in its 12th year, the race is presented by Mid-Atlantic Athletic Club (MAAC), sponsored by PartnerRe Ltd. and sanctioned by the Bermuda Track and Field Association (BTFA). The only all-female event on Bermuda's sporting calendar, it includes a 5K race, a 5K competitive walk, a 5K fun walk, as well as corporate and school team events and a new shorter 2K run for girls aged 7 -15 yrs.

All proceeds from the event - matched by PartnerRe - will go towards the Bermuda Junior Service League's project to refurbish the Sexual Assault Room at King Edward Memorial Hospital. With the funds raised, BJSL hopes to replace the medical equipment to meet modern medical specifications and to address the unfortunate increase of younger patients who require their use.

The school with the most participants (runners or walkers) will win a \$500 cash gift to go towards school sports programs or equipment.

This year's race will take place on Sunday, October 4, 2009 at Botanical Gardens, starting at 8:30am for the Junior 2K race and 9am for all other events.

Registration forms can be downloaded – see website below – and these can be dropped off at Sportseller or directly to the PartnerRe offices by 4:30pm on Wednesday, September 30th 2009.

Gift bags for those students participating can be collected on Saturday October 3rd 2009 at Botanical Gardens between 9:00am and 12 noon in the Jack King (Poultry) Building. There will be a dedicated table set up for student gift bags.

For more details or to register online, please visit our website: www.partnerre5k.bm

Bank of Bermuda Triathlon

Good luck to Mr. Luke Burgess, Ms. Sarah Bonnet and student **Taylor Bean** who will be representing the school in the Bank of Bermuda triathlon this Sunday.

The Physical Abuse Centre presents Beth Holloway

At the Fairmont Hamilton Princess Friday, 2nd October. Please call 2924366 for tickets and additional information.

Ms Holloway will also be speaking to our students in Years 10 through 13 in assembly on October 2nd.

Visit to Warwick Academy Monday, October 5th by the Archbishop of York

Grub day on Friday, October 2nd proceeds in aid of Medecins Sans Frontieres <http://www.msf.org/>

Soccer Sign-Up

Bermuda Youth Sports Programme \$65 per child, \$55 for additional siblings. All boys and girls from 4 to 13 years are welcome.

Games on Saturday mornings in Southampton: October 10th thru December 12th.

Sign up on-line www.bysp.bm or in person at:

AMS Limited, The Continental Bldg, 2nd Floor, 25 Church St, HAMILTON.

Inquiries Sam Nusum 735-0836 or mnusum@logic.bm

Student news

Community Service

A group of Year 7 students did an amazing job in the KBB Marine clean up. They went to Grape Bay and filled 30+ garbage bags. My thanks to our parents who took students and to Mrs. Karen Daly who did an amazing job organizing it. Also very well done to the students who continued to do great community service on a very hot day.

The students and parents who participated were:

Y7 Matthew Daly, Matthew Bacon, Liam Mulholland, William Pye, Xander Cook, Aidan Thorne, Arianna Simmons, Arden Vickers, Sophie Bryne, Shannon Dill, Taylor Saraiva.
Y9 Christopher Alexander and Kyle Trott.

Parents who helped: Karen and Carl Daly, David Mulholland, Yvonne Powell.

World News Share Program

On Tuesday, 22nd September fifteen Yr 9 students took part in a 'World News Share' program hosted by the 'Royal Gazette'. The program is in partnership with the 'Charleston Courier' and was launched last year as part of an initiative to develop the skills required to utilize newspapers as an important resource for developing knowledge and supporting informed opinions and decision making.

As part of the cultural exchange program the students worked in teams to answer questions based around this year's key topics of; government, history, sports and recreation and culture. These answers will now be posted to the 'World News Share' website where our partner students in Charleston will be able to read them, comment and respond. Correspondence between the two schools will now continue until Christmas.

Warwick Academy students then spent time in Hamilton producing a video that they felt represented the culture of Bermuda and showed some of the highlights of the capital. This was followed by a tour of the press office by one of the reporters, and the students were invited to watch the teams at work putting the finishing touches to the day's issue.

The day was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by both students and teachers; Miss Turley, Mrs. Bough and Mr. Burgess.

Bridget Dougherty, Lindsay Fisher, Jazmyne Corday-Watson, Jasmine Lee, Russell Conyers, Callum Smith, Lauren de Verteuil, Graham Cooke, Matthew Blee, Hayley Smith, Christopher Alexander, Madeleine Gibson, Emma Kook, Lily Martin, Kyle Trott.

Equestrian News

Congratulations to **Azaria Smith** who has won a place last weekend on the Bermuda team going to Chile in November to compete in the Junior Jumping Invitational.

Also successful at last weekend's opening horse show of the season were **Khaleb Tota** and **Haley Ball**. In the CEA trials class Haley came first and Khaleb was in sixth place.

CPR Course

Callum Smith Y9 completed a CPR course on Saturday, 19th September at K.E.M.H. He is now certified in adult/child CPR and was also trained to use an automatic external defibrillator.

Netball

Congratulations go to **Hayley Cann** and **Kirstin Saltus** who have been selected to represent Bermuda in the Annual Florida Classic in Fort Lauderdale, Florida October 16-18.