Week 2, 16 October, 2014

Welcome to Term 4. I hope you all had a great holiday and were able to take some time off to spend with your children. No doubt those of you who are avid Rabbitohs supporters are still sporting satisfied grins; hopefully the Bulldogs supporters are moving on and focussing on the 2015 season!

Welcome
This term a number of new students have enrolled at WPS; welcome to our school. Transitioning from one school to another can sometimes be a difficult task for both students and parents – if there is anything we can do to assist you in regard to this transition please touch base and we’ll do what we can to assist you.

State Athletics
This week students from across NSW are competing in the NSW Athletics Championships at the State Sports Centre, Homebush. These students have worked incredibly hard to reach the pinnacle of athletics competition, having first competed at our school carnival, then represented the school at the Razorback Zone Carnival, earned selection in the zone team to compete at the South Western Sydney Region carnival, before gaining selection in the regional team to compete at state level. What an amazing achievement! Congratulations to Ruben Anthony (5/6F, Junior Boys 800 metre), Madeline Hodder (5/6F, 11 Years Girls Discus), and our senior Boys 4 x 100 Metre Relay Team of Joshua Azzopardi (5/6F), Joel Campbell (5/6L), Kharem Nash (5/6T), and Ryan Stanford (5/6T). We are all very proud of you; enjoy the experience, we look forward to hearing of your successes.

Dad’s Day
On Tuesday our school was inundated with dads, and that’s certainly not a criticism! Our annual Dad’s Day saw approximately 120 dads join us to spend time with their children in classrooms, take in a sausage sizzle and play some games in the playground. We had dads on the floor painting in Kindergarten, checking story writing in Year 4, receiving tuition in the use of an Interactive White Board in stage 3 and all points in between. Thank you dads, it was great to see you all and I know your children relish these rare opportunities. Thank you to Mrs Bogart for her assistance in organising Dad’s Day, Mr Steinweiss and Mrs Kirkup for their catering prowess and all of the staff for their hospitality. As soon as we’ve locked in a date for 2015 we’ll let you know. A large gallery of photographs from dad’s Day may be viewed on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/WarragambaPublicSchoolOfficial.

Parking
A reminder that the school car parks are for staff use only. Please do not park in these areas, or use them as walkways. Please also avoid double-parking and parking in restricted areas. These practices jeopardise the safety of our students and it disappoints me that people place convenience ahead of student wellbeing.
School Discos
Last week Mr Bruny and Miss Foster held lunchtime discos for the school. The students had a great time; thank you to Mr Bruny and Miss Foster for organising and running these events for the students; thank you also to our Technology Team and Captains and Councillors for their invaluable assistance.

Medications
We often receive request to administer medications to students throughout the day. Please be advised that the only medication we are permitted to administer is that which is prescribed by a doctor and all medicine must be in its original, labelled packaging. If antibiotics are prescribed to be taken 3 times per day (i.e. every 8 hours) please administer one to your child prior to coming to school, so that the next may be taken when they arrive home in the afternoon.

Gala Day
The third and final Gala Day of 2014 will be held tomorrow at venues in Camden, with students representing WPS in teeball, softball, cricket and oztag. I hope you have a great day boys and girls; remember to play fair, respect the referees and your opposition and represent your school with pride. Please ensure that you wear full school sports uniform, including school hat. I'm looking forward to attending the teeball and softball event, as it's the first Gala Day I've been to in quite a while. Thank you to all of the staff and parents who have provided coaching, assistance and moral support - we couldn't do it without you!

Kinder Play Sessions
This week our 2015 Kindergarten students visited us for the first of their Play Sessions. The students spent time in classrooms with our current Kindergarten students and teachers so as to familiarise them with the "big school" classroom environment. We hope you enjoyed the experience boys and girls and we look forward to seeing you again on Thursday 23 October when you meet your 2015 Year 6 Buddies.

State Conference
During week 3 I will be attending the NSW Primary Principals Association Conference, from Tuesday 21 – Friday 24 October inclusive. This annual conference forms a significant component of professional development for principals across NSW. During my absence Mrs Chatkeo will relieve as principal on Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Bogart on Thursday and Friday. For any matters you’d generally refer to me please see Mrs Chatkeo or Mrs Bogart, as appropriate.

Wooglemai Excursion
During week 4 students in Year 4 will take part in their annual overnight excursion to Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre (EEC) at Oakdale. Students from 4A will attend Monday-Wednesday inclusive while students from 4M will attend from Wednesday-Friday inclusive. Thank you to Mrs Chatkeo, Mrs Merrick, Mr Bruny and Mr Muller, all of whom will be attending the excursion with the students. Thank you also to the many parents who are assisting with transport and catering; the success of this excursion and our ability to maintain a low cost for students is dependent on the willingness of parents to assist and as per usual you have come to the party and helped us out - thank you!

P & C News
Our next P & C meeting will be held on Monday 27 October from 2:00pm – 3:00pm in the staffroom; all parents are welcome to attend.

Music: Count Us In
The countdown has started and students at WPS are joining school children across Australia warming up their vocal chords to take part in "Music: Count Us In". Since 2007, over 2.5 million students have participated in this world-beating program that celebrates the value of school music education. Last year over 2000 schools joined the biggest school initiative in Australia, performing the same song at the same time on the same day. Performance day is Thursday 30 October at
12.30pm and parents are welcome to attend to view this event. More information may be found at www.musiccountusin.org.au. Thank you to Miss Foster for organising the school’s involvement; this year the musical accompaniment will be provided by a live band comprised of students and staff, don’t miss it!

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Ben Matthews
Principal

P and C Fundraiser Term 4
This term the P and C will be selling calendars and diaries which will feature artwork from your child on the covers. Diaries will be $18 and the calendars $15 so do not forget to place your order by Friday the 7 November at the front office. All money raised goes towards resources for students at Warragamba PS.

School Banking
Please note that students no longer receive tokens with their banking as it is automatically recorded electronically and the ladies doing the banking will let your child know when they are entitled to a reward.

Warragamba Neighbourhood Centre
A free 2 part workshop to help parents and local residents support children & family members through the trauma of bushfires.
Session 1:
Collette Smart, psychologist, will facilitate the first session with tips including:
• How to listen carefully to children before responding
• How to be reassuring
• Expect the unexpected
• Be a model for your child
Session 2:
The local fire service will be showing a short DVD and offering information and answering questions to help families & local residents prepare for the coming summer.
Date & Time: Thursday 6 November at 10am.
Venue: Warragamba Silverdale Neighbourhood Centre
Child care available on request.
For more details and to book your place in this free workshop contact Julie on 47742245 or email familiesupport@wsnc.org.au
# WARRAGAMBA PUBLIC SCHOOL
## SUMMER MENU FOR 2014/15

### BREAKFAST
- Toast – Veg/honey per slice $0.50(g)
- Pikelets (2 pkt) $0.60(g)
- Fruit pieces $0.80(g)

### HOT FOOD
- Twister Bolognese (200g) $3.20(g)
- Macaroni & cheese (200g) $3.20(g)
- Lasagne (200g) $3.20(g)
- Fried rice (200g) $3.20(g)
- Pizza roundas $2.60(a)
- Pizza single (Haw/Cheese+bacon) $2.60(a)
- Party pies $1.00(a)
- Mini Potato pie $1.00(a)
- Hash brown $1.00(a)
- Garlic Bread $1.50(g)
- Nuggets
- 6 pk with sauce $4.00(a)
- 3 pk with sauce $2.30(a)
- Corn cob $1.20(g)

### SANDWICHES
- Tuna $2.60(g)
- Lean ham $2.20(g)
- Lean ham & cheese $2.40(g)
- Salad $3.00(g)
- Vegemite/Honey $1.80(g)
- Egg (mayo & lettuce) $2.50(g)

**RECESS ONLY:**
- Cheesy pizza slice $0.50(g)

### SALAD BOX
- Salad box no meat $3.20(g)
- Ham or Egg $3.80(g)
- Chicken /Tuna $4.00(g)
  - Includes:- Lettuce/Tomato/Carrot/Cucumber/cheese

### BURGERS AND WRAPS
- Cheese burger $3.20(a)
  - With cheese/beef/Tom or BBQ sauce
- Chicken burger $3.60(a)
  - With chicken/lettuce/mayo
- Toasted ham & cheese wrap $3.00(g)
- Toasted chicken wrap $4.00(g)
  - With Tomato/cheese & mayo
- Chicken salad wrap $4.20(g)
  - With Lettuce/tomato/carrot/mayo

### DRINKS
- Water 350ml $1.20(g)
- Mineral Water $1.80(a)
  - Cola/ apple rasp/ blue haven
- Poppers $1.50(g)
  - Orange/apple
- Flavoured Milk $1.80(g)
  - Choc or Strawberry

### ICE COLD TREATS
- Zoopa doopa $0.50(a)
- Paddle pop $1.40(g)
- Lemonade twist $1.00(a)
- Frozen juice cup $1.00(g)
- Jelly stick $0.20(g)
- Callipo mini $1.00(a)

### SNACKS
- Popcorn $0.80(g)
- J.’s chicken $1.00(a)
- Jumpys Chicken $1.00(a)
- Jelly cups $0.80(g)
- Ovaltines $0.80(a)

### EXTRAS
- Sauces:- BBq/ Tom $0.40
- Lunch bags $0.10
- Cheese per slice $0.20

(a)=Amber products (g)=Green Products