Week 10, 3 April 2014

Welcome to week 10’s newsletter. With only one week of this term remaining the question begs: where has the first quarter of 2014 gone?!

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thank you to those parents who attended this week’s parent/teacher interviews; we hope you found the opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and discuss your child’s strengths and areas of need to be beneficial. If you were unable to attend an interview please contact your child’s class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Messages
Whilst we understand that daily arrangements can occasionally change, please be mindful that if we receive 10 messages at 2:55pm in regard to how a student should travel home that afternoon, we are unable to guarantee that your message will be delivered. Please clarify travel arrangements with your children in the morning where possible.

Year 3 Bicycle Education Excursion
Today students in Year 3 travelled to the Bicycle Education Centre in Campbelltown. The aim of this excursion is to teach the students the correct manner in which they should ride their bicycles when using the road and focuses on safety and awareness. Thank you to Mrs Macias for organising the excursion.

ANZAC Day
A note was sent home with all students last week offering them the opportunity to represent WPS at the 2014 ANZAC Day march in Warragamba. This is something of a tradition at WPS and is a great way to instil in your children the significance of ANZAC Day. We will meet at the Neighbourhood centre at 10:45am with the march commencing at 11:00am and concluding at the Workers Club at approximately 11:45am. I look forward to seeing you there.

Family Occupation and Education Index
Recently some families received a request to update their occupation and education details. This information informs the school’s Family Occupation and Education Index (FOEI), which the Department of Education and Communities uses to determine the level of funding the school, receives. Thank you to those of you who assisted in this process.

School Photographs
School photographs will be taken this coming Monday 7 April. All students are requested to wear their full summer uniform, including black shoes. The P & C Uniform Shop will be open from 8:30am for any last-minute purchases you may need. Please ensure that payments and order forms are returned to school by photo day.

Daylight Savings
A sure sign that winter is on its way, clocks go back one hour this coming Sunday morning, heralding the end of Daylight Savings for another year. Make the most of the extra hour of sunlight for the rest of this week!
Annual School Report
Our 2013 Annual School Report has been completed and uploaded to the school’s website. It is available for viewing and download in the “Our School” section of the website at http://www.warragamba-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. Thank you to those of you who contributed to the report via our online “Survey Monkey” surveys in 2013. Thank you also to Mr Smith for his assistance in compiling the report.

3-6 Cross Country
Our annual 306 Cross Country event will be held tomorrow, Friday 4 April, at the Soccer Oval (in the Warragamba Dam precinct) and all parents and relatives are invited to attend. The students will eat lunch at 11:00am, prior to walking to the venue. They will then walk the appropriate course @ km for 8-10 year olds, 3km for 11-12 year olds) with the first race commencing at 12:30pm. The event will conclude at 2:45pm, at which point the students will walk back to school. If you would like to sign your child out from the venue please see Mrs Fairclough prior to leaving. If you are able to assist as a course Marshall we’d be most appreciative; please see Mrs Barlow. Please ensure that your child wears his or her school sport uniform, school hat, running shoes and brings plenty of water. We look forward to seeing you at the cross country; fingers crossed for sunshine!

Easter Hat Parade
Our Easter Hat Parade for students in K -2 will be held in the school hall on Friday 11 April from 12:00pm – 12:40pm. All parents and relatives are invited. Last year we saw some amazing creations and I’m sure this year will be no different. We look forward to seeing you at the Easter Hat Parade.

P & C Easter Raffle
Thank you to those of you who have made donations to and sold tickets for, this year’s P & C Easter Raffle. The raffle promises to really deliver the goods to the winners and will be drawn in the hall at 2:15pm on Wednesday 9 April. Thank you once again to Mrs Shona Azzopardi and Mrs Carrie Jamieson for the effort and hard work they are directing towards ensuring that the raffle is a success.

Medications
We often receive requests to administer medications to students throughout the day. Please be advised that the only medication we are permitted to administer is that which has been 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 children prior to him/her coming to school, so that the next may be taken when him/her arrives home in the afternoon. We are not able to administer medications that are prescribed to be taken three times daily.

School Holidays & Staff Development Day
Term 1 ends on Friday 11 April with term 2 kicking off for students on Tuesday 29 April. Monday 28 April is a Staff Development Day; WPS will be hosting teachers from Regentville, Surveyors Creek, Glenmore Park, Emu Heights and Leonay Public Schools for a joint professional learning day focussing on the new English and Numeracy curriculums.

Thank You
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and students for a wonderful first term. Our staff work very hard to ensure that Warragamba Public School is a very special place for the students and I know that our students appreciate this. Thank you to our parent community for their support over the last term; I wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to catching up with you on ANZAC Day. If you happen to notice any suspicious behaviour in or around the school during the holidays please call School Security on 1300 880 021 or Police on 000.

All the best

Ben Matthews
Principal

International Competitions
Money and notes for these competitions is due by Monday the 7 April. No entries after this date will be accepted.
School Caps and Hats
Our school caps are now in stock and available from the uniform shop. There is also a new style of bucket hat available for purchase-please see picture below.

More Play Playgroup
Meets 10-12 every Wednesday during term time
Corner Silverdale Rd and Werri Berri Rd, Orangeville
Contact: Sue 0421 726 233 for details

Warragamba Pool
Pool closes this Sunday 6 April for the winter months.
All icecreams, food and drinks will be half price this weekend.

Counsellors Corner
Free groups for parents April/May at;
Richmond Community Services
20 West Market Street RICHMOND NSW
  1. Tech Safe and Savvy-creating tech safe homes 7 May 7 to 9pm
  2. Supporting your kids through loss and grief 30 April 6:30pm to 9pm
  3. Helping kids deal with anger 7 May 10am to 12:30pm
Bookings call 4588 3502 Monday-Thursday
Or email admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au
Free parent course-getting ready for school and life
To assist parents of a child with an intellectual disability access inclusive education.
Life Start Nepean 4 April 2014 12pm to 2pm
R.S.V.P.-ASAP
8-10 Carinya Avenue
ST MARYS NSW
9623 2100 or email nepean@lifestart.org.au

STEWART HOUSE
Stewart House Clothing Appeal 2014
Stewart House is in need of good used clothing. Please remember this appeal if you are cleaning out your cupboards during the holidays. Please note that the date for collection of clothing bags is Wednesday 11 June 2014.

Youth Week 2014
Easter Craft Party
Come along to our...
When: Friday 11th April
Time: 5.00 - 7.00pm
Where: Picton Library
FREE!
Are you 8 years or over? Do you like making craft, eating pizza, and playing the Wii?
Then come along to our Easter get together during Youth Week!
and best of all...participate in an Easter egg hunt around the library!
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES @ YOUR LIBRARY
HORROR GAME PARTY
Do you want to be the next Masters of Horror? Well they all had to start somewhere—and so could you at our ‘Horror Game’ workshop. Come along and make some summer treats. NO RAGING REQUIRED! Bring along a sealed computer to take your goodies home in and to your centre kids’ cookbooks for some more ideas.
When: Thursday 24th April
Time: 10.30am - 12pm
Ages 5+
Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult

NO COOK COOKING
COST $6.00
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
LOCAL MOTHER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION 2014

This year we will be following on with our tradition of acknowledging wonderful mothers for the enormous contribution they make in shaping our future generations at the Warragamba General Variety Mothers Day Market in our third local mother of the year competition.

If you have a funny, creative, quirky, patient and hardworking mother that you would be lost without, nominate her for our Local mother of the year award as a way to show her your appreciation. Nomination forms can be obtained from Warragamba Silverdale Neighbourhood Centre or contact us via phone on 4774 1273 or email community@wsnc.org.au

WARRAGAMBA MOTHERS DAY MARKET
SUNDAY 11TH MAY 9AM - 2PM

Warragamba Silverdale Neighbourhood Centre will hold an outdoor general variety Mothers Day Market. We welcome stall holders with Fashion, Home wares, accessories, jewellery, bric a brac and much more. We would love to see the community support this local event and join us in the presentation of our Mothers of the Year award, enjoy the live entertainment, kids craft & Jumping Castle.

All Enquiries to Vikki or Helena on 4774 1273 or email community@wsnc.org.au