Good afternoon everyone, I hope all is well and that you're looking forward to the upcoming school holidays; ideally we'll be afforded some great weather in which to spend time with our children… rather than being buffeted with gale force winds!

Semester 1 Student Reports
Student reports for semester 1 were sent home yesterday. Congratulations to those students who have worked hard to ensure progress throughout the first half of the year. Thank you to the staff for their hard work in ensuring that the reports are an accurate reflection of each child’s progress, areas of strength and areas requiring improvement. If you have any questions regarding your child’s report please contact his/her classroom teacher.

Orienteering
Yesterday a large number of students from stages 2 and 3 represented WPS at the South Western Sydney Orienteering Championships at Camden. We hope you had a great day boys and girls and that the wind didn't play havoc with your directions. Thank you to Mrs Barlow, Mrs Merrick and Mrs Taylor and to all of the parents who kindly assisted with transport.

Stage 1 Trainworks Excursion
On Tuesday students from stage 1 visited “Trainworks” at Thirlmere in support of their HSIE unit dealing with transport. Despite freezing winds the students had an enjoyable and educational day. Thank you to the staff who attended and to Mr Smith for organising this excursion.

Staffing for Term 3
Mr Bradley Lanham will leave Warragamba PS this Friday, commencing in his role as Assistant Principal at Emu Plains PS on Day 1 of Term 3. On behalf of the staff I would like to thank Mr Lanham for his excellent contributions to our school over the last two and a half years. I would like to welcome Miss Rhiannon Ellis to our school; Miss Ellis will teach 5/6L for the remainder of 2014. Mrs Jo Fairclough will remain on leave for the remainder of 2014, with Mrs Ezzy continuing to teach 5/6F and Mr Nathan Smith now taking on the role of stage supervisor for stage 3. Mrs Kerrie Bogart will relieve as Assistant Principal for K-2 for the remainder of the year. I will be taking Long Service Leave for the first two weeks of Term 3, with Mr Smith relieving as Principal during my absence; Mrs Rita Maguire will teach 1S during this period. Mrs Irene Iskric will remain as K/1H’s Friday teacher for the remainder of 2014, whilst continuing her role as additional LaST on Thursdays.

Rugby League News
Last Thursday our senior rugby league team competed in the NRL 7’s Comp at Campbelltown Sportsground, going down in the semis. Congratulations boys on a great effort and thank you once again to Mrs Merrick, Mr Rob Stanford and Mr Dwayne Hayes for their hard work with our rugby league teams.

Tree Remediation Works
As indicated in previous newsletters our school was recently the subject of a tree audit, conducted by a qualified arborist. As a result of this audit several trees have this week been removed, having been identified as unsafe.

Athletics Carnivals
Our 3-6 Field Events Carnival was held at Warragamba Oval last Friday, with the Track Events Carnival
scheduled for this Friday; the K-2 Sports Carnival will also be held this Friday. Parents are more than welcome to attend both events – the 3-6 Carnival commences at 9:15am at the oval while the K-2 students will have an early recess and lunch before moving over to the oval at approximately 12:40pm. Thank you to Mrs Merrick, Mrs Barlow, Mrs Bogart and Mr Smith for their work in organising these events for the students. Thank you also to Mrs Anne Garment, Mr Barry Garment and Mr Ian Hodder from Warragamba Little Athletics for their invaluable assistance.

Term 3 Planner
Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find an updated planner for Term 3. Our planners are always “works in progress” and are amended on an ongoing basis.

Penrith Valley Performing Arts Festival (PVPAF)
This year our presence at the PVPAF will be considerable, with the senior choir, junior dance group and senior dance group all performing at the evening concert on Wednesday 6 August; tickets will go on sale early next term. Congratulations to all students involved and to Miss Foster, Mrs Channing and Miss Taraboulis for their hard work with our singers and dancers.

Education Week
Education Week will be celebrated across NSW during week 3 of term 3. Our major event is our annual Open Day, to be held on Wednesday 30 July from 11:30am – 3:00pm. This will include open classrooms, a picnic lunch, character parade and a display of work from EVERY student in the school hall. All school community members are invited to join us; further details have been forwarded home on a separate note.

Concerts
School concerts will be held during week 7 of term 3. K-2 dress rehearsals will be held on Monday 25 August, with a matinee performance at 11:30am on Tuesday 26 August and an evening performance at 6:30pm that night. 3-6 dress rehearsals will be held on Wednesday 27 August, with a matinee performance at 11:30am on Thursday 28 August and an evening performance at 6:30pm that night. Information regarding ticket sales has not yet been finalised however tickets will go on sale in the first half of term 3.

Dad’s Day
A reminder for all of our dads that “Dad’s Day” will be held here at WPS on Tuesday 14 October (term 4 week 2). Lock it into your schedules dads!

Walkathon
The school will again hold a Walkathon, on Thursday 21 August (term 3 week 6). Information will be sent home early next term.

Speech Therapy
The school has once again procured the services of Educational Speech Therapy for semester 2. First implemented in 2013 (funded by the P & C) the program was found to be of great benefit for both students and staff alike. Miss Aimee Clarke will again be our designated speech therapist with the program running every Thursday during terms 3 and 4.

Pathway and Crossing
Construction works on the shared pathway and school crossing have now been completely and has greatly improved pedestrian safety when accessing the school. Thank you to Wollondilly Shire Council for their work around WPS.

Gala Days
Due to the cancellation of Razorback Gala Days during term 2, five Gala Days will be held during term 3. Winter Sport Gala Days (netball, soccer, AFL) will be held on the Fridays of weeks 1 and 3, whilst Summer Sport Gala Days (cricket and oztag) will be held on the Fridays of weeks 6, 9 and 10; further details on page 3.

School Holidays
This Friday is the final day of term 2. Students resume on Tuesday 15 July (Monday 14 July is a Staff Development Day). Please keep an eye on our school over the holidays and call Police on 000 if you notice any suspicious behaviour. Wishing you all a safe and restful holiday and a happy Tour de France!

Ben Matthews
Principal
Busways
Dear Parents/students,

Busways are in the process of reviewing services in your area; as a result we are proposing some changes to your school services. Please see below your proposed changes.

There will be a change to the time, number and direction of the afternoon school bus 4618. The afternoon school bus 4618 will now operate as Route 795 service.

Please Note: Route 795 service will operate via directions shown below:
Route 795 service departs from Warragamba PS at 3.10pm then travels via Weir Rd into Warradale Rd-R-Marsh Rd-R-Silverdale Rd-L-Taylors Rd-R-Eltons Rd-R-Silverdale Rd(3.23pm) (R Side Rd to set down students) continues Silverdale Rd-R-Ridgehaven Rd to end and returns Ridgehaven Rd-R-Silverdale Rd(3.40pm)-R-Park Rd-R-Greendale Rd-L-Davenport Dr-R-Matingara Way-R-Greendale Rd-L-Park Rd-R-Mulgoa Rd(Mulgoa PS 4.04pm) continues Mulgoa Rd(Mulgoa Rd and Spencer Str 4.16pm)-R-Jamison Str-L-Station Str to Penrith Station(4.31pm)

You are invited to lodge your feedback on the above proposed services. You can have your say from Wednesday 25 June 2014 until Monday 9 July 2014 by emailing infoline@busways.com.au

Uniform Shop
With the colder weather approaching our uniform shop is in need of good quality second hand uniforms to sell, particularly long pants, sloppy jos’ and jackets. If you are able to assist please leave at the front office.

Free Workshop
Resilience Doughnut
We all want our kids to do well and to be well. One of the things that determines social and emotional wellbeing is ‘resilience’. Resilience is defined as the ability of an individual to access resources to prevent, minimise, or overcome hardship. The Resilience Doughnut is a tool that parents can use to measure their child’s resilience. In the Resilience Doughnut there are seven aspects to developing a full and meaningful life based on relationships and personal strengths. In this workshop we look at how we can flip our kid’s problems into possibilities. What are your children’s strengths, and how can we use those strengths to build confidence in other areas of their lives?

Facilitated by Narelle Smith,
Nepean Community & Neighbourhood Services
For more details phone Julie on 4774 2245
Email: familysupport@wnc.org.au
Thursday 24th July 2014
10am to 12:30pm
Warragamba Silverdale Neighbourhood Centre

Gala Day Venues
Gala Day 1 & 2 Venues

AFL: Wandarrah Reserve, Welling Drive, Mount Annan
Netball: Kirkham Netball Courts, Hilder Street, Elderslie
Soccer: Ron Dine Reserve, McCrae Drive, South Camden

Games commence at 9:45am and conclude at 1:30pm.

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