Welcome Back! I trust you all enjoyed a nice relaxing break during the school holidays and are prepared for what should be an extremely busy term at Warragamba Public School. There are a number of events scheduled for this term including Education Week, the Penrith Valley Performing Arts Festival, School Concerts, Walkathon, Stage 3 Camp and a number of sports gala days thrown in for good measure. So without any further adieu…

**Education Week**

Education Week is being celebrated from Monday 28 July until Friday 1 August with the main event, Open Day, being held on Wednesday 30 July. K-2 open classrooms are between 11:30am-12:00 and 3-6 open classrooms are between 12:00-12:30pm. The Book Fair, which is always a popular favourite, will be open in the hall from 8:30am which includes a display of artwork from every child in the school. A picnic lunch, including the P&C BBQ, will be held between 12:30pm and 1:30pm with the Book Character Parade to commence at 1:30pm under the South Playground COLA. It’s always wonderful to see the huge array of costumes and massive effort that our parents put in to ensure that all the children have a wonderful day. Thank you to Mrs Chatkeo and Mrs Bogart for their organisation of the day. I hope to see you all there next Wednesday!

**Penrith Valley Performing Arts Festival**

On Wednesday 6 August both the Senior and Junior Dance groups and the Senior Choir will be performing at the Penrith Valley Performing Arts Festival. Tickets went on sale on Monday this week and are available through the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre at Penrith. I would like to wish all students participating the very best of success and thank Miss Foster, Mrs Channing and Miss Taraboulsis for their hard work and dedication towards dance and music programs at our school.

**Kindy Enrolment Packs**

Please remember that enrolment packs are available from the school office for students starting Kindergarten next year. If your son or daughter is turning 5 before 31 July 2015, then please visit the friendly ladies in the school office to obtain an enrolment pack.

**Kindergarten Information Night**

A reminder that the 2015 Kindergarten Information Night is being held on Wednesday September 3 at 6:30pm in the school library. If you have a child starting kindergarten next year, please remember to pencil this date into your diary.

**School 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.

**Semester One Report Feedback**
If you are yet to do so, please remember to return the Semester One report comment sheet that was included with your child’s report last term. We value the feedback you provide us with regarding student reports and would greatly appreciate you returning this form to your child’s class teacher.

**Mogo Camp Payments**
The Stage 3 Mogo Camp is on from Monday 15 September to Wednesday 17 September (Week 10). Please remember that all payments for the camp are to be finalised by Friday 22 August.

**Debating**
On Tuesday this week, eight stage 3 students participated in the Premier’s Debating Challenge. In round 3 the Warragamba Wildcats won a hotly contested battle against the Warragamba Warriors and in round 4 of the competition the Warriors defeated Cambridge Gardens Public School on the topic of “Extra sport at school”. Well done to both teams for their wonderful public speaking skills and to Mrs Luc for her organisation of the day.

**Gala Day Report**
Last Friday a large number of students participated in the first Winter Gala Day for 2014.

- **AFL** - Our Senior AFL team played 4 games and were undefeated. Credit to Jordan Bell and Matthew Csillag who displayed great sportsmanship and also to Zoe Walther who scored a number of goals in her first ever game of AFL. The Junior AFL team played 3 games and were also undefeated.
- **Netball** - Both the Senior and Junior netball teams won a number of games and were complimented for their wonderful behaviour and sportsmanship.
- **Soccer** - The soccer Senior ‘A’ team went well with 5 wins and the Junior ‘A’ team had 4 draws and 1 win in what could only be described as very windy conditions. Both soccer ‘B’ teams had mixed results on the day with some wins and draws and Miss Ellis noted that our students were the first to shake their opponent’s hands at the conclusion of all of their matches.

Congratulations children for your excellent behaviour and wonderful teamwork on the day. Thank you to all those parents who were able to transport children to the various venues and to Mrs Merrick, Mrs Barlow, Mrs Ezzy, Mrs Luc and Miss Ellis for taking Gala Day teams. The last Winter Gala Day will be held next Friday 1 August.

**Musica Viva – Jacana**
On Thursday 14 August students will have the opportunity to see a performance from the Musica-Viva group ‘Jacana’. This wonderful group will take students on a journey through the urban, coastal, and outback landscapes of Australia through their music. Further details and a permission note will be available in the coming days. Thank you to Miss Foster for organising this wonderful experience for the children.

**Contact Numbers**
A reminder that if you have recently changed phone numbers, either your mobile number, work number or home number, it is important that you let the school office know. From time to time it may be necessary for the school to get in contact with you and without the correct phone numbers available this task can be difficult.

Nathan Smith  
Relieving Principal
**The following tips are courtesy of Aimee Clark, Warragamba Public Schools visiting Speech Pathologist**

**HAVE FUN FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS!**

- Get your child’s attention before giving the instruction.
- Give specific instructions with limited steps/parts.
- Giving instruction in the form of a “Simon Says” game can make it more fun and effective!
- Improve your child’s listening skills by saying things like “can you get the big purple jar that is on the third shelf from the bottom” when you are at the shops.

- Help Clifford and his friends find the buried treasure!
  - [http://pbskids.org/clifford/games/buried-treasure.html](http://pbskids.org/clifford/games/buried-treasure.html)
- Help Wubbzy plant a pretty garden!
- iPad app: “Fun with Directions” (99c for the Lite version)

**Uniform Shop**
*With the colder weather our uniform shop is still 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.*

**Warragamba Neighbourhood Centre**

Free Workshop Tuesday 19 August 2014 10am – 12.30pm

Emotion Coaching covers:

- Understanding how to deal with feelings.
- Believe that your child’s negative emotions are an opportunity for closeness and teaching
- Listen with empathy and understand, then validate your child’s feelings.
- Label your child’s emotions
- Set limits while exploring possible solutions to the problem that caused the negative emotion.

For more information or to book your place contact Julie on 4774 2245 or email familysupport@wsnc.org.au

**Positive Parenting Program**
This is a practical program to promote your children’s development and manage their behavior in a constructive way.

For: Parents and other carers of children 4-12 years
Where: Penrith Community Health Centre
       Soper Place, Penrith
When: Wednesday evenings for 6 weeks
       Starting 6 August 2014 7pm to 9pm
Cost: Free
Contact: Pauline Coulton-Social Worker
        Lynette Taylor-Social Worker
Phone: Register through Intake by 30 July on 1800 222 608

Questions about the group can be answered by Pauline on 4730 5100 or Lynette on 47732 9400
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