Halfway through Term 1 already! Where does the time go? Welcome to your Term 1, Week 6 Newsletter. I hope you are all doing well. Lots of things this week to report so here goes…

**Luddenham Show**

Congratulations to the following students who received a 1st, 2nd, 3rd or Highly Commended Award in the Luddenham Show Art Display recently;

**First Prize** – Connor W (Design)
& 2T (Class Project - Transport)
**Second Prize** – 1/2EC (Class Project - Diversity)
**Third Prize** – Mikayla H (Painting)
**Highly Commended** – Jayden M (craftwork), Grace W (drawing), Aleks M (drawing), Chayne DV (design), Avalon S (design), Favian B (painting), Tenaya B (painting), Leah M (drawing), Breanna F (painting), Penny B (collage)

Well done boys and girls. We are all very proud of your achievements.

**Zone Swimming Carnival**

Last week a number of students competed at the Razorback Zone Swimming Carnival at Picton Pools. Congratulations to Ruben A, Matthew C, Nicholas C, Isaac B and Adrian V who will all be representing Warragamba Public School at the Regional Swimming Carnival on the 17 March. Well done to those boys and girls who participated. Thank you to Mrs Barlow and Mrs Merrick for their organisational efforts and to all parents who assisted on both days of the carnival.

**Footsteps Disco**

As a reward for their fantastic efforts in dancing, discos will be held on Wednesday 1 April (Week 10) for students who participated in the Footsteps Dance Program. The K-2 disco will be held from 4:30pm-5:30pm in the school hall, and the 3-6 disco will be held from 5:30pm-6:30pm. Get your dancing shoes on!!!
**Parent-Teacher Interviews**  
Parent-Teacher interviews are scheduled to occur Monday-Wednesday of Week 9 this term (23-25 March). On Monday next week, a note informing parents how to book parent teacher interviews will be sent home. Similar to last year, interviews will be booked via an online system. Parent-Teacher interviews are a great way to keep in touch with your child’s academic and social progress, as well as discuss ways to help your child at home.

**NAPLAN Tests**  
From Tuesday 12 May till Thursday 14 May 2015 students in Year 3 and 5 will sit the 2015 NAPLAN tests. All students are expected to participate in the testing. Students will be assessed in language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation), writing, reading and numeracy. Further information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

**P & C News**  
The next P & C meeting will be held on Monday 23 March 2015 between 2:00pm and 3:00pm in the staffroom. I encourage all parents to attend to contribute to the wonderful job our P & C does at ensuring the students at WPS are provided with the best possible opportunities.

**Cross Country**  
This year’s 3-6 Cross Country is being held on Friday 27 March at the Warragamba soccer ovals. Please put this date in your diary and come along to support the children or help out on the day.

**Peer Mediators**  
Stage 3 students have commenced working in their roles as Peer Mediators and have been assisting students in the playgrounds during recess and lunch times. Sometimes this assistance may come in the form of opening a bottle for a Kindergarten student, or adjudicating on a contentious handball decision! Thank you Stage 3 for your work in this area and thank you Mrs Taylor for organising the Peer Mediators.

**Bike Education**  
Well done to those Year 3 students who attended the Campbelltown Bike Education Centre yesterday for an action packed day of bike and pedestrian safety. Please remember that The Bike Education facility is open every Sunday from 10am to 3pm for the enjoyment of residents and visitors, and free entry makes it a great day out for the whole family. The centre is also open on weekdays during the school holidays offering fun and educational activities. Thank you to Mrs Chatkeo for organising such a great day for the children.

**Selective Schools Test**  
A reminder for parents of Year 6 students sitting the Selective Schools Test for entry into Year 7, 2016 that the test will be held on Thursday 12 March at Jamison High School, 222 Evans Street, South Penrith, from 9:00am -1:30pm. Good luck to all students sitting the test.

**ANZAC Day**  
A reminder that all students are invited to take part in Warragamba’s ANZAC Day March, to be held on Saturday 25 April 2015. A note with further details will be provided later in the term so please keep a lookout for further information.

**Bandaged Bear Mufti-Day**  
On Wednesday 11 March we are holding a Mufti-Day in support of the Children’s Hospital Bandaged Bear Appeal. The Bandaged Bear Appeal raises essential funds to purchase the most advanced medical equipment, fund vital research into the causes and cures for childhood illness and maintain the total healing environment that is vital to the wellbeing of children and families. Students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation in support of this wonderful cause. Please remember that children must wear appropriate footwear – i.e. no thongs or sandals.
Lost Property
Mrs Olliffe from the P&C Uniform Shop would like to bring to your attention the list of following items which are currently in lost property: 8 drink bottles, 9 lunch boxes, 5 pairs of shorts, 2 sets of goggles, a towel and an adult jacket. Please visit the lost property cupboard near the uniform shop if you are missing any items.

Hazard Reduction
The school was recently made aware of a proposed hazard reduction to be carried out in the Burragorang State Conservation Area (an area west of Silverdale Road) for the period 25 February 2015 or as soon as practicable thereafter. Any enquiries regarding this hazard reduction should be directed to the Nattai Area office of NPWS on 4774 6802.

Ice Age
By now I’m sure almost every family in the Warragamba and Silverdale area have had the pleasure of an “Ice Age” movie marathon night. A very big thank you to one of our parents, Mr Tyrrell, for making this wonderful donation to the families of our school. My Tyrrell generously donated over 320 copies of “Ice Age” boxed sets for the enjoyment of the students at WPS. Thank you Mr Tyrrell.
On that note, I’m going home to have my very own “Ice Age” movie marathon. Have a wonderful weekend. Looking forward to catching up with you all over the coming weeks.

Mr Nathan Smith
Relieving Principal

Wallacia Public School Presents

Outdoor Cinema

Featuring-how to Train Your Dragon 2
Show starts @ 7:30pm

Where: Wallacia Public School grounds.
When: Friday 13 March 2015, gates open @ 6:30pm.

Cost: $20 per immediate family and $7 per person for others.
- Wood Fired Pizzas are available
- Popcorn, tea, coffee and drinks will be for sale
- Bring your own picnic rugs, chairs and torch

Back up date is Friday 27 March 2015

Penrith Library will be offering the following Workshops during the April school holidays.

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Asthma in school-aged children

Asthma affects around 1 in 9 school-aged children. This means that in an average classroom there will be at least 3 students with asthma. Schools and staff can work together with the wider school community to provide a healthy and safe educational environment for students with asthma. Student health and safety are essential in schools to allow all students to achieve their best.

How does asthma affect students?

Asthma is a leading cause of absenteeism in school students, which in severe cases can cause them to fall behind in their work. Asthma symptoms commonly occur overnight, which can mean a lack of sleep for the student, leading to a reduced ability to concentrate in class. Students can also show signs of worsening asthma, especially after vigorous exercise, and may have an asthma attack while at school, which requires an immediate response.

Whose responsibility is it?

Responsibility for the management of a student’s asthma is shared.

Parents should:

- Inform the school that their child has asthma and give them a written Asthma Action Plan or similar as required by the school
- Provide sufficient information and equipment to school staff to allow them to support the child at school
- Advise if there has been a change in the child’s health, or in their medical management or Asthma Action Plan
- Ensure the child has their reliever medication with them each day at school, along with a spacer if it is used. The medication must not have expired and should contain plenty of doses, and be labelled clearly with the child’s name
- Ensure that your child is able to self-administer their medication when required
- Aim for good asthma management at home by taking the child to the doctor for regular reviews, and following medical advice on taking medication

Schools should:

- Encourage parents to provide up to date information about their child with asthma, and keep this information in a central location of which all staff are aware
- Enable and encourage staff to attend training and obtain information about asthma and how to manage an asthma emergency
- Ensure sufficient Asthma Emergency Kits are available and that staff are aware of the location and they are easily accessible (dates and contents of kits need to be regularly checked and updated accordingly)
- Have policies that support the staff to act appropriately and effectively in an asthma emergency, including during off-site activities
- Display Asthma First Aid posters around the school
- Allow students to access (or carry with them) their reliever medication at all times, unless the child is too young to be responsible for using their medication appropriately
- Allow children (where age appropriate) to carry and administer their own reliever medication as required
- Advise parents if their child has required medical assistance while at school