



Keeping In Touch

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Warragamba Public School

Term 1, Week 11

10th April 2008

Good afternoon everyone, I hope you're all well.

Lots to see, hear and do at WPS, what a flat-chat term it's been!

Holidays

As you're doubtless aware, this is the last week of term 1, 2008. Thanks to the children and staff who've worked hard to ensure a wonderful start to the year and also to all the parents and community members who have helped us out along the way. School resumes on Tuesday 29th April (Monday 28th is a Staff development Day). If you notice any suspicious activity or behaviour around our school over the holidays please call the School Security Unit on 1300 880 021.

School Photographs

Thank you to those of you who ordered school photographs, they will be delivered to school in the first 2 weeks of term 2. It was wonderful to see so many students in full school uniform; which of course begs the question as to why they aren't wearing their uniforms every day! The strong winds on the day certainly made things interesting, but we got there eventually.

New Hats

The new school caps have been ordered and will be delivered to school early next term. Those children wishing to represent the school at a sporting event this year must wear a school hat; I will of course be flexible in this regard if for some reason the hats are not available prior to the first Gala Day in week 3. I would like to thank the P & C Executive (Mr Steve Bloem, Mrs Caroline Lambeth, Mrs Catherine Davies and Mrs Barbara Laria) for their efforts and dedication regarding the process of designing and ordering the new hats. Mrs Laria in particular has spent a great deal of her own time chasing up deals and designs, thanks Barbara!

Gala Day Trials

Due to unfavourable weather conditions the Gala Day trials for netball and soccer were not able to be held this week. They will be rescheduled for week 1 of term 2. A reminder that those children selected in soccer teams will need their own pair of shin pads, as per Razorback PSSA policy.

3-6 Cross Country

Thank you to Mr Blain for organising a wonderful cross country event last Friday. The event ran very smoothly, the weather was perfect, the children were fantastic and it was great to see so many parents spectating and also lending a hand. Congratulations to all children who had a go at the event and in particular to those children who'll be representing our school at the Razorback Zone event next term

Early Arrivals

Thank you to those of you who have taken steps to ensure that your children do not arrive at school prior to 8:30am. As difficult as morning arrangements can sometimes be in regard to school hours and work rosters, the children are unsupervised if dropped at school prior to 8:30am, a situation which I'm sure you'll all agree is not preferable. Please ensure that children do not arrive at school before 8:30am.

Education Week

Education Week is week 5 of term 2 (Monday 26th – Friday 30th May). Our open day will be held on Tuesday 27th May and will involve open classrooms, a family picnic in the playground and the Book Week character parade in the afternoon. Plenty to see and do, more details will be forwarded home early next term.

Fish Tank?

Our librarian and resident herpetologist Mr Muller has obtained a licence to keep reptiles on the school premises. This promises to be a fantastic learning opportunity for the children. If anyone has an unused glass fish tank 3-4 feet in length they'd like to donate to the school, please contact either myself or Mr Muller, we'd be more than happy to take it off your hands.

Website

People have been visiting the website en-masse, which is great to see. I'm doing my best to update the website as often as possible so it's great to see people actually making use of the information provided. I've recently added some great links to other educational pages, take the time to check them out with your children, as they're all very useful sites.

Absence Notes

Please assist us in roll-keeping by ensuring that when your child returns to school after an absence, he or she has a note to the teacher explaining the reasons for his or her absence.

Head Lice

We have had numerous cases of head lice this term. If a child is suspected of having head lice, he or she is sent to the sick bay and parents are contacted. Please be aware that when using head lice treatment shampoo, the product must generally be used for a specified period, eg: seven days. Details specific to each brand may be found on the bottle, please read these instructions carefully and administer the product as directed. For further information on head lice go to <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice/> for a wealth of useful information.

Chicken Pox

We have had a reported case of chicken pox in the school. If you are concerned that your child may have contracted chicken pox please consult your doctor.

Wishing you all an enjoyable and restful holiday; please look out for each other and ensure that your wonderful children return to WPS in one piece.

Ben Matthews

Principal

Mothers Day Stall

The P&C has been busy getting ready for Mothers Day. Mums will be delighted with the range of gifts that will be available for their child to purchase this year. Gifts include make-up bags, candles, embroidered face washers with soaps, cushions, coffee mugs, photo frames and more. There is definitely something fantastic for every mum.

The stall will be held on the 8th of May and all gifts will be \$5.

A flyer will be sent out early in term 2 with more details about the stall and requesting helpers.

Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to all of the families that have returned their Voluntary School Contributions envelope. The contributions go a long way to helping the P&C purchase items to assist students and teachers at Warragamba Public School. Last year with the help and support of parents the P&C was able to purchase the tables around the big tree, which are now being used for outside classes. This purchase could not have been made without your help.

If you did not receive the envelope please contact the office and they will provide you with one. Contributions can still be made at any time by returning the envelope to your child's teacher.

Uniform shop

As from Week 1 of Term 2 the new sport polo shirts in all house colours and sizes will be available to purchase from the uniform shop.

Dates to Remember

- Friday 11th April Last Day of Term
- Friday 25th April Anzac Day
- Monday 28th April Pupil Free Day
- Tuesday 29th April Students Return
- Thursday 8th May Mothers Day Stall
- Friday 16th May Gala Day
- Friday 23rd May Zone Cross Country
- Education Week 26th-30th May Book Parade



GARAGE SALE

12TH APRIL

10:00AM – 2:00PM

10 WEIR ROAD

WARRAGAMBA

STALL HOLDERS

WELCOMED

CAKE STALL

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

COME AND HAVE A BROWSE

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