



Keeping In Touch

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Warragamba Public School

Week 7, Term 2

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Greetings one and all.

I hope today finds you and yours intact and raring to go. Most likely there are very few of you with the energy of Tah Man, who graced us with his very energetic presence last Wednesday (see the website for pictures). May I ask that if any of you exercise control of the weather, please be advised that while we need the rain, do we have to get it all at once?! As is the norm, much is afoot here at WPS. Read on....

Asbestos Victory!

After an unashamed campaign of harassment on my part I am pleased to announce that the DET have agreed to address our asbestos problems in the North Playground. At this stage I am unsure as to exactly what the work will entail however I have been assured that it will commence shortly and that the resolution will most definitely be to the school's satisfaction. Great news I'm sure you'll all agree.

Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to the 48 families who have paid their Voluntary Contributions for 2008. The \$2540 you have generously donated to the school is being used to ensure that the educational programs we provide for your children are appropriately resourced. If you are yet to pay your voluntary contributions please be advised that there is no cut-off date and we will gladly accept your contributions.

Pedestrian Crossing

I have been liaising regularly of late with Wollondilly Council who are in the process of drawing up plans relating to the issue of pedestrian crossings around our school. I have been informed that there are several possibilities and my contact at council has assured me they will address all of our concerns. As soon as I have further information I'll pass it onto the community.

Caps....Again!

Several parents have enquired about purchasing one of our new caps. Parents are more than welcome to purchase a cap and these can be purchased either directly from myself or from the Uniform Shop; the shop is accessed via the staffroom door in the infants quad and is open on Mondays from 8:30am-9:15am and Thursdays 2:30pm – 3:15pm. Caps are \$10 each.

Absences

Please be advised that when your child is absent you must send in a note explaining their absence, upon their return to school. Notes must contain the child's name and the date/dates on which he/she was absent, as well as a reason for the absence. Given that the rolls are legal documents they must accurately reflect attendance patterns, hence the need for letters to provide the date of the absence. If your child will be absent for a period of 15 days or more please obtain an "Exemption from Attendance" from the office.

School Photographs

This year has been the first time we have employed the services of Advanced Photo. If you have any feedback regarding the photographs please feel free to pass your feedback to me via letter and I will duly forward it to Advanced Photo.

Reports and Parent-Teacher Interviews

Teachers are currently ensconced in report writing. The reports will be of the same format as that used in December 2007. It is anticipated that reports will be sent home to parents in week 9, with parent/teacher interviews to be conducted in week 10. Notes regarding interview times will be sent home to parents next week. Please be aware that interview times are allocated strictly on a "first in, first served" basis.

Gala Day

As many of you are aware, last week's scheduled Razorback PSSA Gala Day was postponed due to the wet weather. At next week's PSSA meeting a new date will be scheduled and I will then advise you of it.

Catholic Mass

As part of the annual celebration of the Eucharist a combined Catholic Mass will be held on Tuesday June 17th at Holy Family Parish Centre, Luddenham, from 9:30am. Notes were sent home to students in Catholic scripture this week. If your child did not receive a note and would like to attend please contact me at school and I will provide you with a copy.

Annual School Report

Last week a copy of the 2007 Annual School Report was forwarded home to all families. The report contains detailed information regarding the school's achievements and statistics for the 2007 school year. If you have any questions regarding the Annual School report please feel free to pop in and discuss them with me.

2009 Kindergarten Enrolments

Yes, I know that 2008 isn't even yet half over, but we have already commenced taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2009. If you have a child who will be joining us for Kinder 09 please collect an enrolment package from the ladies in the office.

Athletics Carnivals

This Friday (13th June) the children in years 3-6 will participate in their annual Field Events Carnival at Warragamba Sportsground. All children will receive an opportunity to participate in long jump, high jump, shot put and discus. The carnival will commence at 11:30am and parents are more than welcome to attend. On Friday 20th June the 3-6 children will participate in the Track Events Carnival, this event commencing at 9:30am. On the same day the children in K-2 will head over to the oval at 11:30am to participate in their Sports Carnival. All are welcome, please come and join us at these fantastic events.

Website

The website updates continue, the latest additions being a photo gallery of the Zone Cross Country and of course a report of Tah Man's visit. Stop in at <http://www.warragamba-p.schools.nsw.edu.au> to see the new additions.

It's Our Birthday!

2008 marks the 60th birthday of Warragamba PS. A party is planned for Saturday 6th September and guess what, you're all invited! More information will be forthcoming as the date draws closer but in the meantime, if any of you have any photographs or memorabilia that you think may make interesting additions to the displays planned for the day please contact me.

Lastly...

There is something afoot which I guarantee the children are going to love. It's planned for August 6th, but that's all I can (or will!) tell you at this stage. Stay tuned.

Take care everyone.

Ben Matthews

Principal

Uniform Shop News

The uniform shop has been replenished and is fully equipped with all sizes and colours of our school uniform. If you are in need of any items please visit the shop on Mondays between 8:30am – 9:15am or Thursdays between 2:30pm – 3:15pm.

WARRAGAMBA PRESCHOOL INC. is your community-based non-profit preschool offering high quality education for children aged 2-6 years.

The preschool has a highly regarded "school readiness" program and offers each child an individual Education Portfolio.

The preschool has just received extra funding to help children who may require assistance with their language development. The preschools language project is funded until the end of 2008.

There are limited vacancies for the remainder of 2008 and enrolments are currently being taken for 2009. Please call Cathy on 4774 1249 for further information.

Dates to Remember

Monday 16/6/08 – Year 3 at Bike Education

Wednesday 18/6/08 – Brainstorm Production

Friday 20/6/08 – Athletics Carnival Track

