



Keeping In Touch

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Warragamba Public School

Term 1, Week 8

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Good afternoon one and all,

I hope you had a great Easter, I know the shareholders of Chocoholics Anonymous are thanking you.

Swimming Success

A huge round of congratulations is due for Rhys Sherlock of 3D who will be representing South Western Sydney Region at the upcoming NSW Swimming Championships. Rhys came second in the 50 metre freestyle at the recent Area carnival and in doing so has earned the right to swim at the state carnival. To put things into perspective, there are 274 schools in South Western Sydney Region, and 132 000 students. Only approximately 40 of these students are representing the Region at the state carnival! What a fantastic achievement Rhys, we're all very proud of you, well done! Still on swimming, last year's school captain, Jack Sergeant, has also earned the right to swim at the state carnival as part of the Elderslie High School relay team. Great work Jack and good luck!

Arriving at School

Please be aware that teachers are not on duty at school until 8:30am. As such, those children who arrive before 8:30am are unsupervised. Please do not bring your children to school before this time; you must make alternate arrangements rather than simply dropping them off at school early.

School Photographs

School photo order forms and information have been distributed. Order forms for family portraits are available from the front office. The photos will be taken on Thursday 3rd April at school, please ensure that your child is in full school uniform for the photos. All payments and orders must be received prior to 3rd April; these are to be handed to your child's class teacher. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the school photos please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Website

Judging by the counter, people have been visiting the website. I'm endeavouring to update the website as often as possible; the last newsletter (and very shortly this one) is available online and term planners for terms 1 and 2 are also available; included are dates for primary assemblies and the classes that will be hosting the assemblies. I've also added P & C information, including 2008 meeting dates and a uniform price list which can be downloaded and used as an order form. I'm awaiting the arrival of a new program that will allow us to quickly create photo galleries, so things are certainly looking up for our website.

New School Caps

After doing a run-around last week and surveying all of the classes, the new cap has been decided on. Via a unanimous points decision, the new cap will be a baseball cap, royal blue with white piping along the peak, "WPS" embroidered on the front with "Warragamba PS" embroidered around the adjuster at the rear of the hat. We are in the process of ordering these caps and they will be available for sale from next term. I think the caps will look fantastic and look forward to seeing all of our children in school hats. You've no doubt realised that I'm on a mission in regard to the uniform and greatly appreciate those of you who ensure that your children are in school uniform every day.

High School Forms

Thank you to those parents of year 6 students who have returned their high school enrolment forms. If you are yet to return yours please do so by this Friday (27th March). If you are encountering difficulties in completing the form please contact me at school as I'd be more than happy to assist you in any way I can.

Primary Assemblies

Primary Assemblies are held each fortnight in the Town hall and parents are always welcome to attend. The assemblies are held on Thursdays, commencing at 11:30am and concluding at 12:40pm. Term 1 assemblies will be held in weeks 8 and 10 and in term 2, 3 and 4 they will be held in weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10. Feel free to join us, the more the merrier!

Infants Quad

Thank you for your efforts in reducing the noise level in the infants' quadrangle just prior to 3:00pm, your understanding and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Industrial Action

At this stage it is highly likely that teachers will be engaging in industrial action on the morning of Tuesday 8th April, normal classes resuming at 11:20am. A note will be sent home to parents next week.

School Band

As mentioned in the previous newsletter a parent has approached me regarding the formation of a school band. If you are a person who has expertise in this area, or even if you think it's something you'd like your children to be involved in, please contact me at school.

School Captains & Councillors

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate our 2008 School Captains and Councillors on the excellent job they are doing as young leaders and role models for our students. The councillors ran the first primary assembly of the year last week and did a fantastic job. So, congratulations Alana, Simon, Danielle, Brock, Amber, Matt, Eden, Jake, Rachelle and Dylan on a job very well done.

Every Drop Counts

WPS has signed up as part of Sydney Water's "Every Drop Counts" initiative. The school has been fitted with special data loggers that record the use of water at the school and relay it via the internet to Sydney Water for analysis. The loggers operate 24 hours a day 7 days a week and will allow us to determine useful information such as the presence of leaks, times and locations of high usage and so on. We can then download this info from the 'net and use it to improve our water usage. Stickers have been put up around the school encouraging the children to conserve water and keep an eye out for leaks. Thank you to Mr Blain for co-ordinating this initiative.

Demountable Site

The site of the old demountable has been cleared and the new turf is on its way.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Ben Matthews

Principal

Dates to Remember

Thursday 3rd April Photos

Friday 4th April Cross Country

Thursday 10th April Barber of Seville

Friday 11th April Last Day of Term

Friday 25th April Anzac Day

Monday 28th April Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 29th April Students Return

