



Keeping In Touch

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Warragamba Public School

Term 4 Week 2

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Hello everyone.

Despite the aura of chaos currently permeating WPS I can assure you it's full steam ahead, business as usual, hammer and tongs at the coalface, yes we're open, please come in! As you will no doubt have noticed our lovely school more closely resembles a construction site than a seat of learning however it's clearly evident that progress is being made. Remember, short term pain for long term gain.

Welcome to WPS

As has become the norm, we have had several new students join the WPS community this term. On behalf of the staff I would like to welcome all of the new children and families and hope that you have a rewarding and educational experience at Warragamba PS. If you have any questions regarding your child please contact his or her classroom teacher. If there's anything I can do to ensure that your child has a smooth transition to WPS please do not hesitate to contact me during school hours on 4774 1205.

Correction

I slipped up at the end of term 3 while congratulating our entrants in this year's Premier's Spelling Bee. WPS was represented at the Spelling Bee by Tyler Davies from 3/4E and Bella Penson from 3P. Congratulations Tyler and Bella, I know you both did a wonderful job of representing us. Sorry Bella, looks like I owe you one!

BER

It's very satisfying that amongst all the chaos we can see some progress with our BER projects. The COLA over the netball court has been installed and is being put to good use, the hall is going up at a rate of knots and our admin block (well, what's left of it) is undergoing rather drastic alterations as we speak. Believe it or not there is still work to commence; I have obtained quotes for the renovation of the B Block toilets and hopefully will be able to authorise that this work is undertaken in the Christmas holidays, so as not to impact on the students. The toilets will have new cisterns installed, be steam cleaned and repainted, tiles will be repaired and taps and bubblers replaced with water-saving items. I also plan to install a stormwater tank at the base of the COLA; if any kind parent is able to assist in the provision of a concrete slab on which to stand the tank I'd be forever grateful – please contact me if you are able to assist.

Website Update

I have finally updated our website and have included a new term 4 planner, several useful links, photo galleries of our BER works and of the 6F and 5/6B excursion to Canberra and updates to the newsletter page.

Punctuality

Please ensure that your children are at school on time every day. Quite often the way in which a child commences his or her day strongly influences the way in which the day pans out; start off on a good note and they're more likely to have a great day. Turning up to class late impacts not only on the latecomer but also on the other children in the class and the commencement of lessons.

6F and 5/6B Excursion to Canberra

6F and 5/6B trekked to Canberra for the last 3 days of term 3, in support of the stage 3 HSIE unit “Democracy/State and Federal Government”. The children visited a number of significant destinations including Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, the National Gallery, the Electoral Education Centre and Questacon. The children were well-behaved and received compliments on their conduct at numerous attractions; congratulations boys and girls and thank you for being such wonderful ambassadors for our school. Thank you to Miss Foster, Mrs Barlow and Mr Muller for placing their “normal” lives on hold to accompany the children and ensure that they received a rewarding and educational experience. The PACER (Parliamentary and Civics Education Rebate) of \$20 per child was deducted from the excursion’s initial overall cost.

Glenmore Park High School

As you are aware, our move to Western Sydney Region in 2010 comes with a new designated local high school, Glenmore Park HS. As of year 7 2011 all of our year 6 students will have GPHS as their designated local government high school. I have spoken at length with the principal, Ms Natalie Brookton, and she has advised me that any current year 6 students wishing to attend as of year 7 2010 are more than welcome to do so. If as a parent you are considering sending your child to GPHS and do not have much information about the school, please inform me as Ms Brookton has indicated to me that she’d be more than happy to meet with a group of parents and give them a tour of the school.

Peer Mediators

As reported last term, Year 6 have been trained as “Peer Mediators”. The Peer Mediator Program trains year 6 students to assist in resolving minor playground disputes and this week our intrepid band of orange fluoro vested Peer Mediators took to the playgrounds to assist in the resolution of minor issues and help out the teachers on playground duty. The year 6 children have given up their own lunch and recess times to participate in the Peer Mediator program and I’m happy to be able to say that they’re doing a wonderful job; thank you boys and girls! Thank you to Miss Foster and Mrs Barlow for their support of this initiative.

Semester 2 Reports

Teachers are currently very busily compiling student reports for semester 2. At this point it is envisaged that, if all goes according to plan, reports will be sent home with students on Monday 7th December (week 8). Our student reports conform to all the DET assessment and reporting guidelines.

Year 5 Science Day at Glenmore Park High School

On Wednesday of this week our year 5 students headed to Glenmore Park HS for a “Science Day”. The children participated in a variety of science activities and experiments and had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Thank you to Glenmore Park HS for organising the day and to Mr Smith, Mrs Barlow and Mrs Bogart for accompanying the students.

Super Athletes

On Thursday of this week our senior boys relay team (Bryce Lowther, Darren Porter, Sam Quinn and Rhys Sherlock, all from 6F) competed at the NSW State Athletics Championships at Homebush. Results were unavailable at the time of printing however I know that the boys would have done their very best. Competing at state level is a huge achievement; we are all very proud of you Bryce, Darren, Sam and Jarrad, well done!

Canteen

I have been informed by our canteen operators, Joan and Shelley, that they will not be in a position to operate the canteen next year. Therefore we will again embark on our annual quest for a canteen operator! The canteen will be advertised for tender later this term; have a think as to whether the canteen may suit you, it’d be great to keep it “in the community” so to speak. I must reiterate that if a tender is not appointed the school will be without a canteen.

Have a great weekend.

Ben Matthews

Principal

Thank You!

Those of you who have attended the recent Razorback PSSA Oztag Gala Days would have noticed a slight anomaly in regard to the length of our tags - they're twice as long as everyone else's! This obviously placed our children at a disadvantage, as they were easier to catch and tag. Well thanks to a huge effort from Mrs Azzopardi (mum of Joshua in 1B and Jayden in 3/4E) our tags are now of a more appropriate length. We have literally dozens of tags and Mrs Azzopardi kindly offered to shorten them and tidy up the ends with her sewing machine. Murphy's Law had other ideas and after only 4 tags Mrs Azzopardi's sewing machine packed it in. Undeterred, Mrs A persisted and did the rest by hand; What a huge effort! On behalf of the staff and students I would like to thank Mrs Azzopardi not only for offering her services but for persisting in the face of adversity to ensure that the tags were ready for this week's Gala Day. Thank you so much Mrs A.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open at the special time between 9:00am to 10:30am on Wednesday, 2nd December. All parents are welcome to make purchases at this time.

Parents please check in the Multi-Purpose Room as the amount of lost property is growing at a rapid rate. It is also quite important for all items to be labelled with your child's name so that they may be returned to the rightful owner if lost.

The new school jackets are expected to arrive mid November.

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 employs trained and experienced staff committed to high quality preschool education. The preschool specialises in assisting both gifted and special needs children to reach their goals.

The preschool offers sessions operating from 8am-4pm during school terms .

Reduced fees are available to eligible families. Taking enrolments NOW.

For further information contact Cathy on 4774 1249.

Dates to Remember

Friday 30 Oct – Gala Day 3
(Oztag & Cricket)

Thursday 5 November – Kinder
Assembly & Buddy Lunch

Wednesday 11 November – Yrs
3-6 Brainstorms Show 1:30pm in
Town Hall



Warragamba Netball Registration Day

Saturday 31st October 2009

for 2010 Winter Season

9:00am to 2:00pm at Video Ezy Silverdale

Wanted: Players, Coaches and Umpires

Registrations for 2010 season

Season starts 1st May 2010

Enquiries: Paul & Maureen Skuratowski – President/Secretary

on 4774 2153 or Novea Riley – Registrar on 4774 1675

Fees: Netta (5-8yrs) \$110.00/player

Junior (9-16yrs) \$130.00/player

Senior (18yrs+) \$150.00/player

Grading will probably need to take place for some teams!

(If you are required for Grading a member of our Committee will contact you after our registration day) This will depend on numbers!

Check out the Penrith Netball Association Website:

<http://www.isport.com.au/netball/penrith/> and look up the

Warragamba Netball Home Page or send an email to:

warragambanetball@hotmail.com.au

*Price may increase as a badged umpire is required for each senior team. **Note: All players will need to be paid in full by the first game on 1st May 2010.**



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1 Boys Size 16 Black
Pin-Striped Suit.

Suitable for Year 6 Farewell,
\$60.00 only worn once!

If interested please contact Jayne
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