



Keeping In Touch

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Greetings and salutations,

Welcome to our first official newsletter for '09. It's great to be back and wonderful to see you all again; a special welcome to all of our new students and families and to our Kindergarten children.

Straight Back Into it!

The start of the year is always hectic but fortunately the moons (and numbers) aligned so as to allow us to place the children in their new classes and with their new teachers, on the first day back. The teachers received the students' new exercise books for the year on the second school day of the year and the library/RFF timetables commenced this week. Thank you to all of the staff who worked so hard to ensure that we were able to begin the year on a positive note and in a very organised manner. Thank you also to the many parents who took the time to acknowledge these efforts, the fact that you took the time to pass on a little positivity is greatly appreciated.

Staff Changes

I would like to welcome Miss Kirsty Barton to the teaching staff of Warragamba PS. Miss Barton has been teaching at St Andrews PS and I'm confident that she'll be a fantastic addition to our school. Please say "Hi" to Miss Barton when you see her. I would also like to welcome back Mrs Johns, who has rejoined us here at WPS. This year Mrs Macias will be working in the role of Support Teacher Learning Assistance (STLA).

Canteen

I am happy to be able to inform you that our canteen will be up and running again next Monday, 9th February. Our canteen operators from 2008, Joan and Michelle Tobin, are back on board for 2009. Menus will be sent home very shortly.

"Meet the Teacher" Sessions

So as to provide you with an opportunity to meet your child's teacher for the year, learn about the year's teaching and learning programs, expectations, requirements and so on, "Meet the Teacher" sessions will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday 17th February (week 4). The K-2 sessions will be held from 3:30pm – 4:00pm with the 3-6 sessions being held from 4:15pm – 4:45pm. Further details will be sent home early next week.

Playground

As mentioned last week we are still waiting for our North Playground to be officially signed off and handed back to the school. It is envisaged that this will occur within the next fortnight. Cross your fingers!

Bicycles

Please remember that only those children in years 4-6 are permitted to ride their bikes to school. Please remind your children of the "no ride" zones around the school and ensure that they always wear a helmet and that their bike is mechanically sound.

Carparks and Parking

A friendly reminder about carparks: please do not use them as pedestrian thoroughfares. We go to great lengths to teach the children how to safely move around the school and when crossing roads; we would be greatly appreciative if you could assist in this regard by not walking through the carparks. Likewise I would be appreciative if you obeyed all traffic and parking rules around the school so as to make the area as safe as possible for the children.

Mr Barbecue

Congratulations of the highest order are in, um, order for our P & C President, Mr Steve Bloem who was the recipient of the prestigious "2009 Citizen of the Year" award for Wollondilly Shire. Steve has for many years worked tirelessly to ensure that local sporting clubs and organisations are able to provide valuable services and facilities for the Warragamba Community. Steve has always been very humble about his work and achievements and I cannot think of a more worthy recipient of such an award. Congratulations mate!

Warragamba Dam Visit

On Thursday of this week Year 6 became the first school group to visit the new education centre at Warragamba Dam. The children and teachers had a great time learning about the workings of the dam, inspecting the new facilities and even being chauffeur-driven over the dam wall in the bus. Thank you to Nikki James and Kathy Driscoll of the Sydney Catchment Authority for providing the children with a most informative and memorable day. The education centre will be officially opened later this year and we hope to ensure that all children receive the opportunity to visit Warragamba Dam this year.

House Captains

This Friday is the date for our first "big event" of the year, the 3-6 swimming carnival, to be held at Warragamba Pool. Thank you to those of you who returned you child's permission note and swimming competency form so punctually. In readiness for the event house meetings were held on Tuesday afternoon, the most important aspect of this meeting (apart from the obligatory, deafening cheer-off at the end of the meetings!) being the election of house captains for 2009. I would like to congratulate the following children who have been elected for 2009:

	<i>Boy Captain</i>	<i>Girl Captain</i>	<i>Boy Vice Captain</i>	<i>Girl Vice Captain</i>
<i>Caley</i>	<i>Bryce Lowther</i>	<i>Samantha Moore</i>	<i>Brad Dunn</i>	<i>Summer Mackey</i>
<i>Evans</i>	<i>Wade Stanford</i>	<i>Holly Bowden</i>	<i>Billy Summerhayes</i>	<i>Madelyn Carlson-Beardall</i>
<i>Jamison</i>	<i>Kyren Jacob</i>	<i>Melina Manna</i>	<i>Lachlan Santas</i>	<i>Beanna Noble</i>
<i>Strezlecki</i>	<i>Lachlan Cottell</i>	<i>Alaina Scutts</i>	<i>Samuel Ryan</i>	<i>Shannon McCarron</i>

Planning Days

This week and next week all of our teaching staff will be spending a day off class as a stage group, to conduct planning for the year. This will enable the earlier commencement of many of the programs and tasks that we undertake here at WPS. Thank you to Mr Davies, Mrs Nelson, Mrs Murphy and Mrs Macquire for working with us to release the teachers from class.

Industrial Action

Please be aware that none of our staff are taking part in tomorrow's industrial action. All class programs will go ahead as per usual.

Have a great weekend.

Ben Matthews

Principal

Student Banking

The student banking for this year will commence in week 5 on Tuesday 24 February. New account packages will be sent home to all our kindergarten students, however if your child is in another grade and you would like to open an account for them please call into the office for one.

Uniform Shop News

The winter school jackets are now selling for \$45.00 each, they have been reduced from \$60.00. For all your uniform needs the uniform shop operating hours are: Mondays 8:30am – 9:15am and Thursdays 2:30pm – 3:15pm.

Dates to Remember

Friday 6 February – Swimming Carnival

Monday 9 February – Friday 20 February – Swimming Scheme

Tuesday 24 February – Student Banking Commences

Wednesday 25 February – Zone Swimming (Strokes) Picton

Friday 27 February – Zone Swimming (Free Style) Picton

Friday 27 February – Clean Up Australia

