



Keeping In Touch

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Warragamba Public School

Week 1 Term 4

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Hello one and all,

I hope you all had a safe, enjoyable and relaxing holiday. As far as I'm aware all the children returned to school with their full compliment of body parts; this is the exception rather than the rule, as holidays generally include their quota of broken arms courtesy of skateboard, bikes and so on! Term 4 will be a busy time.....

Playground Renovations

As you've no doubt gathered, the renovation of our North playground is yet to commence. The work has been held up by paperwork but will commence next Monday, 20th October. The North playground will be closed and the children will use the grass area behind the admin block and the 3-6 quad at lunchtimes. The original plan was to use the "Big Tree" area however this is being saved for the time being so it can be topsoiled and seeded in anticipation of its use for K-2 recess from term 1 next year. The grass area/3-6 quad provides ample room for handball and ball games while having lots of seating and shade and close proximity to the toilets. Please be advised that the pedestrian gate on Farnsworth Avenue will be locked and out of action for the remainder of the year.

Tree Felling

Many of you probably witnessed the trees being felled in the holidays, along the fence line bordering Weir Road and Fourth Avenue. Rest assured that this was not our take on "agent orange"; the work was essential as many of the trees were unstable and termite-ridden and as such presented a danger to the students, staff and parents. The removal of these trees will allow the area to be used to a greater degree by the students, as there is a lot of seating in the area that has up until this point gone largely unused.

Working Bee

There is a possibility of the school holding a working bee this term, to clean up some areas of the school grounds that need a good "seeing to". These areas include the Big Tree playground, the area where the trees were removed and the areas around the shipping containers. This will be discussed at the next P & C meeting which will be held on Monday 27th October at 7:00pm, in the staffroom. Please come along and have your say.

NAPLAN Results

As discussed last term, there will be an information session for parents to come up to the school and learn how the NAPLAN results are collated and reported. The tentative date for this session is Thursday 6th November (week 4) at 3:30pm in the school library. More information will be forwarded home closer to the date.

Congratulations

Congratulations and accolades are most certainly in order for Jordan Powell of 4E who has, for the second consecutive year, won the Regional Final of the Premier's Spelling Bee. Jordan will now compete in the State Final on Wednesday 19th November in Ultimo. I hope you're proud of your efforts Jordan, because we certainly are. Good luck at the State Final!

Term Planner

Attached to this newsletter is the Term 4 Planner. As we go to press, all entries on the planner are correct; if adjustments are made we will be sure to provide you with an updated planner.

Reports

It's that time of year again where both students and teachers are engaged in the assessment and reporting process. At this stage no major changes to the reports are planned and they will be sent home at the end of week 9.

Canteen

Mr Smith and Mrs Macias are working on the tender package for the school canteen. In accordance with DET guidelines the tender will be advertised in the Sydney Morning Herald; when the advertisement date is finalised I will notify the community via this newsletter.

Jonathan Beninca

On Wednesday of this week the students of stage 3 were visited by Jonathan Beninca from Cityrail. Jonathan lost an arm, a leg and several fingers after being hit by a train when he was 19 years old. Jonathan's presentation contained many powerful messages, the most important being to make the right decisions in regard to our safety and wellbeing, so as to avoid a situation such as the one he now has to deal with. More information on Jonathan can be found at <http://www.cityrail.info/schoolgroups/youth.jsp>.

School Website

I have made some additions to our school website, including the term planner and a student report on term 3's wonderful choral performances. If you have any photographs that I could include in the report please email them to the school: warragamba-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Damfest

The annual Damfest community event takes place this Sunday 19th October over at the parklands at Warragamba Dam. There promises to be a wealth of entertainment and things to do for children and adults of all ages. Hopefully the organisers will be blessed with weather totally unlike that which made its presence felt at the school's 60th!

Enrolments for 2009

If you have a Kindergarten child who will be attending Warragamba PS in 2009 (or any other grade for that matter) and are yet to obtain an enrolment form, please visit our wonderful office staff who will guide you through the process.

Contact Details

I would again ask that if your contact details change, please inform the school immediately. Maintaining accurate records enables us to contact parents and carers swiftly and efficiently in the event of an emergency. If you are unsure as to whether your contact details are correct please contact the school on 4774 1205.

Great to see you all again back into the swing of things, have a fantastic weekend.

Ben Matthews

Principal

Student Banking

Just a reminder that student banking with the Commonwealth Bank Dollarmite accounts is done at the school, by one of our lovely volunteer ladies, each Tuesday morning. Please feel free to take advantage of this service for your child's future.

Stewart House Clothing Appeal

The second clothing collection for the year will be on Wednesday 22 October 2008. Please deliver your collection bags to the Multipurpose Room.

**WARRAGAMBA NETBALL
FAMILY DAY**

PRESENTATION & AGM

Saturday, 1 November 2008 at 2:00 pm at the
Warradale Sporting Oval (Footy Clubhouse)

You **MUST** RSVP to your manager or coach
by 24/10/08 (for catering purposes) or contact
us @ warragambanetball@hotmail.com.au

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 22 October 2008 – Musica Viva

Wednesday 29 to Friday 31 October 2008 – Yr 6 Hill End Camp

Thursday 30 to Friday 31 October 2008 – Year 3 Sleepover

Wednesday 5 November 2008 – Kindergarten Information Evening



