



Keeping In Touch

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Warragamba Public School

Week 4, Term 1

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Yes, we need the rain; but do we need it all at once?! Our poor grass that so desperately craved for water in January and was instead baked dry by the sun is now in need of floaties to keep its head above water. Just Mother Nature letting us know who really calls the shots I suppose!

Tax Breaks?

The Commonwealth Government has announced that from the 2009 financial year, parents and/or carers and certain independent students may be eligible for a tax refund in respect of eligible education expenses. That is, claims can be made for items purchased from 1 July 2008. Eligible expenses include:

- *laptop computers, home computers and associated costs - including repair and running costs of computer equipment*
- *computer related equipment such as printers, USB flash drives, as well as disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs*
- *home internet connections – including the costs of establishing and maintaining*
- *computer software for educational use – including word processing, spreadsheet, database and presentation software, and internet filters and antivirus software*
- *school textbooks and other paper based school learning material – including prescribed textbooks, associated learning materials, study guides and stationery, for example pencils, pens, compasses and glue*
- *prescribed trade tools for secondary school trade courses.*

For further information please go to www.ato.gov.au or contact the ATO information services at telephone number 13 28 61, not the school.

Warragamba Wombats

The Warragamba Wombats Rugby League Club is holding a Family Open Air Movie Night from 7:00pm on Friday 27th March at the oval. In addition to the film (a closely guarded secret) there'll be plenty of entertainment on offer including dancing and karate demonstrations. Tickets are only \$30 per family (2 adults and 3 children), with single tickets available for only \$10 each. Come along for a fantastic night of entertainment. Tickets are available from Adam Joy on 0403246075 or at school from Mr Matthews. The Wombats have kindly offered to purchase 2 sets of brand new jerseys for the school so attending their Movie Night would be a fantastic way to say "thanks". Speaking of the jerseys we'll be kicking off a competition next week to select the design; those children who choose what turns out to be the most popular design will have their names entered into a raffle, the grand prize being the very first WPS footy jersey. Please see the Wombats advertisement elsewhere in this newsletter for registration information.

Canteen News

Our canteen is once again fully operational and has a wide range of food on offer for the children. Please be aware that the canteen is not able to heat up food from home; please do not ask the canteen ladies to perform this task.

The Sunkist Lite cans of soft drink are no longer available from our supplier, sorry for any inconvenience.

Bike Riding

Please be aware that only those children in years 4-6 are permitted to ride their bikes to school and that only bikes may be ridden (no scooters or skateboards). Children in year 3 attend the Bicycle Education Centre as part of the schools PD/Health/PE programs, hence the policy of restricting bike riding only to those children in years 4-6. Your co-operation in this regard is greatly appreciated.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

Thank you to those parents & carers who attended this week's "Meet the Teacher" session, we hope that you found the sessions informative and beneficial. If at any time you wish to discuss your child's progress with his or her classroom teacher please contact the school to arrange an appointment.

Bushfire Appeal

The response to last week's Bushfire Appeal mufti day was overwhelming. Given the media coverage that this tragedy has been receiving I had anticipated a great response but was quite taken aback by the amount raised – almost \$1500! Your generosity was wonderful, thank you to all families who contributed to this most worthwhile cause.

P & C

Thank you to those parents and community members who attended the year's first P & C meeting on Monday afternoon. Attending these meetings is a great way to contribute to the development of Warragamba PS and provides you with an opportunity to have your say in terms of fundraising for the school. Please come and join us at the next meeting at 4:00pm on Monday 23rd March (week 9).

Swimming Scheme

Swimming scheme concludes this week. Having lost a cousin at a very young age in a backyard swimming accident, the ability to swim is an issue that is very close to my heart. I sincerely hope that the children who participated have improved their swimming skills and that you provide them with ongoing opportunities to develop these skills.

Sporting News

Congratulations to Joel Klein and David Moore (from 5/6B) and Kyle Porter (4/5S) who have been selected in the Razorback PSSA Boys Basketball team; Joel has also been selected as team captain. All 3 boys will soon participate in the South Western Sydney Region basketball carnival. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement boys, we look forward to hearing of your efforts at the Regional event.

Bus Monitors

This year we have 5 bus monitors from year 6: Caitlin Hope, Kyren Jacob, Bryce Lowther and Alicia Schraven from 6F and Elleisha Connolly from 5/6B. The role of the bus monitors is to ensure that the children on the bus behave in a safe and appropriate manner when traveling to and from school. I would like to thank these students for volunteering to take on this considerable responsibility. To make their job easier it would be greatly appreciated if you could perhaps discuss with your children the way in which they should behave when at the bus stop and when traveling on the bus.

Excursion and Event Cut-Off Dates

Just a reminder that most excursions and events have a cut-off date, after which payments and permission notes will not be accepted. Please ensure that your child avoids the disappointment of missing an excursion or event by submitting any required permission notes and payments by the due date. If you are experiencing financial difficulty in regard to payments please contact me at school prior to the cut-off date.

School Office Hours

The school office operating hours are 8:30am to 3:15pm Monday to Friday. Please feel free to call in or phone on 4774 1205.

Student Banking

A reminder that the student banking will commence next Tuesday 24 February 2009.

Want to learn Piano?

Call Steph Sheehan!

On 0417 677 862



- * Beginners – Intermediate students - \$15.00 for ½ hr
- * Fun & Friendly! Learn to love music!
- * Pieces, technical work and improvisation!
- * At Wallacia or I can come to you!

**FREE TO
GOOD HOME!**



5 year old de-sexed female cat, white with black markings, lovely nature and completely house trained. If interested please contact Margo on 4774 1205.

WIGWAM SLEEPOVER – FRIDAY, 6 MARCH 2009

Wigwam will be holding its much talked about sleep over on Friday 6 March 2009. Students can experience movies on the big screen, story telling and games, games, games!

We will bed down inside the centre, a sleeping bag and pillow are required. Dinner and breakfast provided.

While we look after the kids mum and dad can hit the town, catch a movie or do whatever their hearts desire.

All are welcome! Drop off time is 6:30pm on Friday and pick up is 10:00am on Saturday. Cost is \$15.00 per child or \$40.00 per family. Bookings are essential. All enquiries to Belinda/Lisa on 4774 2450.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 25 February –

Zone Swimming (Strokes) Picton

Friday 27 February – Zone Swimming

(Free Style) Picton

Friday 27 February – Clean Up Australia

