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Warragamba Public School

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Harmony to all!

Tis not often that one wanders the grounds of WPS to be enveloped in a sea of orange, however as orange is the colour of harmony and today is "Harmony Day", orange it was. I must say that it was a struggle to find anything orange in the wardrobe, but we got there in the end! Thank you to Mrs Macias for organising our Harmony Day, a day where we take the time to stop, acknowledge and appreciate our differences.

Big News

As part of the Federal Government's "Building the Education Revolution" scheme, funds are being allocated to schools across the country to construct major infrastructure such as libraries and halls. I placed a submission for a school hall with an attached Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) and am pleased to inform you that the submission has been approved and that construction of a school hall will commence sometime this year. The exact location, design and orientation of the hall is yet to be determined however I will be sure and keep you informed as developments arise. I think you'll all agree that this is a massive step for WPS and will greatly benefit the students of our school and the programs that the teachers provide for them.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Thursday April 2nd (week 10). Order forms were sent home this week. Please ensure that all forms are returned directly to your child's teacher in the envelope provided and that children are in full school uniform on the day. The uniform shop will be open from 8:30am – 9:15am on the day, should any of you wish to purchase items. Please be advised that orders cannot be received after the day of the photography; photos may be ordered after this date but must be ordered through Advanced Photography.

Easter Raffle

The P & C Fundraising Team are running an Easter Raffle, with tickets having been sent home to all families. Please do your best to sell all tickets; all funds raised will go towards the construction of a COLA over the netball court. Each morning the P & C Easter Bunnies will be visiting classrooms to collect donations; if you are able to donate anything Easter-related please do so. If you sell all your tickets and would like another booklet please see the ladies in the office.

P & C News

Thank you to those of you who have paid your voluntary contributions (\$40 per child or \$60 per family). Contribution envelopes have been sent home to all families; if you are yet to receive one please see the ladies in the office. Thank you to those of you who have felt super-generous and have made additional donations via your contributions, these are greatly appreciated.

The P & C have made a deposit to local company Rhino Shades for the construction of shades and blinds on the verandas of the year 6 rooms. This will essentially allow the verandas to be used as "all weather" classroom extensions, thereby providing the children and teachers with extended classroom space. On behalf of the students and staff I would like to thank the P & C for funding this initiative.

The next P & C meeting will be held this coming Monday, 23rd March at 4:00pm in the staffroom. All are welcome, come along and join us.

World's Greatest Shave

Last Thursday the school held a "Crazy Hair Day" in support of the Leukaemia Foundation's "World's Greatest Shave". The children managed to conjure up all manner of hairstyles, ranging from the subtle to the, well, crazy. Special thanks are due to Mrs Kylie Rush who was kind enough to donate her time to shave my head, and that of Jarrad Sherlock from year 6. The students raised nearly \$540; thank you to those community members who made additional donations, your support is greatly appreciated. Our school website now has a very large picture gallery of the day's events, log on to <http://www.warragamba-p.schools.nsw.edu.au> to view the gallery.

High School

High school enrolment applications have been sent home to all year 6 students for enrolment in year 7, 2010. Please complete these forms and return them to school as soon as possible, and by Friday 27th March (week 9) at the very latest. If you require any assistance in regard to the completion of these forms please do not hesitate to contact me at school. Glenmore Park High School will be holding an information session for parents on Wednesday 25th March from 6:30pm – 7:30pm in Glenmore Park HS's hall. Activities for the night include performances by students, information sessions, a tour of the school's facilities, viewing of classes in action, opportunities to talk to staff and students and lots more. If you are considering sending your child to Glenmore Park HS or are even curious as to the programs offered by the school please consider attending the information evening.

Pedestrian Crossing

This week I received a letter from Wollondilly Shire Council indicating that the RTA will shortly be conducting research on the traffic volumes around the school (in particular along Weir Road) in order to determine if a manned pedestrian crossing will be installed. There are certain criteria used by the RTA to assess the situation, foremost of which is the number of vehicles using the road during times when children are arriving at and leaving school. I will be sure to keep you informed of developments in regard to this issue.

ANZAC Day March

WPS traditionally send a contingent of students to participate in Warragamba's ANZAC Day march. Last year we had over 30 children participate; it would be fantastic to improve on that figure for this year's march. Notes will be sent home prior to the end of term asking children to participate.

Sporting News

On Monday 9th March three of our students (Joel Klein from 5/6B, David Moore from 5/6B and Kyle Porter from 4/5S) competed in the South Western Sydney Regional Basketball Championships at Minto, as members of the Razorback PSSA team. Razorback won two games and lost one, making their way into the semi finals and securing fourth place overall. The boys did a fantastic job of representing both their zone and school and are to be congratulated for their achievements. Well done boys!

Indigenous Research

On Wednesday of this week a research team from the University of Western Sydney visited the school to conduct research on Indigenous education as part of the "Seeding Success" program. The team surveyed and worked with children from years 3-6 identifying as being of Aboriginal background, as well as a selection of children from non-Indigenous backgrounds. I would like to thank the parents who returned the consent forms so quickly and in particular the students; the researchers spoke very highly of the children and were extremely impressed with the level of courtesy and concentration shown by the children. Well done boys and girls!

Warradale Rovers Soccer Club

The Warradale Rovers Soccer Club will be holding a Kids Trivia Night on Saturday 28th March at the Warragamba Town Hall, from 5:30pm – 9:00pm. There are many prizes on offer for the children on what promises to be a great night of fun for the children. Tickets are only \$10 and are available from the office. Tickets will be available until 3:00pm this Friday; don't miss out!

Wombats Movie Night

A reminder that the Warragamba Wombats Rugby League Club will be holding a family movie night on Friday 27th March from 7:00pm at the football oval. The club is a great supporter of our school so show your appreciation by attending this great family night of fun. Tickets are available from the office and are great value at \$10 per person or \$30 for the whole family.

Yours harmoniously.

Ben Matthews

Principal



UPDATE : P&C Easter Guessing Competition



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Wow the volume of donations received this week for the Easter Guessing Competition has been fantastic! FINAL collections will be tomorrow and the very last date for collection will be Monday 23 March.

Tickets have now been distributed to every family. If you need any additional tickets please contact the office and they will be issued to you. Tickets are \$1 each. A reminder that all tickets (sold or unsold) are to be returned by the 1st of April.

The winners of the Easter Baskets will be drawn at Monday Assembly on 6 April at 11.30am.

The aim of this fundraiser is to help the school fund the purchase of a cover / COLA for the Netball Courts.

Dates to Remember

March Wed. 25th -27th Fri. –

Yr 4 Wooglemai Camp

Tues. 31st – Regional Rugby

April Thur. 2nd - School Photos

Fri. 3rd Cross Country

Wed. 8th Yrs 3-6 Gala Day Trials

Thur. 9th Opera Australia

Thur. 9th Last Day of term

Fri. 10th Good Friday



