



Keeping In Touch

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Warragamba Public School

Week 4, Term 2

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Good afternoon to one and all,

I hope week 4 finds you and yours in good health. The rate at which term 2 is disappearing is nothing short of scary; as for these increasingly chilly mornings, they can hit the road whenever they like. Not a fan!

Arrival times

A reminder that children should not arrive at school prior to 8:30am. Teachers are not officially on duty until this time, meaning that children are essentially unsupervised up until 8:30am. We understand that on occasion children may need to be at school slightly before 8:30am however this should by no means be a regular occurrence.

Regional Change

As of January 1st 2010 Warragamba PS will become part of Western Sydney Region. The main change that this will bring about will be that as of year 7 2011, our designated local government high school will become Glenmore Park High School. Those children with older siblings already enrolled at Elderslie HS will be given sibling rights up until at least 2013; historical reasons or those based upon family tradition may also be taken into account up until this time however after 2013 the vast majority of our students will feed into Glenmore Park HS. It will still be possible to apply for enrolment to Elderslie HS as a non-local enrolment however these places are only allocated if available. Other changes will relate to the provision of student services such as Reading Recovery, Support Teacher Learning Assistance, technology support, school councillor and so on, although the school's entitlements to such programs and initiatives will not decrease. The transition from one region to another is not a commonplace occurrence however I'm confident that we will see significant benefits for the school and students. I look forward to WPS joining Western Sydney Region and the Penrith Valley School Education Group and working with the staff and students of these schools. If you have any questions regarding our transition to Western Sydney Region please contact me during school hours on 4774 1205.

Hall and COLA Progress

I will shortly be meeting with representatives from Hansen Yuncken, the managing contractors for the construction of our new hall and COLAs. Hansen Yuncken has over 90 years experience in the building industry and have constructed facilities for the DET on many occasions. I look forward to meeting and working with the company and will of course keep you apprised of developments as they come to hand.

Education Week

Next week is Education Week. We have a very busy week in store – Musica Viva on Monday, year 6 visit to Elderslie HS on Tuesday, Open Day on Wednesday, Book fair, Reconciliation Week, character paradeit's all happening! We'd love to see all of you up here to help us celebrate Education Week on Wednesday 27th May; classrooms will be open in the middle session, lunchtime plays host to a family picnic and the book character parade will be held from 1:30pm in the K-2 quad. Clear your diaries and schedules, as your presence is required!

Playground Improvements

Mrs Robertson and her playground painting posse (know as the PPP by those in the know....) have been busy again, spending last Saturday up at the school adding the finer details to the playground games and decorations. Thank you to Mrs Karen Klein, Mrs Pauline Attard and Mr Steve Bloem for their hard work on Saturday. Thank you also to Mr Steinweiss who, ably assisted by Mr Bloem, installed new aluminium bench seating in the K-2 quad. I'm sure you'll all agree that the seats are a welcome addition to the area.

Mothers Day Stall

I would like to thank Mrs Davies, Mrs Erler and their band of merry helpers for the outstanding job they once again did with the Mothers Day stall. I've seen some stalls in my time but none even come close to the standard achieved by the Davies/Erler combination; thank you Catherine and Nicole for your hard work and dedication, I know you helped to brighten the day for many mothers in the area – and I hope your children spoiled you too!

Medication

Please be aware that we are only able to administer medication that has been prescribed by a doctor and is sent to school in the original box with the prescription sticker still attached. This is a DET policy and is rigidly adhered to. We are not able to administer “over the counter” medications such as panadol; if your child requires panadol or similar medication you must attend the school to administer it.

AEDI

As indicated in previous newsletters all children in Kindergarten will be tested late in term 2 as part of the Australian Early Development Index (AEDI), a nation-wide program that looks at the development of young children. A fact sheet is now available from the school's website at www.warragamba-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

3-6 Assemblies

Just a reminder that our 3-6 assemblies are held in the Warragamba Town Hall from 11:30am – 12:40pm on Thursdays of even weeks. All parents and relatives are more than welcome to attend; the children and teachers put an enormous amount of effort into their assembly items and definitely get a buzz from having a large audience of parents there to watch them. This week 5K grace the stage, week 6 is 5/6B's turn, 4/5S in week 8 and a talent quest in week 10.

Head Lice

Head lice are a common problem in all schools and WPS is certainly no exception in this regard. Please check your child's hair regularly and use specialised head lice shampoo, available from chemists. Also remember that as well as your child's hair being treated, all bed linen and so on must be thoroughly washed so as to destroy any eggs that may have found their way onto items such as pillow cases.

Sporting News

Congratulations are in order for Melina Manna of 6F, who has been selected as part of the South Western Sydney Region girls' soccer team. This is a fantastic achievement for Melina who scored the winning goal for Razorback at the Regional trials and, in her typically humble style, neglected to mention this minor issue in her account of the day's events. Congratulations Melina, we look forward to hearing of your successes at the NSW titles.

In other sporting news, last Friday many of our students from year 3-6 participated in 2009's first Razorback Gala Day. Braving gale force winds our teams trekked to Ron Dine Reserve and Onslow Park in Camden for soccer and Kirkham Park in Elderslie for netball. Success was particularly prevalent on the netball courts with the junior teams accruing many wins. Thank you to all the mums and dads who so willingly formed a transport convoy to ensure that all the children were able to make it to and from the venues.

A large contingent of our students will represent WPS at this Friday's Razorback PSSA Cross Country Carnival at Camden Equestrian Centre. I would like to wish all of our runners the very best, I'm sure they'll pull out all the stops to do their very best. Thank you to Mr Blain, who has been taking the team over to the Dam picnic area twice a week for some endurance training. Good luck boys and girls!

Stranger Danger

Police and the media last week circulated reports regarding a male in a white 4WD vehicle approaching a young girl in Silverdale. Rest assured that when we receive such information we conduct a “stranger danger” talk with all children to ensure that they are able to react safely and appropriately if such a situation arises. Please assist us in this regard by reinforcing in your children the concept that they NEVER go anywhere with an unknown person.

Wishing you all a great weekend, see you next Wednesday.

Ben Matthews

Principal

Kind Donation

The Penrith R.S.L. Darts Club have kindly donated a book to the school library, 'From Private to Air Marshall' as a thank you for our attendance at the ANZAC service.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Unfortunately the sloppy joes have not arrived as yet. The school jackets are available at a cost of \$45.00 and the girls slacks at a cost of \$28.00.

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BOOK WEEK

CANTEEN MENU

OPEN DAY ONLY

Salad sandwich	\$3.00
Ham, cheese & tomato sandwich	\$2.50
Ham & salad sandwich	\$3.50
Devon & sauce sandwich	\$2.00
Devon & cheese sandwich	\$2.50
Egg & lettuce sandwich	\$2.00
Vegemite sandwich	\$1.60
Honey sandwich	\$1.60
Dippets (carrot, celery, cracker & dip)	\$1.20
Fresh fruit salad in a cup	\$1.20
Fresh fruit salad & yogurt in a cup	\$1.70
Fresh fruit (each)	\$0.80

All sandwiches will be pre-made and there will be no other lunch items on this day. Recess and general items will be sold as normal. Parents are more than welcome to order their lunch and recess with their children.

Two very special helpers; Fireman Tim (Tim Timmer) and Ambo Dan (Daniel Novakovic) will be helping in the canteen on the day so please come and say hello!

Asthma Foundation NSW launches new information service-

ASTHMA ASSIST

At the Foundation we know that credible health information is highly sought after but often difficult to find. Asthma Foundation NSW aims to provide the community with evidence based and user friendly information to help people better understand and manage their asthma to avoid unnecessary asthma attacks, and to minimise asthma symptoms so people with asthma can lead full and productive lives.

To this end, Asthma Foundation NSW has developed a free information service "Asthma Assist" for anyone with asthma or an interest in asthma.

By registering you will receive:

onAIR - our free email newsletter

Sent up to 6 times a year onAIR features information about topics such as asthma research, medications and devices, and asthma triggers.

An Asthma Control Pack

This includes an Asthma Emergency Card and other useful information to help you manage your child's asthma, or the asthma of someone you know and care for. You can request up to 3 packs per household.

A free asthma first aid magnet

Be sure you know what to do in an asthma emergency.

If your child....

- Ever wakes in the night coughing or wheezing
 - Gets breathless or wheezy during the day
 - Needs to take their blue reliever puffer more than 3 times a week
 - Find their asthma limits physical activity & exercise
- It is possible that their asthma is not as well controlled as it could be. Many people with asthma put up with these symptoms without realising it's their asthma that is letting them down.

Find out how you can better manage your child's asthma. Join our free information service - **Asthma Assist** at www.asthmansw.org.au

Any questions please contact our free **Asthma Information Line 1800 645 130**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 25 May – Musica Viva

Tuesday 26 May – Elderslie High School visit Year 6

Wednesday 27 May – Open Day & Book Parade

Thursday 28 May – ICAS Computer Test

Friday 29 May – Zone Cross Country

Tuesday 2 June – CRL Knockout – Kirkham Park

Thursday 4 June – Primary Assembly 5/6B

Friday 5 June – Gala Day 2

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT PACKAGES

The Kindergarten packages for children enrolling in Kindergarten in 2010 are now ready for collection. Please call into the school office if you have a child who will be turning 5 years old before 1 August 2010 and would like them to enrol at Warragamba Public School.

Mothers Day Stall

The Mothers Day Stall was a great success this year. The wonderful support of the Mothers Day Stall assisted the P&C in fundraising an amazing \$930.

We had a fantastic number of parents to assist on the day and would like to say thank you to Lynda Bellia, Kelly Joy, Cathy Sargent, Michelle Smith, Sharon McMillan, April Summerhayes, Catherine Davies, Yelka Moore, Lauren Stubbs, Barbara Laria, Mandy Gardner, Nicole Erler, Kylie Lucas, Jacinta Campbell, Denise Santas and Crissi Chittick.

Many mums have already given positive feedback about being delighted with their gifts on Sunday. We hope every mum had a great day.

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