



# Keeping In Touch

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**Warragamba Public School**

Week 6 Term 1

5 March 2009

*Greetings one and all.*

*Summer is a goner and Autumn's upon us. The year seems to be disappearing at an ever-increasing pace. Or perhaps it's moving as per usual and it's just that I'm getting older.....*

## **Finally!**

*I'm very pleased to be able to inform you that the fence around the North Playground is being removed this week and the site will be officially handed back over to the school on Friday. The area will be open to the children on Monday 9<sup>th</sup>, at which time the K-2 children will also commence having their recess in the "Big Tree" playground for terms 1 and 4. The removal of the fence will also enable the pedestrian gate on Farnsworth Avenue to be re-opened, thereby removing the temptation to walk through the staff carpark. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul Donachie and Tony Popovich from the NSW Department of Commerce; both of these gentleman have ensured that the playground remediation has been completed to a very high standard and I thank them for their support.*

## **Parking Patrols**

*We have been informed by Wollondilly Shire Council that parking officers will shortly be patrolling the roads and footpaths around the school in the mornings and afternoons. In order to avoid a fine please ensure that you obey all traffic rules around the school; in fact, obeying them at all times, irrespective of the presence of parking officers, would be even better. Please refrain from parking in the driveway near the school's administration block.*

## **Zone Swimmers**

*Last week our swimming team represented Warragamba PS at the Razorback PSSA Swimming Carnival in Picton. Not only was I impressed by the in-pool performances, but also by the standard of behaviour that the children displayed when waiting between races. The advent of our new caps and representative shirts makes our school a very visible presence at such events and many staff from other schools commented on how well-behaved the WPS children were. Congratulations boys and girls, I am very proud of each and every one of you for the way in which you represented our school. The following children performed exceptionally well on the day and have earned the right to represent Razorback PSSA at the South Western Sydney Region carnival in week 8: Rhys Sherlock from 4/5S (3<sup>rd</sup> in the 9 years boys 50 metre freestyle), Billy Summerhayes from 4/5S (1<sup>st</sup> in the 10 years boys 50 metre freestyle) and the senior boys relay team, who finished 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kade Clissold (4/5S), Jarrad Sherlock (6F), Wade Stanford (5/6B) and Jordan McMillan (5/6B). Well done boys, I know you'll do a great job of representing our school and zone at the Regional level.*

## **Anaphylaxis Letters**

*Thank you to those parents who have returned the letter regarding anaphylaxis, sent home to all children earlier this term. I do realise that the "discouraging" of peanut butter and nutella etc does limit the sandwich choices and complicate the filling of lunchboxes. Some of you have registered your disagreement with the school's stance however please consider the fact that anaphylaxis can be a life-threatening condition; I'm sure you'd all agree that in this scenario, the health of a child supersedes all other issues.*

### **Dishonoured Cheques**

All schools in the NSW Department of Education and training have had their banking transferred to Westpac. An entirely new set of fees applies with the new banking contract. There is now a fee charged by Westpac for all dishonoured cheques; please be advised that if your cheque is dishonoured, the fee will be charged by the school to you. The school will not pay these fees for you. Please ensure that there are adequate funds in your account when paying for excursions, textbooks etc by personal cheque.

### **World's Greatest Shave**

As part of the annual Leukaemia Foundation's "World's Greatest Shave" we will be holding a "Crazy Hair Day" here at school next Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March. This is essentially the same as a mufti day however the children are encouraged to colour/spike/afro/etc their hair and make a gold coin donation to the Leukaemia Foundation (school uniform is to be worn on the day). I've also entered into the "World's Greatest Shave" and am seeking sponsorship so if you'd like to help out in this regard please come and see me in the office (perhaps your children would like to encourage their favourite teacher to sign up.....). Granted, a shaven head isn't exactly far removed from the elaborate bouffant I normally parade around in but hey, that's not the point is it?!

### **Parents and Citizens Association**

This year the P & C are working towards assisting the school purchase a Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) for the netball court. These structures are very expensive so any support you are able to give to the P & C's fundraising initiatives this year will be greatly appreciated. The first of these fundraisers is the Easter raffle, information on which will be sent home very shortly. Please get behind our wonderful P & C or even better, come along and join us at the next meeting, to be held in the staffroom at 4:00pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

### **More Sporting Stars**

Two weekends ago several of our students competed in the Regional Little Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to Bryce Lowther (6F), Wade Stanford (5/6B), Samantha McKechnie (4/5S) and Samantha Moore (6F) on their fantastic efforts at the carnival. Extra congrats are due to Samantha Moore, who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in discus and in doing so earned the chance to compete at the State Championships to be held in March. Well done boys and girls!

### **Elderslie High School Information Evening**

Parents of year 6 students are invited to attend a Parent Information Evening which will be held in the Elderslie High School auditorium (Hilder Street, Elderslie) from 7:00pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March. The session will give parents an opportunity to be informed of the programs offered by Elderslie High School so as to make an informed decision regarding their child's high school placement for year 7, 2010. I would strongly encourage all parents and year 6 students to attend.

### **Upcoming Events**

Here are some dates for your diaries: Crazy Hair Day Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, High School forms sent home Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, Regional swimming Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March, Elderslie HS Info Session Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, Selective High Schools Test Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, Harmony Day Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 3-6 Assembly Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March (Very Busy Day – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March!), P & C Meeting Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Year 4 Wooglemai Camp Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, High School forms due back Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, School Photos Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 3-6 Cross Country Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, K-6 Easter Egg Hunt Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April, Opera Australia (Cinderella) Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April – last day of term 1, Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

**Ben Matthews**

Principal

### School Photo Day – 2 April 2009

*Our whole school photo day is also fast approaching. In the next couple of weeks you will receive a photo envelope for your child. Some key points to remember include:*

- ★ *All envelopes MUST be returned prior to or on photo day*
- ★ *Orders will not be accepted at school after photo day*
- ★ *Change will not be available on photo day*
- ★ *Students must have their own separate completed envelope*
- ★ *Family/sibling photo envelopes are available at the school office.*

## P & C EASTER GUESSING COMPETITION

The P&C is excited to announce that we will be holding an Easter Guessing Competition this year!

This will be a fun activity for all the students at Warragamba to get involved in.

We ask that every student donates an Easter item towards the prizes. Such items could include Easter eggs, chocolates, baskets, Easter soft toys, or any other Easter product. These will be collected from each class room daily in the week commencing 23 March and ending 27 March.

The P&C will then create some amazing baskets of Easter goodies which can be won.

Tickets in the competition will be \$1 each and booklets of 10 tickets will be going home to each family shortly. We ask that all tickets (sold or unsold) be returned by the 1<sup>st</sup> of April.

**Most importantly ..... the family that sells the most tickets will win a special prize. Details to be announced shortly so watch this space!!!!!!!**

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 (Covered Outdoor Learning Area) for the Netball Courts. Everyone would be aware that there is a need for students to have an undercover area for assemblies, lunch, activities etc. All assistance provided by parents regarding the Easter raffle will allow the school to obtain a COLA as soon as possible.

Thank you

### Warragamba Wombats

*The Warragamba Wombats Rugby League Club is holding a Family Open Air Movie Night from 7:00pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### FURNITURE FOR SALE

- \* White bookcase - \$60-
- \* White wardrobe(stand alone) - \$50- } \$100- for both
- \* Single bed frame and trundle (no mattresses) - \$50
- \* Lounge (5 piece low back) - \$50-
- \* Dining suite – 7 piece - \$100-
- \* Fridge (Kelvinater 300) - \$150-
- \* Wall unit - \$80-
- \* Microwave (older but working) - \$20-

**If interested please see Mrs Jones in KJ.**

### **Celebrate International Women's Day with us**

Date – Friday 6 March 2009

Time – 10:00am til noon

Venue – Warragamba/Silverdale Neighbourhood Centre

RSVP – 27 February 2009

Come and join us for morning tea. All welcome!

