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Term 1 Wrap-Up.

Dear Parents & Carers,

It may have been an 11 week term but it's certainly flown by in the blink of an eye. A couple of pieces of information for you before we pull up stumps on term 1 and break for Easter...

- **Communication Policy:** as indicated in last week's newsletter the school has a new communication policy to be referred to when approaching the school in regard to various concerns or questions that you may have. The aim of this policy is to ensure a fast, accurate and personal channel of communication is maintained between the school and parents. A copy of the policy is attached to this letter.
- **ANZAC Day March:** thank you to those children who have indicated that they will be participating in the Warragamba ANZAC Day March as part of the WPS contingent. If your child has not returned the note but you would still like him/her to participate please feel free to join us. We will be meeting outside the Neighbourhood Centre from 10:30am on ANZAC Day, Saturday 25th April.
- **Cross Country and Fun Run:** congratulation to all children who participated in this week's 3-6 Cross Country and K-2 Fun Run. Some amazing performances were on display at both events and a more detailed report will be provided in the first newsletter of term 2. Thank you to Mr Blain for organising the 3-6 event and Miss Hopkins for organising the K-2 event. All sponsorship money for the events needs to be collected and returned to school by Friday May 1st (Friday week 1 term 2).
- **Easter Raffle:** congratulations to those children and families that won a prize in the P & C's gigantic Easter Raffle. Prizes were drawn at Monday's K-6 assembly with an amazing array of prizes won many of which have by now no doubt been eagerly consumed. A detailed report may be found on the reverse of this page. Thank you to the P & C for running this fantastic raffle; as usual our dedicated P & C have outdone themselves in an effort to raise funds for our COLA. Thank you for all of the work you do, it's truly appreciated by us all.
- **Term 2:** please be aware that term 2 resumes for children on Wednesday 29th April. Monday 27th is an ANZAC Day holiday for schools and Tuesday 28th is a Staff Development Day (no supervision is provided on Staff Development Days).
- **More P & C News:** thank you to the P & C who have provided the school with two excellent resources in the past few weeks – the veranda blinds on the year 6 block and 4 additional portable shade shelters for use at school events and sporting carnivals.
- **Education Week:** Education Week will be held during week 5 of term 2 (May 25th – 29th). Open Day will be held on Wednesday 27th May, comprising open classrooms, a family picnic lunch and a Book Character Parade, to be run in conjunction with the Bok Fair. "Reconciliation Week" will run concurrently with Education Week and we are attempting to source some Indigenous performers to help us in celebrating Reconciliation Week.
- **Playground Games:** you may have noticed that the texta elves had visited the playground last weekend. Over the holidays one of our parents, Mrs Robertson, will be embarking on a painting frenzy with a band of high school students. By the time you return to school in term 2 the two quadrangles and several building surfaces will be adorned with colour; the designs are actually games for the children and will add to the teaching and learning programs at WPS.

I would like to thank you all for your support of our school and its students throughout term 1. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and go a long way in assisting us to provide for your children's' academic, social and emotional needs in the best way we can. Look after each other, have a happy and safe Easter and holiday and I look forward to catching up with you all in term 2.

Ben Matthews
Principal