



# WARRAGAMBA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## *Term 3 Wrap Up.*

Dear Parents & Carers,

Given that this term's full time bell rings in a non-newsletter week I thought I'd give you a brief wrap-up of the term as well as a heads-up for term 4. It's been a hectic term but when one looks back it's quite clear as to why this was the case....

- **Maths Planning:** the school's Numeracy Team kicked off the term with several days (as well as mornings, noons and nights) planning for the new Scope & Sequence document, which is now being implemented by all staff K-6;
- **Fire Safety:** year 1 learned all about fire safety in week 2, and events of the past few weeks underline why such education is vitally important for people of all ages;
- **Lights, Camera, Helicopter:** week 3 saw Channel 9 visit us in their helicopter, with newsreader Mark Ferguson taking part in a question and answer session with stage 3. And of course we were on the news that evening;
- **Gala Days:** week 2 also saw the first of the Summer Sport Gala Days, with children in stages 2 and 3 competing against other schools from Razorback Zone in otag and cricket;
- **"Live Life Well":** sound advice indeed, our PD/Health/PE Team initiated the "Live Life Well" program in the school, focussing on healthy eating habits and nutrition choices for the children;
- **Musica Viva:** week 6 saw the return of the "Musica Viva" performers as well as the "Alley Cats" hygiene show for Kindergarten children;
- **Fathers' Day:** in week 7 our tireless P & C held an extremely well-supported Fathers' Day stall. A more sensational array of gifts at never-to-be-repeated bargain prices, I cannot recall;
- **Indigenous Games:** after a couple of false starts an Aboriginal Education Consultant visited the school and taught the children some fantastic games based on indigenous culture in week 8. The sessions were a hit not only with students and staff but also parents, several of whom were kind enough to help out on the day;
- **Sports Photos:** week 8 certainly was a busy one, with sport, choir and dance group photos, rugby league clinics for stage 2 and more Musica Viva. To top it all off Kindergarten visited Featherdale Farm.
- **NAPLAN Results:** after a few minor technicalities we were able to access our NAPLAN results for students in years 3 and 5, the hard work of the students in staff being reflected in results that were above regional average in all areas, as well as being above state average in several areas;
- **Concerts:** to cap the term off week 10 has seen magnificent performances of "Colours" and "Rats" by our choirs, culminating in shows for students and the community.

As you can see, we've been "flat out like a lizard drinking" here at WPS. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the children and staff for all of their hard work this term and the P & C and parent community for their unwavering support, it's a constant reminder to me of the great privilege of working at our wonderful school. Term 4 promises no easing off the pace, with reports, Presentation Days, overnight excursions to Bathurst and Wooglemai, Kindergarten orientations, Year 6 Farwell and Graduation....the pace will hit the rev-limiter, blink and you'll miss it!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Johns all the best. Mrs Johns will be taking leave for term 4. I can't recall ever having worked with anyone who shows the degree of compassion and care for students that Mrs Jones provides so unfliningly. We'll miss you Mrs Johns and we'll see you soon. Or else!

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday. Quite often when we relax we let our guard down; do me a favour and look after yourselves and after each other through the holidays. ***School resumes on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October.***

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