

Greetings and Salutations,

I hope you and yours are all well. While the Olympics seem to be dominating the headlines, WPS appears to have snared it's fair share of publicity with articles popping up left, right and centre in the local press regarding our channel 9 visit. The Olympics also came to WPS last Friday, with Miss Hopkins and the K-2 teachers organising a fantastic Mini-Olympics for the children of Kindergarten and Stage 1. Check out our website for a photo gallery of the funs and games. But it's not all fun and games, it's down to business...

NAPLAN Results

Those of you with children in years 3 & 5 are no doubt awaiting the delivery of your child's NAPLAN test results. I have been informed that these are now due to schools in week 9 of this term. The results will be delivered to schools and will then be distributed to parents.

Surveys

Attached to this newsletter you will find three surveys regarding school culture, learning and teaching at Warragamba PS. These surveys are used to assist in formulating the school plan and Annual School Report. We'd be greatly appreciative if you were able to take the time to complete the surveys and return them to school no later than 9:00am next Thursday, 8th August. Last year's surveys provided a wealth of insight and we're hoping for the same response this year.

60th Birthday Celebration

The original idea for our 60th Birthday was to keep it as a relatively low-key event. This is still the intention however as the date draws ever closer momentum appears to be gathering at an alarming rate. We'd love to see you all up at school on Saturday 6th September to help us celebrate and devour our birthday cake. There'll be plenty to see and do; photographic displays, children's work on display, a jumping castle, petting zoo, racing car displays, raffles, food and drink and of course lots and lots of reminiscing and catching up with old friends. Unfortunately we are unable to go ahead with planned choir and dancing displays; Saturday 6th September is smack bang in the middle of semi-final season for many local sporting clubs so the children were unable to commit to a definite attendance at the 60th. Nevertheless there'll be plenty to keep everyone occupied so we'd love to see you all there.

60th Birthday Donations

Thus far we've had a fantastic response to our request for donations of prizes from local businesses for our 60th Birthday raffles. I'd like to thank the following businesses who have provided prizes and support: Jumati Jumping Castles, Nutrimerics (Sharmayne Stanford), Good Guys Penrith, Dam Fine Wines, Mistique Hair, Dani's Hair, Dutchy Automotive, Mr and Mrs Saliba and Wallacia Panthers Golf Club. The prizes donated so far are excellent; if you're a local business owner and would like to help out please feel free to contact me during school hours on 4774 1205.

Zone Athletes

Last Friday Mrs Barlow and Mr Smith trekked to Campbelltown Sports Ground with a wonderful team of talented young athletes to represent WPS at the Razorback PSSA Field Events Carnival. While all competitors did an awesome job of representing our school I'd like to make particular mention of Samantha More (5B) who came 1st in the junior girls' shot put, 2nd in the junior girls' discus and 4th in the junior girls' high jump, and Rachelle Walker (5/6K) who came 3rd in the senior girls' long jump and 3rd in the senior girls' high jump (with a personal best in this event). I'm sure you'll agree that these are fantastic performances and join me in congratulating Samantha and

Rachelle on their achievements. The Track Events Carnival will be held this Friday; cross your fingers, toes and nose and send out some positive vibes (Jedi mind trick-style) for all of our runners this Friday. Good luck boys and girls! Let me also take this opportunity to thank all of the parents who assisted with transport, your support is, as always, greatly appreciated.

Contact Details and Court Papers

If you change address or telephone numbers please inform the school as soon as possible. Maintaining accurate records enables us to contact you quickly in an emergency situation. Lately we've had a couple of cases whereby sick children have spent the entire day in the school's sick bay due to an inability to contact parents because contact numbers are outdated. Likewise, if you have court papers regarding custody and access issues please ensure that the school is provided with copies of these orders. All such information is of course treated with the strictest confidentiality.

Musica Viva

Musica Viva will be visiting our school on Monday 25th August (next week). Permission notes and payments were due today; please remember that in keeping with school policy no payments and permission notes will not be accepted after the due date. Mr Daniels tells me that Musica Viva's a cappella performance will "wow audiences with a selection from gospel, rockabilly, Elizabethan and doo wop songs. They bring a zest for music that students find impossible to resist". That's a big wrap, you'd be silly to miss out!

Rugby League Clinics

On Monday of this week the students of stage 2 participated in free rugby league skills clinics provided by Matt O'Brien, the Development Officer for Country Rugby League (CRL). The children had a great time learning new skills and Matt was very impressed by both the level of participation and conduct of our students. Congratulations and thank you stage 2 on leaving a positive impression on a visitor to our school.

Gala Days

*The first of the Summer Sport (oztag and cricket) Gala Days will be held next Friday (29th August) and again on the Fridays of weeks 9 and 10. If your child is involved in the Gala Days please ensure that their permission note and \$1 fee (to cover the provision of first aid at all venues) is returned by next Wednesday, 27th August. **Please note that those children who have not returned their note and payment by this date will have their place in the team allocated to another child.***

Cyber Bullying

In the past few months I've been made aware of several incidents of cyber bullying; this refers to bullying of children via the internet, sms messages, MSN, email and so on. We've all seen in the media the tragic consequences that bullying can bring about. If you suspect that your child is being bullied or is bullying another child please treat the issue seriously and please contact me if I can assist you to resolve the situation.

That's all for this instalment. Wishing you all a fantastic weekend.

*Ben Matthews
Principal*