Term 4: Week 3, October 20th, 2015

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to be back at beautiful Warrawee after several weeks away. Everyone is smiling and full of excitement as we move towards the end of another school year. Mrs Kathy Ash and Mrs Sue Jurkschat did a wonderful job managing things in my absence and I am very grateful to them both for their hard work.

The teachers at Warrawee Public School are innovative and motivated to provide unique and exciting learning experiences for our students. This week, two programs are being run that are very exciting. Firstly, our Year 4 SRC students will be travelling to Hornsby Westfield where they will be sharing some of the research projects resulting from the Powerful Bandicoot Project. Our students are very excited about the opportunity to take their work beyond the school to a larger audience. Thank you to Mrs Somaiya for organising this event and providing students with the opportunity to share the message about the bandicoot. Thank you also to the parents who offered to drive the students to and from the venue.

The second new experience for our school is taking place on Thursday when our students from Years 2–6 will participate in a Google Virtual Reality expedition. Mrs Belfield, our computer teacher, has arranged this event and students and teachers alike are all looking forward to learning more about these expeditions. I am sure that your children will be able to tell you about it on Thursday evening.

At the end of this week Mrs Belfield will be leaving our school. Mrs Belfield has been at Warrawee Public School for 8 years and during this time has taught as a classroom teacher and more recently has fulfilled the role as our technology teacher. Lisa’s expertise in all things ‘technology’ have greatly assisted us at Warrawee to improve our K-6 computer program and also to introduce our ipad program. We will miss Lisa as she takes leave for the remainder of the year before commencing at a school in the Southern Highlands in 2016. I would like to thank Lisa for her work at Warrawee and wish her the very best for the future.

Ray White Wahroonga was the major sponsor of this year’s Warrawee Big Night Out. A donation to the school of $10,000.00 was to be made when the first sale of a home, belonging to a Warrawee PS family, took place. I am happy to report that this has eventuated and I am very thankful to Ray White for their donation and also to our families that supported the school in this way.

I am pleased to see that the new play area on the K-2 side of the school is almost completed and we look forward to the final touches being added very soon. Tomorrow, over 80 potential kindergarten students for 2016 will be joining us at school and I am delighted that they will be coming into such a stimulating and beautiful learning environment.

Good luck to our bands that will be representing the school at the Hornsby North PS Band Festival on Sunday. I am sure that you will all make us proud. On Friday evening the P&C are holding the school at the Hornsby North PS Band Festival on Sunday. I am sure that you will all make us proud.

Have a great week,

Carrie Robertson

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2015 SEMESTER 2 DATES:

Term 4
- Wednesday, 16/12/2015
  End of Term 4 for Students
- Friday, 18/12/2015
  End of Term 4 for Staff

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4, 2015:
- 2016 Kindy Orientation
  Wednesday, 21/10/2015
- Bush Dance
  Friday, 23/10/2015, 6-8:30pm in The Lodge. Everyone welcome!
- Band Information Evening
  Tuesday, 27/10/2015
  7:00pm in The Band Room
- Book Fair
  28-29/10/2015
- 2016 Kindy Orientation
  Monday, 26/10/2015
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- Book Fair
  28-29/10/2015
- Kindy Graduation
  Friday, 04/12/2015, 1:30pm
  in ‘The Lodge’
- Year 6 Farewell
  Monday, 14/12/2015,
  at The Warrawee Bowling Club
- Presentation Day
  Wednesday, 09/12/2015
  at Turramurra High School Hall
  (Please note new date & venue, times to be advised)

2016 SEMESTER 1 DATES:

Term 1
- Wednesday, 27/01/2016
  Start of Term 1 for Staff
- Thursday, 28/01/2016
  Start of Term 1 for Years 1-6
- Tuesday, 02/02/2016
  Start of Term 1 for Kindergarten
- Friday, 08/04/2016
  End of Term 1 for Kindergarten
  Students

Term 2
- Tuesday, 26/04/2016
  Start of Term 2 for Staff
- Wednesday, 27/04/2016
  Start of Term 2 for Students
- Friday, 01/07/2016
  End of Term 2 for Staff and Students

As 2016 is rapidly approaching, if your child is leaving Warrawee PS at the end of the this year could you please notify either your child’s teacher or Mrs Robertson (in writing) as soon as possible, planning for next year’s classes is well underway.

Many thanks.

Carrie Robertson
SPORTS NEWS

Summer PSSA
Last Friday Warrawee the cricket, t/ball and softball teams played Waitara with these results:

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Please ensure that all monies are now paid.

STATE ATHLETICS

The NSW PSSA State Athletics carnival held at Homebush Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th October, 2015 was a wonderful stage of athleticism from all regions of the state. This carnival includes all regional teams as well as independent and catholic school groups. Our boys achieved terrific results. Riley H competing in the 12yrs high jump came 10th, Andrew H competing in the 11yrs 200m came 14th.

Donovan B worked through heats, semis and finals to come 9th in the 100m final. He is to be hugely congratulated for his determination to work through a gruelling program and come 2nd in the 200m final. Donovan will be travelling to Canberra to compete in the National Athletics Carnival from the 4th December, 2015.

The Senior Boys’ Relay of Donovan B, Tyler C, Riley H and Andrew H came first in their heat. They came 3rd overall in the semis and in the last race of the day ran a fantastic relay with a photo finish needed to determine the outcome.

STAGE 3 NEWS - CANBERRA

All the children who participated in the Canberra excursion are to be commended for their exemplary behaviour. At every location be it at Parliament House, The War Memorial, Questacon, AIS, the accommodation, in the buses or the iPlay, our students were praised. Our Stage 3 students have left a wonderful impression for any future travelling students. They were a credit to their families and school.

We had a terrific time checking out the sites of Canberra, observing our political representatives in action, laying a wreath of recognition at the War Memorial, trying our hands at the scientific activities at Questacon and channelling our competitive spirits at iPlay at Belconnen!!

The teachers Miss Kaslar, Mrs Morris, Mr O’Shea, Mr Baddock, Mrs Wunderlich and Mr McElhenny are to be thanked and commended for leaving their families and partners and so enthusiastically participating in our excursion.

GOOGLE EXPEDITIONS

The Google Expeditions set for last week has been rescheduled for Thursday 22nd October, 2015. Children in Years 2-6 will explore various aspects of their world using Google devices. This should be very exciting.

Sue Jurkschat

CANTEEN NEWS

⭐ They’re back…..and they’re here to stay - Twisted Yoghurt. Made in Australia using all Australian ingredients, no preservatives no artificial anything. Available to order on Flexischools and over the counter in both Canteens.

⭐ Nippy’s Flavoured Milk is back in stock. Reduced fat milk $2.00. Made in Australia using all Australian ingredients. Available in chocolate and strawberry.

Volunteering: if you would like to help out in the Canteen this term please click on the link below and find a day that suits you. Thank you for your help.

http://vols.pt/mBbeU2

UNIFORM SHOP: Open Thursdays 8:45-9:15am & 2:45-3:15pm

Mail Order Forms
Order forms are available in both offices and on the website to download. All orders will be processed on the Thursday and delivered to your child’s class – even if it is just for a chair bag, art smock or a new hat. Please assist me by filling in ALL details on the form – especially your child’s name and sizes of items required!

Discounted Items
Get a bargain and be ready for next winter. Dance Pants for a limited time will be $16.50. Track suit pants, (Straight Leg and Double Knee), and Raincoats are still discounted. Straight Leg Track suit pants are $14.50, Double Knee Track Suit pants are $17.00 and Raincoats are $16.00. So hurry and get your discounted items before stock runs out.

Volunteers
Volunteers are required for Kindy Orientation: Monday 26/10 and Wednesday 4/11, starting at 09.30am. If you can spare some time on either of these days, please let me know by emailing uniformshop.warrawee.pandc@gmail.com.

Regards,
Senika Wilkinson

Our Uniform Shop is proudly managed by Warrawee Public School P&C Association

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AWARDS

Merit Certificates - “Big Reds”

Congratulations to the following students who have received a Merit Certificate

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K-2 Week “Big Reds”: 19/10/2015

There wasn’t a K-2 Assembly this week due to the ‘Musica Viva’ performance.

CONGRATULATIONS!

BANNERS were awarded to:

- Isaiah S 1B
- Olivia M 1B
- Jack W 1/2B
- Zara C 1/2B
- Suki S 2P
- Gabriel S-M 2P
- Goran M 2-4H
- Stephanie K 4W
- Cindy Z 6J
- Curtis S 6J
- Rose G 6J

3-6 Week “Big Reds”: 18/09/2015

- 3M Philip G, Tyrone B
- 4O Aria N, Mia P
- 4S George I, Sarah C
- 4W Mitchell M, Alyssa R
- 5K Gustavo N-B, Emily D
- 6J Asha N, Phoebe L
- 6M Rachel S, Aleksander B
- Library Matilda J (3M)

2016 CLASS PARENT COORDINATOR(S)

◊ WANT TO MEET PEOPLE & HAVE FUN WHILST SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL ....
◊ NO NEED TO ACTUALLY BE AT SCHOOL OR MEETINGS....CAN DO IT FROM HOME ANYTIME OF DAY...

The P&C is looking for 1 or 2 happy, personable and organised individuals to manage the role of CLASS PARENT COORDINATOR for 2016.

This is a voluntary position, with key responsibilities being:

- Recruit the Class Parents for all classes – call out for volunteers through the teachers;
- Provide assistance to the Class Parents in any way required;
- Liaise between School, Teachers, P & C and Class Parents;
- Hold first introductory meeting for all Class Parents;
- Hold a copy of all the Class Lists as generated by each Class Parent;
- Notify Class Parents (via email) of any important things that need to be communicated to their classes;
- Liaise with the “Social & Fundraising Committee” to see what help is required with their calendar of events.

This is an exceptionally rewarding role which will see you at the forefront of all information being distributed to the parent community. It can be done by 1 person or shared between 2.

For all of us as parents it is essential to have a Class Parent Coordinator, without one the effective communication to the parent community is put at risk.

If you are interested or want to find out more please contact Amanda Milne: amandamilne@optusnet.com.au, 0409 064 116.
**SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING NEWS**

**Bush Dance**
Wow, what an amazing response we have had to the Bush Dance! We are very pleased to announce that the deadline to purchase tickets has been extended and sales will strictly close Thursday 22nd at 3pm. Book now to avoid disappointment!

This event promises to be an evening of fun and dancing whilst enjoying a picnic under the stars. If you would like a sneak peak you can check out some gallery and video links here on the Snake Gully Bush Bands website [http://www.snakegullyband.com/gallery.html](http://www.snakegullyband.com/gallery.html)


A Gluten Free option is now available

**Book Fair**
The Annual Scholastic Book Fair is coming up on the 28th of October, please come along and explore an ocean of books in the hall from 2.30-5.30pm. Or if you would like to get some Christmas shopping done, pop in on Thursday 29th of October from 8am-9.30 am. A percentage of all book sales go directly to our wonderful Warrawee teachers allowing them to purchase new reading material for our children. So, come and encourage your children to get hooked on reading at this year’s Book Fair.

We are currently looking for kind donations of individual cupcakes, biscuits or lolly bags to sell at this event, please sign up here [http://vols.pt/uhn35L](http://vols.pt/uhn35L)

Goodies can be delivered to the school on the morning of the book fair to the spare demountable or Care Centre.

Also we are looking for volunteers to work on the book stall or on the cake stall, please sign up here [http://vols.pt/uhn35L](http://vols.pt/uhn35L)

Thank you in advance for your support of these events. Any assistance, even just 30 minutes of your time is greatly appreciated.

Please sign up below to a spot that suits you.


We would love to hear your feedback on fundraising so far this year, or alternatively, if you have any ideas for 2016 please do not hesitate to let us know – amandamilne@optusnet.com.au

Kind regards,
Warrawee Social & Fundraising Team

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Year 6 would like to thank the school community, the canteen, the kids and the teachers for their support for the Cupcake and Mufti Day held last term and the Ice-Cream Day held last Friday. This was a huge success, the kids had fun and we are excited to report we raised approximately $1,700.00. This generous amount will be put towards the Year 6 Farewell.
THE WARRAWEE BUSH DANCE

Come along and join the fun!

When: Friday 23rd October
Where: The Lodge (school hall)
Time: 5.30pm–8.30pm
(dinner served at 6.30pm)

What’s included: Dinner, drink, icy treat and the fabulous Snake Gully Band
(dinner is sausage on a roll, veg option also)

HURRY, TICKET SALES CLOSE ON Thursday 22nd at 3pm

BOOK ONLINE AT
http://www.trybooking.com/153453

$15 per person
Band 2016 - Information Night

Is your child interested in joining the Warrawee School Band?

Come and find out all you need to know!
Open to parents of children in year 2 and above
7:00pm, Tuesday, October 27th
In the Band Room (at the end of the COLA on the Primary Side)

Senior Band will give a brief performance, this will be followed by a short talk about the band and band membership. A chance to ask questions will follow.

Parents of current band members enrolling a sibling do not need to attend but are welcome to do so. It is not necessary for your child to attend, this is information for parents but please bring them along if you don’t have child care.

Junior Band 2016 is open to students currently in Years 2 to 5. No prior musical experience is necessary. Band enrolment forms will be available on the night and also from both school offices from October 29th or from http://www.warraweeband.com/
Application forms must be returned by Friday November 6th. Forms can be placed in either Band Box, located outside Primary & Infants Offices.

If you are unable to attend or would like more information afterwards please contact the Band Director, Mr Noel Annett at conductor@warrweeband.com

Instrument ‘try-outs’ will be held on Saturday, November 14th.

Please take a few minutes to watch this short clip on the benefits of music education and playing an instrument to your child. http://ed.ted.com/lessons/how-playing-an-instrument-benefits-your-brain-anita-collins
And Richard Gill, one of Australia’s leading music educators gives an excellent talk at TedxSydney on the value of music education. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HeRus3NVbwE