From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

After several days of wild weather we ended the week with a beautiful day for our school ANZAC day ceremony. Our Year 6 leaders led the K-6 ceremony which recognised the sacrifice of Australian and New Zealand servicemen and women. The previous day our school captains, Phoebe and Rudy, and vice captains, Lucinda and Dash, attended the service in Hyde Park where they laid a wreath on behalf of our school community. On Saturday, Mia and Spencer, carried out the same task at the Turramurra Memorial Park service. Thank you to everyone who planned and participated in these special events both at the school and beyond. Special thanks to Aileen P (6J) for playing the piano at the ceremony and to Sophie F (6M) for playing the “Last Post” for us on the trumpet.

The renovation of the 3-6 toilet block is coming along well and we are currently waiting for the new partitioning to arrive. It is very exciting. This project has come about using the money from the school maintenance budget along with some additional funding from the Department of Education for which I am very grateful.

Our mural has now been completed and I have included a photograph of the final product for you. The message on the plaque says “Enjoy the Journey” and that is our wish for every student at Warrawee.

Best wishes for a great week,

Carrie Robertson

Pediculus humanus capitis (Head lice)

Head lice are one of the most commonly reported health complaints from parents and teachers. While head lice are not known to carry disease, they are a nuisance for parents and children and can cause great frustration. We need your help to eradicate them from our school community.

Head lice are only found on the human head or hair and do not live on furniture, bedding, carpet or anywhere else in the environment.

There are two main treatment options to remove head lice:

- Mechanical removal or ‘comb and conditioner’ method
- Chemical removal


Brenna Roumanos

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**WINTER PSSA**
Winter PSSA for soccer, netball and AFL was cancelled last Friday not surprisingly due to the grounds following the heavy rainfalls. We hope to make a restart this Friday.

This week we are set to play last Friday’s game at Auluba for boys’ and girls’ soccer and Turramurra PS for the netball. Games are expected to start at 12.45pm.

Notes have been sent home for all PSSA players with the winter draw and costs attached.

**ANZAC CEREMONIES**
I would like to congratulate the wonderful way in which our captains represented our school at the RSL & Schools Remember ANZAC Commemoration Service held at Hyde Park last Thursday 23rd April.

I was most fortunate to accompany them and found them to be outstanding ambassadors for Warrawee Public School, their families and themselves. They followed this up, joining the prefects who led the school respectively and outstandingly through the school’s ANZAC service created by Mr Stevenson. Aileen P played the piano as the school sang Flanders Fields and Sophie F played the most difficult of pieces, Reveille.

Inspired by research and his attendance at the RSL ceremony, Rudy H wrote the poem you can read below:

**We Will Never Forget Them**

These ANZACS brave and bold
We will never forget as they never grow old
As they fought throughout the night and day
For our country to be free, is what they did pray

They survived on biscuits and bully beef
We remember them now as we lay a wreath
Now we respect their courage and their grace
Because they made this land a better place

Every time we hear the last post
We remember those who gave their most
When we see the names of the men who fought
We thank them for a gift that cannot be bought

Those men who gave us freedom
Have taken away our fears
They will now rest in peace
As we wipe away our tears

We will never forget them........

Sue Jurkschat

**WARRAWEE CAFÉ**
Look out for us at next week's Cross Country Carnival, Thursday, 7th May. We'll be at the Turramurra Oval selling refreshments and a few treats. Prices start from 50c.

No Primary recess orders on Flexischools on Thursday 7th May.

Infants children who remain at school may order recess.

Lunch orders are available for all children on Flexischools on Thursday 7th May.

The Warrawee Café
Kirrily, Jan & Melinda

**Next Week’s Roster:**

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**UNIFORM SHOP:**

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

We will also be open Tuesday 05/05/15 morning from 8:45-9:15am.

**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!

**Winter Uniforms**
Term 2 is now here, so don’t forget to assess your requirements for Winter Uniforms and arrange purchase before the first cold snap sets in.

**Sports House T-Shirts**
Please be advised that the Cross Country Carnival is being held on Thursday 7th May and accordingly Sport House T-Shirts are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop. These are on sale for $5.00, please see order form on Page 6 of this newsletter.

Regards,

Senika Wilkinson
**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”: 27/04/2015**

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- KB Isaiah S, Nicholas L
- LC Leshy S, Emily B
- SC Sofia A, Jeronimo L
- 2D Josiah C, Chloe C
- 2M Cameron P, Maddie H
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### 3-6 Week “Big Reds”: 24/04/2015

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- 4O Zac A, Lily C
- 4S Ella R, Joshua C
- 4W Sydney C, Luca M
- 5A Matt J, Eden K
- 5M Charlie L, Sayya R
- 6J Aileen P, Rachael M

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**CONGRATULATIONS! BANNERS** were awarded to:

- Anwyn Y 1/2B
- Joel F 4S
- Claire L 5A
- Denzel N 6M

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**P&C NEWS**

Dear parents, carers and community members,

Last week the Warrawee P&C sent home an information pack to all families that included not only this year’s fees but a pamphlet on how the P&C raises its money and what in the past it has spent it on. Thank you to those families who have already paid.

If you did not get a pack, please contact me and I will organise another for you.

It is very important you read the pamphlet and take part in the survey as that will determine how the P&C will spend money raised this year. Click on this link: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WarraweePandC](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WarraweePandC)

The P&C needs a large response so it can feel confident that projects that receive funding are genuinely representative of the school community’s wishes. The survey closes on May 8, so please, please, please complete it.

The greater ratio of families who pay the more projects that can get funding.

Some results have already come in and it is not surprising in a large community that there are diverse views. Managing conflicting opinions is always one of the big challenges for the P&C committee and by conducting this survey we hope to not only give the community a voice but also ownership of the outcomes.

There have been some good questions raised so far and I will answer some of them for you.

**Q1. Haven’t I already paid my P&C fees this year?**

The short answer is no. Many of you would have paid school fees this year but P&C fees are separate. In many schools, the P&C voluntary contribution is included in the school fees but this is not the case at Warrawee.

**Q2. Can the P&C allow parents to vote at meetings on behalf of their partner if their partner can’t make it to a P&C meeting? Can we have online voting for members?**

Proxy voting is not allowed at P&C meetings. Under common law for proxy voting to be permitted it needs to be specifically catered for under the organisation’s constitution, and this is currently not the case with the P&C. Only the Minister for Education can change our constitution.

The P&C does plan to hold some morning meetings this year which may make it possible for community members to attend who may normally not be able to do so.

The Committee has also spoken to the Federation about making it possible for community members to join without attending a meeting and we believe we have found a solution. But, under the rules of our organisation, to vote members must still be in attendance at the meeting. This also rules out the online option.

**Q3. Can the minutes of P&C meetings be made available online?**

The P&C has been for some time exploring avenues to make minutes of meetings more accessible. Mandated privacy restrictions has made publishing them online almost impossible but again we are looking at other options and hope to have a solution in place soon.

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**Technology Talk**

Over the past 18 months, the P&C has invested heavily in technology by installing wireless throughout the school and purchasing iPads and other equipment. At the next P&C meeting on May 11 (7.30pm) **Mrs Kylie Newland** will give a talk on how this technology has been integrated into teaching in K-2. Please come.

Sam Williamson
P&C President
Social & Fundraising News

2015 Parent Social Night (Big Night Out) – Meet and greet Thursday 30th April

Here’s a great chance to come along and be involved with Warrawee Public School!

Claire Oxley from Year 2 will be holding the first meeting this coming Thursday and is looking to see as many parent helpers there as possible.

If you are interested in helping out with the Big Night Out this year there are many roles that need filling - big and small!!

It is a great way to get to know other parents and very rewarding to see it all come together. For those new to the school, the Big Night Out is a chance for the parents to have a night out together, have lots of fun and raise some money for the school.

Would you like to find out more? Please contact Claire Oxley clairealiseoxley@yahoo.com.au

If you are unable to make meetings, that’s ok too, we understand. However there may still be a way you can assist and we would love to hear from you!

Mothers Day Stall – Tuesday 5th of May

Warrawee Public P&C together with the Social and Fundraising Team will be hosting the annual Mothers’ Day stall next Tuesday 5th of May.

Students will be given the opportunity to purchase gifts from a $5 and $10 table. The Mothers’ Day stall will take place on the infants side from 9am-1.30pm.

Below is a small sample of what we have on offer this year, and there’s with many more lovely gifts for mum’s, grandparents or special people.

Parent Helpers are required to help make this event a success.

If you are able to help on the stall between 9am and 1.30pm, please sign up here http://vols.pt/UWwFve

Shhh, don’t tell Mum....

Mother’s Day Stall
Tuesday 5 May 2015

$5
Hanlin Key Ring
Notepad & Pen
Bobbie Bath
Wooden Spoon & Tea Towel
Desserts Cookbook
And much more!

$10
Teapot Set
Shower Set
India Beads
Heathcote & Ivory Mini Treats
Tea Cup
And much more!

*All proceeds go to Warrawee Public School.
HELP NEEDED

THE WARRAWEE SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING TEAM AND YOUR CHILDREN
NEED YOUR HELP...

Choose a fundraising event that you are interested in... you will not only help raise funds for the school, you will build friendships, you will have fun and you will see a smile on your child’s face as you take an active role in their school community.

Please fill in the form and return it to the P&C Box in the office or to your child’s teacher by Monday 4th May. Thank you to those who have already completed and returned.

2015 Warrawee Calendar
(please mark X in the appropriate column/s where you would like to help)

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Email: ____________________________________________

Mobile: __________________________________________

Many Hands Make Light Work... if you would like to join the Social and Fundraising Committee please indicate here □
STEWART HOUSE DAY - Friday, 8th May 2015

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Each year 1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental, and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. All other costs associated with the children’s stay are met from charitable donations.

Traditionally, teachers and staff from the NSW public education system have donated through fortnightly salary contributions around $900,000 of this $2.9million. Public school children through school-based fundraising contribute around $500,000. The reminder is gathered from personal and corporate donations and applications from private grants and subsidies.

The cost per child per day has increased from $98 to $103 with the increase costs of food and salaries for supervision and service staff.

A Stewart House Donation Drive envelope was sent home last term. It needs to be returned to your child’s class teacher by no later than Friday, 8th May 2015. We are asking for donations of $2.

If you would like to be eligible for a chance to win a $4,000 family holiday of your choice, please complete the entry details on the back of the envelope.

Thank you for supporting Stewart House.

Mrs Morris and the SRC Committee

PARENT ON-LINE PAYMENTS

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to our school’s website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid online?
- Voluntary School Contributions
- KLA / Subject Contributions
- Excursions and Incursions
- Sport and dance/gym programs
- Creative and Practical Arts
- Sales to students
- Other

How?
1. Log onto our School website: www.warrawee.ps.schools.nsw.edu.au
2. Click on “Make a payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.
3. When you access $Make a payment you must enter: The student’s name and date of birth.
4. Please separate payments for each child.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

If you are not paying the entire amount on the invoice please specify in the description what is being paid for, for e.g. Brainstorm Productions incursion $6.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the online payment process please contact Mrs Brooks, our School Administration Manager, in the 3-6 Office, 9144 2637.

HOUSE T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

Warrawee PS House T-Shirt Order Form

Childs Name: ...........................................................................................................................................................................

Child’s Class: .............................................

T-shirt colour (please circle one): Blue Patterson Yellow Lawson Green Kendall White Gordon

T-shirt size (please circle one): Size 6 Size 8 Size 10 Size 12 Size 14 Size 16

Amount enclosed ($5 per T-shirt): $......................................................

If you wish to place an order for a House T-shirt please fill out the order form and place it together with $5 into an envelope and put into either of the Uniform Shop boxes. The T-shirt will be delivered to your child’s classroom.
FROM OUR COUNSELLOR

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2!

A few parents have been seeking advice on how to build their children’s resilience, so I would like to take this opportunity to share a few tips.

**What is resilience?**
Resilience refers to the ability to bounce back and cope with challenges in life. Being able to cope with difficult situations is important for long-term happiness and success.

**How you can help your child:**
Let your child tell their story of their day in their own way. It is not helpful to examine minutely what has been going on in a day. Nor is it helpful to focus on the negative. If they are describing a difficulty of some sort, you need to keep a sense of proportion. Keep your language simple and undramatic. One of your jobs as a parent is to help your child see that life can sometimes be challenging, but the important thing is help build their capacity to cope with these challenges.

Here are a few practical strategies you can use:

- **Encourage optimism.** Talk about the positive aspects of their day. Encourage your child to set goals and work out how to achieve them. Praise their efforts and encourage them to keep trying and learning.
- **Encourage creative problem-solving.** Rather than you trying to solve their problems, it is important to teach them how to solve their own problems. You can teach your children the steps in problem-solving:
  - Name the problem; eg “so what’s going on here do you think?”
  - Brainstorm possible solutions and think about the good points and bad points of the solutions.
  - Decide on the best solution.
  - Try it out.
  - Review the outcome and make any necessary changes.

Teach children to use assertiveness skills. Show them how they can confidently and respectfully communicate their thoughts and needs to others in an effective way. For example, “I don’t want to play that game. We will get into trouble. Let’s play another game.”

If you would like to read more about building resilience in children and teens, here are some resources:


Mimi Kan
School Counsellor and Psychologist

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2016, YEAR 5 OPPORTUNITY CLASS ENTRY

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 22 July 2015.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2016, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student’s email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 27 April 2015 in a printed application information booklet and at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/opplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/opplacement). The application website opens on 27 April 2015 and closes on 15 May 2015. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 27 April 2015.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Brenna Roumanos
Deputy Principal

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“OPERATION ART”

All children in every class at Warrawee over the last week have been involved in creating a beautiful piece of art. Four of these artworks from every class have been chosen to be finalists in the Warrawee’s Art Competition.

These amazing artworks will be on display this Wednesday (tomorrow) from 9am to 5pm in The Lodge (school hall). From these finalists, four artworks will be chosen and then entered into the ‘Operation Art’ competition.

Anne Beck, Kylie Williams & Corinne Kaslar
Shhh, don’t tell Mum...

Mother’s Day Stall
the Warrawee Public School
is back again, Tuesday 5th May.
All gifts are $5 or $10 each
And remember... don’t tell Mum!
The 2015 Entertainment Book is now here! You can purchase the books now and receive Early Bird Offers. Book membership customers will receive one sheet of extra vouchers and digital membership customers will have the same offers sent automatically to their phone.

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In Week 8 and 9 of Term 1, 82 students from Stage 2 and 54 students from Stage 3 students participated in a computational thinking challenge called Bebras Challenge which comprised of 5 questions in each of the three levels of difficulty – Easy worth 6 points each, Medium worth 9 points each, and Hard worth 12 points each.

The table below reflects scores out of 135. While most students worked independently, some students chose to work in teams of up to four participants. Congratulations to all participants for achieving their Personal Best. Congratulations to Leon S for achieving High Distinction.

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