From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children and teachers are currently gearing up for the Annual Swimming Carnival tomorrow and everyone is busy discussing the races that they will be competing in and which House will be victorious. It is always a great day for our students who are 8 years old and above. Thank you to the many parents that have volunteered to help tomorrow. Your assistance is always appreciated as it is always a very busy day for both students and staff. We are all looking forward to another exciting Warrawee Swimming Carnival. Good luck to all of our swimmers.

Early next week the office will be sending out the invoices for Term 1. The Term 1 invoice will include the voluntary contribution for the year and will therefore be larger than the ensuing invoices. Thank you to the 90% of families that paid the voluntary contribution last year. This contribution enables us to provide additional equipment and opportunities for the children and we do appreciate you giving in this way.

We are always working to improve the school environment for our students. At the moment the school is being painted and the modification to the playground area in front of the P&C/Band Room has begun. Continued fine weather would greatly assist the painters who were prevented from painting during the holidays due to the heavy rain we experienced. The rain also severely damaged one of our demountable classrooms and the necessary repairs will soon be completed. A significant amount of tree work was also completed during the holidays as part of our regular tree maintenance program. As you can see, the start to the year has been a busy one.

In order to improve communication with our families I would ask that you download the Warrawee app onto your phone or device please. This app allows us to send information to you simply and quickly. Parents have reported back to us that it has been a valuable resource for them and I’m sure that it would be for you too. Please click on this link to access the app download: [www.warrawee-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/newsletters1](http://www.warrawee-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/newsletters1)

This year, our school will be changing over to the Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR) program which is one of the largest public sector business reform initiatives in NSW. A new finance system (SAP) is being deployed as well as a new Student Administration and Learning Management system (SALM). This semester, I will be attending training sessions as will Kylie Thomas and Jane Brown from our school offices. This is in order for the school/staff to be ready when the system ‘goes live’ in second semester this year. The changes to current systems are extensive and although we will all doing our best to ensure a smooth transition there are bound to be some hiccups along the way. Your patience throughout these times of change will be greatly appreciated. I will keep you informed of our progress throughout the semester.

School banking with Turramurra Community Bank started today, if you’d like your child to open a bank account with the Bank, please collect a form from either the Primary or Infants Office. Your child will need to bring their banking to either of two the school offices any time on Mondays or before the bell on Tuesdays, as it will be picked up by the Bank after recess on Tuesdays.

Reminder: the Class Information Evenings will be held next Wednesday evening the 17th February.

Kind Regards,

Carrie Robertson

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**FUNERAL PARLOUR PARKING**

The Funeral Parlour will be closed all day this Thursday, 11th February 2016 and in the afternoon of Friday, 12th February 2016. Therefore, please make other parking arrangements for the drop off and collection of your children.

Thank you.

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**CHILDREN’S BOOKS WANTED**

Please donate any unwanted children’s story books to K-2 staffroom. Thank you.
**SPORTS NEWS**

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Tomorrow’s carnival is just one sleep away!

For the 100m swimmers who are walking to the pool with Mr Stevenson and Mrs Williams they will need to be at school by 8.25am ready to leave by 8:30am.

For parents who are dropping their children at the pool for the 100m ONLY, your child will need to be at the Knox pool by 8.45am.

All other children will walk with their teachers to the pool once the class rolls have been marked.

Thank you to all the parents who have offered to assist in either timekeeping or catering. Your help is very much appreciated.

**HORNSBY ZONE PSSA SUMMER COMPETITION**

Due to councils changing over the grounds a little earlier this season, the Hornsby PSSA summer competition will begin a week earlier than first planned. Students who have been selected into the cricket, t/ball, softball and league tag teams are being given notes in readiness to start this Friday. Please note that this cost is not invoiced. All games will be played in the morning with the buses leaving by 9.00am and returning by recess.

Girls selected into the t/ball and softball teams are asked to have shin guards and a mouth guard is recommended.

Sue Jurkschat

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Swimming Carnival: Wednesday 10th February.

We will be operating a “pop-up” canteen at tomorrow’s carnival and will be selling drinks, snacks and treats.

Lunch can be ordered on Flexischools for this day, **SUSHI ONLY**. Children will be asked to collect their sushi from us outside the pool complex.

Due to the swimming carnival, the K-2 Canteen will be closed, therefore, please don’t order recess or lunch for your infants child/ren.

Please turn to Page 7 of this newsletter, which explains all there is to know about volunteering in the Canteen.

Please visit the Primary-side canteen window if you have any questions regarding our Cafe.

Kirrily, Jan & Melinda

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

The shop will also be open on Tuesday 16th February, 2016 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!

**Discounted Items**

Get a bargain and be ready for next winter. Dance Pants, Track suit pants, (Straight Leg and Double Knee), and Raincoats are still discounted, they are now all $10.00. So hurry and get your discounted items before stock runs out.

Regards,

Senika Wilkinson

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2016 Carnival Dates:

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

Our Uniform Shop is proudly managed by Warrawee Public School P&C Association
Dear Parents & Carers,

School Opal cards for students who had a travel pass in 2015, and are eligible for travel in 2016 under the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), should arrive at schools from 1st February 2016.

However, certain eligible students will need to apply for a School Opal card, these are:
- students changing schools
- students updating personal details
- students going from Year 2 to Year 3
- new applicants or students who have not yet applied

Parents or carers of these eligible students who have already submitted an online application will have their School Opal cards posted to their home address in the first two weeks of Term 1, 2016. Parents or carers of these eligible students who have not applied should apply online at

www.transportnsw.info/school-students

Parents or carers can contact 131 500 or concessions@transport.nsw.gov.au for more information or if their cards don’t arrive within the first 2 weeks.

**MERIT CERTIFICATES - “BIG REDS”**

Congratulations to the following students who have received a Merit Certificate

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**MULTILIT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Are you able to spare 30 to 60 minutes each week to help students improve their reading?

We are currently looking for new tutors for our Multilit Reading Tutor Program. A short training session, run by Mrs Rawnsley, will ensure you are able to confidently begin working with the students. There are also a number of very experienced Multilit tutors who are always on hand to offer help and advice.

If you think you would like to be part of this program please complete the form below & either return it to your child’s teacher or email it to Mrs Rawnsley (cathy.rawnsley@det.nsw.edu.au) by Wednesday 17th February.

- [ ] YES, I would like to assist with our Multilit Reading Tutor Program.
- Please tick what morning you would like to help.
  - [ ] Monday
  - [ ] Tuesday
  - [ ] Wednesday
  - [ ] Thursday
  - [ ] Friday
  - [ ] Any day

Name: _____________________________  Child’s class: _____________________________

Phone: _____________________________

Time of day preferred _____________________________ am/pm
PHOTO DAY: Tuesday 1st March 2016

All class, individual, sibling, Band & special (choir, captains & dance, etc) photos will take place on Tuesday 1st March 2016. On this day students must wear full summer school uniform and polished black shoes. Girls with long hair are to have it tied neatly, preferably with a red ribbon. Band students will need to bring their instrument and line up on the 3-6 side of the school at 8:30am.

All students will receive an envelope, which parents will need to complete and return to the class teacher by or on photo day. Each student is to have his or her own envelope. Please read the envelope for details on payment methods.

If you would like a sibling photo taken, a separate envelope is needed. The sibling photo envelopes will be available in the infants and primary office. This envelope will also need to be at school on the day of the photos or before. If students do not return photo envelopes they will still have their photos taken but will not receive a copy. Photos normally arrive back at school within four weeks of being taken.

The Special Photos will be put on display in the 3-6 Canteen area and orders will be taken.

All Sport Photos will take place in Term 2 on Wednesday 22nd June. More information about these photos will be provided closer to the date.

Many thanks

Miss K Ferguson
Photo Co-ordinator

LIBRARY NEWS

This week I have had most classes come to the Library for their lesson. It was great to see so many of the children keen to borrow.

Children in K-2 must have a Library bag to borrow books so please help them remember their bag on Library day. Each week children in K-2 have a 40 minute Library lesson. Children in Years 3-6 have an 80 minute lesson each fortnight. The Library timetable is as follows:

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There are a number of children who still have books overdue from last year. Notes are being sent home this week so please check your child’s bag. All overdue books need to be returned to Library as soon as possible.

Happy Reading
Mrs O’Donnell

ETHICS CLASSES

Dear Parents and Carers,
We are happy to announce that Ethics classes will shortly begin again at Warrawee for all years K-6 as an alternative to non-scripture. Such is the popularity of ethics classes that we are typically over-subscribed and, unfortunately, we cannot guarantee a place in our classes for all students who attend non-scripture. We would, however, love to be able to accommodate all students, but to do that we need extra volunteer teachers.

So, if you think you would like to join with our current volunteers - Paul, Minh, Simon and Mark - and assist in taking on an Ethics class for half an hour on a Wednesday morning then please do not hesitate to get in touch. Primary Ethics provide full training and ongoing support for volunteer teachers. To find out more about Primary Ethics and becoming an Ethics Teacher, please go to www.primaryethics.com.au

It has been my privilege to coordinate Ethics at Warrawee since 2013, however, it is time for me to move on. That said, I'm very pleased to announce that local parent Maya Moon has kindly agreed to take over the role. If you have any inquiries Maya can be reached at: maya.serros.moon@gmail.com

Best Wishes,

Charles Cranfield
Outgoing Volunteer Ethics Coordinator
Welcome to 2016 Party

Friday February 26th | 6.30pm

Simply turn up on the day with your BYO picnic

Or why not...

Pre order a sausage sizzle, drink & sweet treat combo for only $5 per person
(Sweet treat - Icy Pole for the kids and cake for the adults)

Order your dinner combo online at: www.trybooking.com/JWMH

All sausage sizzle orders must be placed by Monday 22nd February

Where: School playground area on the infants side

All Warragoe teachers, families K-6 and siblings welcome!!
Have some dinner, catch up on the lawn, meet new parents and let the kids play!!

This is not a fundraising event - It's just for FUN!
Alcohol free
SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR 2016

The P&C would like to advise that the funds attained through voluntary P&C fee contributions this year will be the primary source of income to purchase classroom resources for our children. Your support by way of payment of these voluntary contributions will enable the P&C events and functions for 2016 to be more community and social in their focus, with fundraising being secondary.

The Warrawee Social and Fundraising Team (WSFT) has sought feedback from the parent community and it has been determined that for 2016 we will return to the model of each Year Group being allocated a specific social or fundraising event to arrange.

Please consider getting involved. Each Year Group will have the central support of the WSFT. You do not have to “reinvent the wheel”, extensive planning documentation from previous years is available. You will also notice several events have been “toned down”, making them less onerous on parent volunteers.

If you wish to be involved in your children’s school, meet and make friends with other parents and generally have some fun, please come along to our next P&C Meeting on Monday 22nd February at 7pm in the school Library; or discuss with your Class Parent or email President.warraweepandc@gmail.com

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VOLUNTEERING IN OUR CANTEEN,
THE “WARRAWEE CAFE” ...

DID YOU KNOW...

You only need to give 1 hour and 15 minutes of your time. We are very fortunate to have paid P&C employees who manage the canteen which means instead of being on canteen for an entire school day like many other schools you only need to come from 12.15 till 1.30pm.

Your help means that our paid staff can focus on preparation for the next day, stock ordering etc whilst you serve and help the children. No food preparation required on your behalf.

Your help also means that our canteen can operate on both the infants and primary sides of the school. Even with paid staff, if we do not have volunteers our dual site makes it difficult to ensure both canteen windows can be open for the children.

You can volunteer in just 3 easy steps:

1) Click this link to see our Sign-Up on VolunteerSpot: [http://vols.pt/Cxducx](http://vols.pt/Cxducx)

2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.

3) Sign up! It’s Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on VolunteerSpot.

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

It is really rewarding to see your child so happy that their Mum/Dad/Grandma/Grandad has come to help on canteen.

You can volunteer for any day of the week. We do note that Thursday and Friday are our busiest days and so if those days suit you please log on and sign up!

Many Thanks for your support in helping the P&C Association provide a fantastic, healthy canteen for your children.
Textbooks for 2016

14th December 2015

Dear Parents,

Textbooks for student use are sold directly to you by L.J. Harper Booksellers. These books are a necessary part of the teaching/learning program for all students. Under copyright laws these books cannot be photocopied or reproduced.

Textbooks for next year can only be ordered and purchased online, starting Monday next week. These will be sent to the school on the 12th February 2016. All orders must be placed online by 10th February 2016.

Please follow the instructions below to purchase your child’s books for next year.

How to Order Online

1. Go to www.liharper.com.au
2. In the Left Hand Menu select Booklist Schools.
3. Choose your School’s Name from the list of schools.
4. Click Add to Cart on the Pack for the Grades you wish to purchase.
5. You will be taken to the Pack description. Enter your Child’s Name in the Text Box at the bottom of the product description, choose the quantity you would like to order and click “Add to Cart”. You can complete these steps again for any additional packs you wish to purchase.
6. Once you have selected all of the packs you require, in the Right Hand Menu click the Checkout button.
7. Login using your existing account details or Register a New Account.
8. Complete the Billing Information section and click Continue. All booklist orders will be shipped to the school regardless of the shipping address you enter.
9. In the Shipping Method section, select Student Booklist ONLY and click Continue.
10. Enter your payment details for Credit Card Payment (Visa / Mastercard).
11. Review your order and Continue

***You have now completed your order and should receive a receipt to the email address you entered in your registration.

Thank you

Tracey Darby (Assistant Principal)
Hornsby Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS)

Parenting Anxious Children
SEMINAR FOR PARENTS - TERM 1, 2016

A seminar for parents of children aged 4-10 yrs discussing:

The nature of anxiety and the different ways it may present in children, risk factors and potential implications for parents and children, as well as identification of practical strategies & resources to assist.

Thursday
10 March
Time:
10am-12pm

- The seminar will be facilitated by CYMHS staff (which includes Psychologists, Social Workers & family therapists).
- The seminar will be run at Hillview Community Health Centre 1334 Pacific Highway Turramurra. Entry via Boyd Ave. Please allow enough time for parking and arrive 10 minutes before the registered start time.
- Unfortunately, we cannot provide childcare facilities and are unable to have infants/children attend with their parents.
- The seminar is available to families who live in the Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai local government area.
- The cost of the seminar is $10 but there will be no charge for concession card holders.
- Registration is essential as groups fill quickly.
- To confirm your place please call CYMHS on 9485 6155.
- Participants will be asked to complete feedback forms.
- The service reserves the right to postpone or cancel seminars in the case of insufficient registrations.