Term 1: Week 7, March 8th, 2016

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week’s photographic session with The School Photographer went really well and the children looked fabulous in their summer uniforms. The photographer came and spoke to me at the end of the day about how sensible and well-mannered the children were throughout the day, which is always lovely to hear. Home and school working together to develop those attitudes of respect, responsibility and personal best appears to be making a big impact. Thank you.

Just a reminder that on Friday we will be welcoming Mr Alistair Henskens to our Year 3-6 assembly where he will present our Year 6 students with their leadership badges. Year 6 parents are welcome to join us in the hall at 11:30am if you are available.

Tomorrow approximately 34 of our Warrawee students will be representing our school at the Zone Carnival which is being held at West Pymble Pool. Being successful in making it through to zone level is a wonderful achievement and our representatives are to be congratulated for making it this far. Great work everyone and good luck tomorrow!

From May 10-13, students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the 2016 NAPLAN tests. On the 10th they will sit the Language Conventions and Writing tests, 11th the Reading test, 12th Numeracy and the 13th is the catch up day for students that may have missed a test due to illness. These tests provide us with a snapshot of your child’s achievements and are one of many assessment tools we use at school to monitor student learning and progress.

Increasingly more and more students are bringing their mobile phones to school and the teachers are concerned about how these devices are being used. We are asking that when the children go into the classrooms in the morning that they place the phones in a class bag which will then be taken to the office for safe keeping throughout the day and returned before 2:55pm. If you need to contact your child throughout the day please call the school and a message will be passed on. The teachers are finding that the phones are causing a distraction and this will ensure that the students can fully concentrate on their work.

On Thursday 24 March at 1:45pm the K-2 children will be holding their annual Easter Hat Parade. Parents are warmly invited to attend this event which is always a favourite with the adults and children alike.

Last week we farewelled Mrs Natalie Hirst as she left to prepare for the arrival of her baby. We all wish Natalie the very best at this exciting time and look forward to hearing her baby news in the near future. We welcome Ms Debbie Marks to the staff team and hope that she enjoys her time at Warrawee as she works with the students in 2-5H.

All our Year 1 & 2 classes enjoyed a beautiful day today, away from school at Taronga Zoo. I am sure that they are having wonderful time learning more about animals and their habitats as they spend time in one of the most beautiful zoos in the world. No doubt there will be many very tired children and teachers this evening. Thank you to the many parents that volunteered to help with supervision on this excursion. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to Mr Cohen a former parent for donating several metres of pavers to our school. These will be used to create a level path to link our kindergarten rooms. Currently everyone uses a well-worn dirt track and the creation of this new path will improve access for everyone, particularly in wet weather. Thank you Mr Cohen.

Have a wonderful week,
Kind regards,

Carrie Robertson

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MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Parents & Carers,

Please deposit all school monies in the School Fees and Payments box located in both the Infants and Primary offices each morning by 9:30am.

Please ensure that all monies are delivered securely in a sealed envelope, labelled with your child’s name and class.

Thank you.
SPORTS NEWS

HORNSBY ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
We wish all our Warrawee PS zone swimmers all the very best for their swims in tomorrow's carnival at West Pymble Pool. Please ensure that all swimmers have hats, have sunscreen and that they stay hydrated. I have handed out notes to all swimmers advising them of transport arrangements. I have also handed each swimmer their entry card. On arrival at the pool swimmers will see the school banners. Please meet the managers and myself in this area. Best wishes to all.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Javier S and Gustavo N who have been selected to trial for the Hornsby Zone PSSA team against Kuring-gai today. Well done to Donovan B and Anthony B who also trialled in what was a very good group of participants.

CONGRATULATIONS
Further congratulations must be extended to Felicity S for actually breaking 5 school records at the school swimming carnival adding the 12yrs backstroke and beating a time set in 1994! Fabulous work Felicity!

HORNSBY ZONE PSSA SUMMER COMPETITION
Last Friday the children in cricket, t/ball and softball played Hornsby South PS whilst the league tag players played Cowan PS and Turramurra PS 2 with the following results:

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This week’s matches: t/ball, softball and cricket games will be played against Berowra PS at Warrina St and Berowra Oval. Cricket is the first named venue. This is our last game for the first part of the summer PSSA competition. The winter competition begins on Friday 1st April, 2016.

Sue Jurkschat

WARRAWEE CAFÉ

“Easter Morning Tea Special”
Canteen is offering a morning tea for Easter: Thursday 24th March.

Hot cross bun and Easter egg combo - $2.00
A choice of either traditional or choc-chip buns.

Please place you orders on Flexischools. All orders need to be in by Tuesday 22nd March.

Infants orders will be delivered as per normal recess orders. Primary children can collect their order from the canteen, as per usual.

Kirrily, Jan & Melinda

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

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, 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.

Dr Shoe
Dr Shoe will be visiting us on Thursday 24th March, 2016. You will be able to find him on the Infants side under the COLA, from 2.45 – 3.30pm.

Regards,

Senika Wilkinson

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MINILIT INFORMATION SESSION

At Warrawee we are fortunate to have two highly effective reading intervention programs, MiniLit (for late Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students) and the MultiLit Reading Tutor program (for Year 2 students and above). These programs were developed specifically to support students who are having difficulty with their reading. Mrs Rawnsley, our Learning & Support Teacher, will be running an information session on the MiniLit reading program (targeted at late Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students) in week 9.

When: Wednesday 23rd March
Time: 2:15pm – 2:55pm
Where: Learning Support classroom (Opposite 1C Classroom)

If you’re interested in learning about this program or alternatively would like to learn more about our MultiLit Reading Tutor program please complete the slip below and return it to your class teacher.

Minilit/MultiLit Information Session

☐ YES, I would like to attend the MiniLit information session on Wednesday 23rd March.

☐ I am interested in attending an information session on the MultiLit Reading Tutor program and could attend on a Monday or Wednesday afternoon from 2:15pm-2:55pm. (Please circle what day would suit you best)

Name: ________________________________

P&C UPDATE

Thank you to all those families who have generously paid their P&C voluntary contributions already this year. We do really appreciate all those who have supported the school through this payment as this money goes to purchasing items that directly benefit our children. To date we have received almost $20,000.

This year our focus is on classroom resources and at the next general meeting we will be voting on spending the first sum of voluntary contributions. We will be voting on items submitted by teachers on their “Wish Lists” and as a paid member of the P&C you can be involved...

Did you know that not only does your voluntary contribution go towards resources for your child but also provides you with insurance if your child was to be injured at a school event. The P&C holds Student Injury Insurance that allows coverage on accidents and injuries sustained on school site during a normal school day or during excursions, camps, school sporting events and any school function. This insurance is only for families that have paid their voluntary contribution, as it is included in the cost.

It’s not too late to pay your P&C contribution and please feel free to contact me if you need another copy of your invoice.

SAVE THE DATE: AGM Monday, 21st March 2016, at 7pm, in the School Library

Later this month is our Annual General Meeting. We look forward to seeing you there and would love you to be involved in any of our P&C based events.

Thanks,

Sam Williamson
President, Warrawee Public School P&C

President.warraweepandc@gmail.com

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LIBRARY NEWS

The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) for 2016 starts this week.

All children in K-2 will be completing the PRC during library lessons where I will be reading them the books from the list.

Children in Years 3-6 who would like to complete the challenge need to read 20 books. The books they read can be entered onto the PRC website through our school portal. During library lessons children will be shown how to access the PRC website and how to record the books they have read.

If you would like any more information on the PRC, please see me or view the website:
https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

Happy reading!

Mrs O’Donnell

YOUNG LEADERS DAY

Recently our School Prefects were amongst 6,000 students who attended The National Young Leaders Day at Allphones Arena at Sydney Olympic Park. The National Young Leaders Day is an annual event founded to develop strong leadership values amongst young Australians. Our prefects enjoyed a day of keynote talks (including ‘Young Australian of the Year’ Drisana Levitzke-Gray and Alex Malley the Chief Executive Officer of CPA Australia) multimedia presentations and interactive learning.

Here are some photos of our young leaders.

Back row (L-R): Mia J, Lachlan K & Donovan B
Front row (L-R): Emily D, Charlie L, Olivia A, Samuel B & Ryan B