



WARRINGA PARK SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

Saturday 7th February will never be forgotten. The bushfires that ravished the state and caused so much devastation to properties and resulted in many families losing their loved ones, is a tragedy and our heart goes out to all those affected by these fires. I am sure you will join with me and the school community in hoping that these fires are soon out and there is no more loss of life and property. I have attached a letter from the Minister of Education, Bronwyn Pyke, for your information and a very important letter for parents and carers whose students who are eligible to sit NAPLAN assessments. Please read this NAPLAN letter carefully and let Jo Sadler know if you wish your child to sit this assessment.

My advice to parents and carers is that our students do not sit this assessment as for many it will cause a great deal of stress and anxiety. I am bound to send this letter out as all parents and carers have the right to make the decision whether their child sits this assessment.

Cheers

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School Council Elections - Last Friday you will have received information about the School Council elections. Nominations are now open and will close on Friday 13th February at 4:00pm. Nomination forms can be obtained from the office.

Meet the Teacher – Thursday 12th February, 7pm / Sausage sizzle, 6pm,

Parents are reminded that RSVP's need to be returned by tomorrow. There will be a sausage sizzle at 6pm and then Meet the Teacher at 7pm. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and to be involved in your child's education.

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) forms need to be filled in at the school office by 27th February 2009. **No applications will be accepted after this date.** If you have a Pension or Health Care Card, you may qualify for this allowance. Please bring your Health Care Card with you as it is required to lodge the application.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Meet the Teacher	Thurs 12 th Feb 7pm
Volunteer's Induction	Fri 13 th Feb 9am
Nominations for School Council Close	Fri 13 th Feb 4pm
EMA applications close	Fri 27 th Feb

2009 TERM DATES

TERM 1	MON 2 FEB – FRI 3 APR
TERM 2	MON 20 APR – FRI 26 JUN
TERM 3	MON 13 JUL – FRI 18 SEP
TERM 4	MON 5 OCT – FRI 18 DEC

Conveyance Allowance is available to parents whose children do not access the bus service at all. To apply, please collect a form at the office and lodge it ASAP.

Bereavement

We had some very sad news this week that a past student, Matilda Carlick, passed away. In her short life, Matilda touched the lives of many people, including our staff. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.



VOLUNTEERS

If you wish to volunteer at school this year, you will need to attend a volunteer's induction session.

The first session this year will be on this Friday at 9:00am till 10:00am. Please let Abi Fraser know if you can attend. If you are interested in volunteering, but cannot attend, there will be other sessions throughout the year.

Prep Parent Group – a reminder this group will be meeting this Thursday at 9am. Hope to see you there.

Parents Resource Group – This group normally meets every Wednesday afternoon to make resources for the numeracy and literacy programs for students. It is a good volunteering experience, where parents can get together and have a cuppa and a chat whilst helping our school.

Due to the Volunteering Induction this Friday, this group will not meet until next **Wednesday 18th February from 1:30 till 3:00pm**

Fundraising Committee – this year Warringa Park will have a fundraising committee made up of parents. This committee will meet once a month to decide upon fundraising opportunities for our school. The aim is to hold one fundraising activity every term. As it is only one and a half hours every month, it would be great to see many of our parents make the effort. We are hoping that the committee will grow sufficiently in numbers to transform into a P & F association. More information to follow about the first meeting date.



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Dear Parents/Guardians

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be undertaken by all Australian year 3, 5, 7 and 9 grade students on the 12th, 13th and 14th of May, 2009.

The students at Warringa are not allocated specific grades but the table below gives the age equivalent details.

Age Equivalent year level details	
1/5/2000 – 30/4/2001	Year 3
1/5/1998 – 30/4/1999	Year 5
1/5/1996 – 30/4/1997	Year 7
1/5/1994 – 30/5/1995	Year 9

Students are tested in writing (a narrative task), Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation), Reading and Numeracy.

This testing is open to, but not compulsory for, students in Special Schools.

Special education students, like those at Warringa, who are not in a specific year, will be assessed with mainstream students of the same age.

The majority of students at Warringa will not participate in the National Assessment Program but if you would like your child to sit these assessments could you please contact the Assistant Principal, Joanne Sadler, to discuss this.