

Warringa Park School Newsletter

Friday 20th November 2009



Principal's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is very surprising that there are only four weeks to go till the end of term. This term seems to have disappeared very quickly. I would like to inform parents that the finishing time at Warringa Park on Friday 18th December will be 1:30 pm. This means that students will arrive home on the bus 1 and a half hours earlier than usual. If you are unsure of the drop off time, please talk to your bus driver. Also, those parents picking up children please ensure you are here by 1:30pm on this day.

I would like to remind parents and carers that next year in 2010, school uniform will be compulsory. There are currently several students continually out of uniform. Please start preparing your child to wear their uniform every day. There will be little tolerance for students out of uniform next year. If your child does not have the school uniform, please see Abi Fraser for assistance. Uniforms will need to be ordered this year, so they can be delivered before the start of the 2010 school year.

It is my pleasure to announce that work has started on the horticultural area at the rear of the school. This will be a fantastic opportunity for students to learn about growing fresh vegetables and gardening. It will also improve our hospitality and cooking programs as students will learn about food from garden to plate.

It was great to see the new parents attend our information evening on Wednesday. New parents to Warringa in 2010 and VCAL parents came to hear what Warringa has to offer their child next year. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome these new parents to Warringa Park and I hope to see you involved in our school next year. We have many opportunities for volunteers - reading, resource making, fundraising and also our School Council will have two places available in February 2010.

I would also like to remind parents about the upcoming Christmas Concerts. Every student will participate in these concerts and it is always a treat for parents, carers and relatives to see our students perform. Section 1 will have their concert on 9th December at 11 am and Sections 2 and 3 will have a combined concert on December 8th at 11am. I look forward to seeing not only the students, but also their families coming to these concerts where possible.

This week I received a letter from the parents of a student at our school. I was so touched by the praise for our staff and school in this letter, which I would like to share some of it with the school community. "The entire school is beautifully staffed and crafted by interesting and gifted individuals who come together for the single purpose of bring out the best in each child."

Have a great weekend,
Colin
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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Parent Information afternoon - Later /senior school 1:00pm (following section 3 concert) Tues 8th Dec
- ◆ Section 2 and 3 Christmas Concert - 8th December 11am
- ◆ Section 1 Christmas Concert - 9th December 11am
- ◆ Christmas Stall - 8th and 9th December
- ◆ Graduation and Senior School Presentation Night Monday 14th Dec. 7:00pm Hall.
- ◆ Final day of 2009 - 18th December, 1:30pm

2010 TERM DATES

- ◆ TERM 4 MON 5 OCT – FRI 18 DEC (2009)
- ◆ TERM 1 MON 1 FEB – FRI 26 MAR (2010)
- ◆ TERM 2 MON 12 APR – FRI 25 JUN
- ◆ TERM 3 MON 12 JUL – FRI 17 SEPT
- ◆ TERM 4 MON 4 OCT – FRI 17 DEC

In focus this week - Daryl, our crossing supervisor

Warringa Park School has been lobbying for a number of years, for a crossing supervisor for the crossing in Warringa Crescent. Many of you expressed your concern over the safety of parents/carers and students using this unsupervised crossing. For some time now, we have been fortunate enough to have Daryl, our crossing supervisor. Daryl has been working as a supervisor for 2 and a half years, loves the kids and wants to teach them to be safe. Unfortunately, we have a number of parents and carers and staff who cross Warringa Crescent without using this supervised crossing. We need to teach the students the safest way to cross a road. This means that EVERYONE must use this crossing. If you are parking further up the road, please resist the urge to cross the road in front of the school. Take the few minutes to walk down to the crossing. You will be setting a good example for our students and showing them how to stay safe. The procedure is to stop at the curb and wait for Daryl to blow his whistle twice. This indicates it is safe to cross the road. If Daryl blows his whistle only once, please STOP. Please cross the road with your child. Do not let them run

ahead or follow behind. It is so important that we teach our children the safest way to cross the road.



Assistant Principal's Report

At Warringa Park School we take being a sunsmart school very seriously and we are working hard with our students to ensure that when they are outside in terms 1 and 4 they wear a hat. Whenever UV levels reach 3 and above sun protection is needed because that is when the sun can damage skin and eyes and lead to skin cancer. In Victoria average UV levels are 3 and above from the beginning of September through to the end of April. In our school we are teaching students to 'slip' on clothing that covers as much skin as possible, 'slop' on sunscreen, 'slap' on a hat, 'seek' shade and 'slide' on sunglasses if practical. It is important to have the right kind of hat. The hat which we recommend is part of our school uniform and available to be purchased from the school. It is a bucket style hat which has a deep crown with an angled brim of at least 6 cm and sits low on the head. Broad brimmed and bucket hats provide the best sun protection for the face, head, ears and neck. Baseball caps do not protect the face, head, ears and neck. Because we are concerned to keep our students safe we have instituted a 'No hat, No play' rule. The school is asking for your assistance in this matter. Please make sure your child has a hat and they wear them to and from school.



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Awards

Section 1

Group 2 – Jay and Madaison, literacy awards
 Group 7 - Joe Nguyen for listening well to instructions and Sabri Lazarus for being more organised when arriving at school
 Group 15 - Penny Meadows received a writing award.

Section 2

Group 11 - Dale, Luke, Danny, Tom and Brodie
 Group 12 - Kyal and Darcy
 Group 13 - Kaleb
 Group 24 - George, Elijah and Justin
 Group 25 - Luke Mastin
 Group 26 - Anthony Hudson
 Group 28 - Natalie Williams

Pink Rule Winners

Last Week - Congratulations to our 3 winners and well done to all the students who received raffle tickets for using the Pink Rule during recess and lunch breaks. Keep up the good work.

Most ticket winners

Section 1 Daniel B
 Section 2 Christos & Corey S
 Section 3 Kristy



INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Lawn Bowls Report

Congratulations to the nine students who made up the Warringa Park Lawn Bowls team that competed in the annual Access for all Abilities Lawn Bowls tournament held at the Sunshine Bowls club on Wednesday. The boys had been training for a number of weeks and came third on the day. Everyone had a fantastic day and to celebrate all competitors received a hat, medal and show bag. For a number of our students it was their first medal and they were incredibly excited and proud.

We must congratulate and thank the Werribee Bowls club, particularly our coach Brett who was fantastic with our students and Nicole from the local YMCA club who helped to facilitate the program.

We can't wait for the tournament in 2010!



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How did Victorian families manage home quarantine when schools were closed during the 2009 swine flu outbreak?



The school has posted letters to parents who were placed in home quarantine from The University of Melbourne asking these parents to participate in a survey which is seeking to help improve the government's response to future outbreaks.

If you have received a letter

. . . asking you to participate in this research study, we are seeking your help by completing an on-line survey or calling the research team on the number provided in the letter.

Confidentiality

All questionnaire responses will be anonymous, researchers will not be able to identify you and schools will not have access to any individual survey responses.

The school will receive a \$20 donation

. . . for each completed survey to buy educational resources. . . .

If you received a letter, please consider taking the time to complete this survey.

Short bits of News

Warringa Park now has EFTPOS facilities available for parents and carers. **The minimum purchase is \$10 and there will be no cash out.** We will accept credit and debit cards and you can also use your credit card over the phone to make a payment.

The Good Guys at Hoppers Crossing have generously donated a bar fridge to the Warringa Park School fundraising committee. We are asking for all families to please send in any non perishable items for a hamper. Next week attached to your newsletter, will be raffle tickets. The prize will be the bar fridge (still in box with warranty), some vouchers and bottles for the fridge as well as a food hamper for Christmas. Tickets will be \$2 and all proceeds go towards student resources (books and learning materials)

The Junior school sports and activity day has been rescheduled to Thursday 10th December. There will be more details to follow.



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The school uniform shop will be open every **Wednesday 9:30-10:30 am**. Order forms can be sourced from the school office, through your child's communication book or on the school website.

A big thank you to all of the parents and carers who have sent in items to sell at the Christmas Stall. Your contribution is most appreciated.

The stall will be held on 8th and 9th December, so don't forget to send your child with some pocket money so they can shop.

Assembly has changed days for section 1 and 2!

Section 1 is now on Fridays at 2:15 pm

Section 2 is now on Fridays at 1:30 pm

If your child comes home with items of clothing that belong to someone else, please return it to school.

If your child is missing a part of uniform, please let your class teacher know so that it can be followed up.

Please help the fundraising committee and send in any non perishable items for a Christmas Hamper.

The ladies speech resource club will be on next Friday at 1:30pm. If you would like to assist your child's school and have a gossip at the same time, come along to the club on Fridays. The ladies cut and laminate visual resources for the students. The last day for this club in 2009 will be 11th December. If you would like more information, please phone Beth Twentyman on 9749 5774.