



WARRINGA PARK SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

To my amazement it is the 6th week of the school year! Time has flown and a lot of things have happened at WPS. The new school signs have been erected and we have a new welcome sign in the reception area of the school and I am investigating a similar signage for the brick wall at the front of the school with students photos taking up most of the wall and a school motto that we need to decide upon that exemplifies what we want our students to be. I will start off this by proposing "be your best", but I am very interested in what you believe our school motto should be and will be delighted to get your feedback on this. Our motto is something that should be understood by our students.

Clean up Warringa Day was a highly successful day with lots of rubbish being removed from our school. I would like to thank the staff and the students who assisted in this clean up.

The Annual Report – Marie Hayes is in the process of drafting this annual report, which she will present to School Council on Wednesday 11th March. This report highlights the achievements and areas where we need to improve. The most significant results in 2008 were the strong growth in learning, in literacy and numeracy. There was almost a 50 per cent improvement in students reaching their target of good progress in these areas. In 2009 we are aiming for all students to achieve an improved learning outcome in these areas with the school target being that 100 per cent of our students will make progress. The Annual Report, when finalised, will be made available to parents and carers on the school website.

The school website – The school website has been under construction since the start of the school year and you will be able to visit this site by the end of term and learn more about our school.

Warringa Park School crossing – School Council went to a great deal of trouble in organising the appointment of a crossing supervisor of our school. I encourage all parents and carers to use this crossing when bringing your child to school as it is important that we model to our students that it is only safe to cross at designated crossings that have been established.

Colin Schot
Principal



Awards - Group 6 award for reading the Golden Words awarded to Alton.

DATES TO REMEMBER

School Council Meeting	Wed 11 th Mar
Sensory Evening	Thurs 12 th Mar
Junior Sports Day	Tues 17 th Mar
School Photos	Mon 30 th Mar
End of Term	Fri 3 rd Apr

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

Assistant Principal's Report

Term 1 seems to be flying by and it is great to see the students and staff new to the school this year fitting in and making friends at Warringa.

This term we will begin a new drumming group and the students involved will perform at a whole school assembly later in the year. Last year's drumming group was a wonderful success and our students performed on many occasions in public forums. The drumming program is basically a social skills program and we use the medium of drumming to introduce ideas of working well with others and team building. After the first session the students involved can choose to continue or leave the group. If they choose to continue with the program they commit to working together to deliver a performance at the end of about ten weeks. This involves listening to others, encouraging them and also relying on everyone in the group to play their part.

It is wonderful to have Therese, our primary welfare officer, back at School for 3 days a week. Therese works with many of our students and also with our families linking them into community support agencies. This term Therese is working with individual students and also running the jigsaw group program.

Warringa Park School is this year undertaking a pilot with Western Metropolitan Region on **Positive Behaviour in Schools**. There are 3 schools in the Wyndham area undertaking the pilot – Warringa is the only special school and we are very excited to be working with Werribee Primary. It is a three year long pilot that aims to enhance the capacity of schools to educate all students, especially students with challenging social behaviours, by establishing an effective systemic whole school support of systems and practices. We will keep parents informed of developments with this program.

Once again
Regards
Jo and Marie

Volunteer Resource Group will meet this Wednesday 11th March 1.30 – 2.30pm in the Parent and Volunteer's Common Room.

The Fundraising Committee will meet next Wednesday 18th March 1.30 – 2.30pm in the common room.

Junior Sports day - Tuesday 17th March Time - 11.45am - 12.45pm The School Hall.
The theme for this sports day is St Patrick's Day. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Canteen will be open this Friday. The special deal is a Chicken Nugget Roll with lettuce and mayo, choice of water or strawberry, chocolate milk – all for \$5.00. Regular items also available.