

Warringa Park School Newsletter

Monday 13th July 2009



Principal's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome back all the students and staff and I hope you all had a fantastic holiday. The vacation period is an important time to enjoy the things that you like to do and a special time with family members. I hope you enjoyed your rest and the vacation and I look forward to working with you over this next term to produce great results for you and your family.

Over the holiday vacation we had lots of work done at Warringa Park. There were carpets steam cleaned and importantly work has begun on shading and resurfacing of the outdoor junior learning areas. When this work is completed in the near future, these areas will be transformed markedly as it will enable our students to engage in play and learning in these areas where they have not been able to do so because of the unsuitability of the surface.

Work has also begun on our 21st Library and Learning Neighbourhood facility and the Mod 5 and the Mod 2 have been removed from site and this site is now being prepared to undertake the initial stages of work required to build this wonderful facility for our students. We are hoping that this work will be completed by the end of term 2, if not before hand. Warringa Park will be one of the first sites to commence work because of its relatively easy access and clean site to enable work to be commenced. All students and staff will be safe as this site will be completely fenced off and all work entering the site will enter via the side street of the school. This will be an exciting project for the school and I am sure the students and parents who enter the school will take particular note of the progress of this particular building. I already know that there are classes in the school that are going to capture this development on camera and video and use it as a class project in their learning. I am sure that you will see many photos of the developments in forthcoming newsletters.

I would also like the opportunity to welcome the following new staff to our school. Suellen Moore, John Goulas and Leanne Rupene.



Imagine the
Possibilities...

The following teaching changes have occurred within the school at the start of this term:

Suellen Moore, teacher - Group 4

Leanne Rupene, teacher - Group 5

Nicole Macintosh, teacher - Group 13

John Goulas, teacher - Group 32

On Wednesday 24th June, it was my pleasure to attend the family evening for the Festival of Healthy Living, along with staff and some of our families. The students in attendance absolutely loved presenting their items and the parents enjoyed the show. The students were happy and engaged and certainly enjoying the arts and the work that they are doing within this particular project. My thanks to the Warringa Park staff, who assisted in the organisation of this evening. We look forward to a continued involvement in the Festival of Healthy Living.

Finally, to all the parents and students, I hope you have a great term and to the staff I look forward to working with you and supporting you in your work with students.

Cheers

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ School Council Meeting 15th July at 7 pm
- ◆ Festival of Healthy Living Performance 2nd Sept.

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

In focus this week - ESO's

I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the work of our Education Support officers and the Educational Trainees that are employed at Warringa Park School. I am just so impressed with the work and dedication of these people in supporting the students and the programs that are on offer at Warringa Park. They all work hard, their support for the teachers and students is just a credit to them and the school. When I look around the school and I see the various programs that have been run and supported by the Education Support staff, I am indeed amazed.

Café 11 is managed by Debra Barnes. The Library, the Parent Liaison, first aid, bus maintenance are all jobs that some of our education support officers undertake and do so with enthusiasm and certainly with responsibility. Our staff would not be able to do the job that they do, without the support of these wonderful people. Their willingness to go

beyond the call of duty is summed up in their organisation of the Christmas Children's party at the end of the year, which is entirely organised by the Education Support Staff. The futures expo is currently in planning and this has been organised and coordinated again by Anne Walsh, one of our ESO's, in conjunction with Wyndham City Council and our VCAL staff. So when you are visiting the school and you are seeing the Education Support staff working with your child or with a class or the specialist programs that are on offer within the school and supporting the allied health staff in their work please say, "Thank you, you are making a difference and we thank you for the work and commitment to our school".

Assistant Principals' Report

In my last article I outlined the four school rules that cover all of the behaviour expectations in the school and how you might set your own family rules for home. This term at Warringa we are implementing the first stages of our "Positive Behaviour in Schools" Program and we are concentrating as a starting point on the PINK RULE.

In surveys that we conducted re behaviour and behaviour expectations in the school staff identified that the yard was an area of concern. Part of this concerned resources and the new playground has gone a long way towards solving many of the issues we have in the yard. The further development of the big yard that is planned for the next twelve months will also provide students with more interactive areas during recess times.

PINK RULE

We speak nicely to each other.



This term we are focusing on the Pink Rule in the yard and actively teaching what this may look like and rewarding behaviours that are good examples.

So what might "We speak nicely to each other" look like in the yard or in the family home? It might be

as simple as saying "Hello"

Do you want to play?

Saying please and Thankyou (if this is what you expect in your home)

Tell someone a joke

Say something nice - I like your jumper, your hair looks good like that

We walk away from people teasing us

We tell a teacher/parent

We think before we speak

We do not swear

We do not call people names

We don't ignore people



"At home you can think of what this rule means for the members of your family"

At home you can think of what this rule means for the members of your family.

Jo Sadler

Did you know?

Fundraising Committee

Warringa Park School's Fundraising Committee is made up of a group of parents who coordinate one fundraising activity per term. From hot cross buns to mother's days stalls; money is raised for the school. Time involvement in this committee is small as they only meet once twice per term. We

currently have vacancies for more parents to be involved on this committee and we would love to see you come along. The next meeting is this Wednesday 15th July at 1:30-2:30pm.

If you have been thinking of getting involved at school, but are not sure how, this is a great way to meet new parents and to have some input.

So come along, don't be shy and be involved!

If you would like more information, please contact Abi Fraser, 9749 5774

Young Carers

A young carer is someone under the age of 25 who cares for someone with a disability and this care has an impact on either secondary schooling or vocational education. Are children in your family young carers?

There are some really good programs out there to help young carers. They can provide counselling, camps, movie tickets, outings or just someone to listen. Teenagers in particular find that they don't have to explain about their brother/sister

because other kids at these outings are having similar thoughts and feelings.

The Young Carers Program with Carers Victoria is a great program - Ph: 1800 059 059.

Also, Abercare run a sibling program that provides outings and camps for siblings of kids with a disability - Ph 9373 3800

These programs can not only help your other children to cope, but also take some of the pressure off you.



Awards

Group 25 - Luke Mastin, star of the week

Uniform Orders

- When parents and carers order uniforms for students and we do not have stock of that uniform, then it will typically take between 2 to 4 weeks to receive.
- Unless there is an urgent order, all orders will be processed on Wednesdays. If you order on a Monday, then your uniform will be sent home on the Wednesday.
- If there are any concerns regarding a uniform order, please contact Abi Fraser on 9749 5774 or through your child's communication book.

Got a Complaint? Here is what to do:

1. Make an appointment with your child's teacher.
2. If you are still not satisfied, talk to your section leader. Sally - Section 1, Liz - Section 2, Monica - Section 3.
3. Marie Hayes (Assistant Principal) if about curriculum (or bus), Jo Sadler (Assistant Principal) - if behaviour or welfare issue
4. Colin Schot - Principal
5. Western Region Office - if the matter is not resolved, then the issue can be raised with the Regional Office on 9291 6500



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

The Speech Pathology Department's Ladies Speech Pathology Resource Group is on again

This group meets weekly to make resources (i.e. communication books, social stories, symbols and classroom activities).

All female parents, carers, relatives and friends are welcome to come along.

We meet on **Fridays at the school from 1:30 until 2:30pm.**

New parents are always welcome.

There will be no canteen this week

A reminder to all parents and carers to name your child's clothing and put your child's name on anything they bring to school.

Car Detailing at Warringa Park

If you would like to book your car in please email Tanya. Please include your telephone number so we can confirm your booking.

When: Every Thursday during the term

Where: Warringa Park School

How Much: Only \$15
We wash both the inside and outside.

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Fundraising Committee will meet this Wednesday, 15th July at 1:30-2:30pm. Everyone welcome, please come along to be involved in your child's school.