

Warringa Park School Newsletter

Monday 15th June 2009



Principal's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it has been. First of all I would like to congratulate James Prestinenzi, who was invited to Mix 101.1 to present an advertisement for Weather Wiz Kid and the ad goes something like this,

"It's now time Mix 101.1 came to you as they take the Weather Wiz Kid to the streets.

Register your primary school now and Brig and Tom will send out the Puppy with a coffee cart and a truck full of goodies for the kids... and you could be on the radio live...

Head to mix1011.com.au for all the details."



Imagine the
Possibilities...

I am sure you will enjoy listening to James reading that advertisement for this Weather Wiz Kid Program and congratulations James; you are an absolute credit to yourself, your family and the school.

It is great to see all of the students back at Warringa Park School. Last week without them wasn't the same. Their smiling happy faces, their willingness to work and their absolute pleasure when they are engaged in their schooling and programs is an absolute credit to them. A school without kids is just not a place you would want to work in. Again, I would like to thank all parents and carers for their support in that difficult time when many of us were quarantined because of H1N1, Human Swine Flu. Let's hope that this is past us at Warringa Park School and we are now able to move on.

On June 10th, the School Council had its monthly meeting. The School Council has approved a minor works contract to Australian Sporting Services to undertake the work of laying synthi grass and shade sails for the junior outdoor learning areas. We hope that this work will commence during the July vacation break and I'll look forward to the transformation of these areas for our young students who will be able to enjoy these areas when the work has been completed. School Council also ratified a number of important policies to enable the school to operate effectively and approved an early dismissal on the final day of this term, 26th June 2009. I remind all parents and carers that the first day of term 3 is 13th July.

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Over the weekend, we commenced the drainage for the school oval. This drainage has been a concern for some time as when it rains all of the water seems to run off into one surface area and cause an absolute bog. I look forward to these works being completed and the students being able to enjoy this area without having to put up with water and mud on the playing oval.

I hope you have a wonderful week, enjoy what you do and I will wait for a whole week in anticipation to see if Collingwood will win their fourth game in a row. Go the Pies!

Colin
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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Swimming Carnival - Fri 19th June
- ◆ Last day of term 26th June
Early dismissal 2:30pm

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 - Speech Pathology

We thought we would report on some of the exciting things that have been happening in the Speech Pathology Department this year.

Communication and Language groups are up and running in the junior school and some of the middle school, we've been having lots of fun asking questions, telling stories and playing games that help students to communicate.

We have been able to provide resources and communication aids for incursions, excursions, classroom activities and parents at home.

We really need to thank all the ladies who come to help on Fridays for making this possible. As a result of all your hard work we have been able to provide so many communication resources to the school, as well as being a good laugh; we have really been able to assist lots of students, their parents and the teachers.

We've also been able to purchase lots of different resources to use during our sessions in classes and for teachers to borrow.

Through innovation of the leadership team, we are currently beginning work on a new pilot program.

This program is still in the early stages of development however it will be focused on Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC) and it will be a multidisciplinary team approach including allied health, welfare and teaching staff. Although only a few classes will be involved initially, in the future it will benefit a majority of the students.

Parents and carers are welcome to contact us anytime with any questions, queries or comments regarding their child's communication, language or eating.

All ladies are welcome to come along to the Friday session to help and have a chat from 1:30 to 2:30.

See you there!

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Announcement

Dy Bailey, one of our Occupational Therapists is leaving.

I want to tell you that I will be leaving Warringa Park School at the end of this term. I have really enjoyed working with all the students, parents and staff at Warringa. You are a great bunch. I have many fantastic memories of my six and a half years her.

Thank you
Dy Bailey



Awards 1/6/09

Section 2

- Group 11 - Danny for being a good reader
- Group 24 - Patrick for being a Helpful and thoughtful class member
- Group 25 - Joshua and Mason for Good Swimming
- Bronte - Star of the Week
- Group 28 - Brittany - 'Good thinking' award.

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Section 1

- Group 6 - Max for writing his own name and to Shira for copying words without any help.

Section 2

- Group 10 - Jamie, Corey and Chloe - Swimming Award
- Group 11 - Danny for drinking and eating at school
- Dale for sharing his favourite person, Ahmad for following direction and helping others
- Group 25 - Kyle - Star of the week, Mason, Joshua and Nathan - Swimming Award
- Group 28 - Brittany for making good decisions

Assistant Principals' Report

In my last article I outlined the four school rules that cover all of the behaviour expectations in the school.

The four rules are

PINK RULE We speak nicely to each other.

ORANGE RULE We look after ourselves.

BLUE RULE We look after each other.

GREEN RULE We look after our school/ home.

All young people feel safer and less anxious when they know what is expected of them and setting rules or expectations for home has the potential to make the day to day interactions of the family run more smoothly.

When setting your expectations it is a good idea to -

- ✚ Involve the whole family in their development and explain why they are needed
- ✚ Link with School Rules
- ✚ Make them short, to the point and phrased positively if possible
- ✚ Choose Five or Six rules only
- ✚ Try to make all Dos - but always have more Dos than Don'ts
- ✚ Call attention to the rules at regular times throughout the day - not just when someone is acting inappropriately
- ✚ Praise your children often when they are acting in a way that promotes harmony in the home.
- ✚ Be consistent in enforcing your rules
- ✚ Post expectations in a conspicuous location and refer to them regularly

And remember to set your children up to succeed and praise them when they do - however small

If you would like copies of the rules above to stick on your fridge please contact our Parent Liaison Officer Abi at school - 9749 5774

In coming weeks I will give some ideas of what the individual rules look like at school and what they might look like at home.

Have a great week

Jo



Junior School Council News 2009

The Junior School Council has been busy in Term 2 organising a number of projects. These include:

- Student Music Project

Student groups have been choosing the music to be played over the PA system. We are encouraging all students to participate by bringing their favourite CDs when it is their classroom's turn to choose the music. Please remember: no swearing or violence on the CDs.

- Student Out of Uniform Day/ Student Disco

On Monday 22 June, students in Section 1, 2 and 3 will be able to

come to school in casual dress (out of uniform). The Junior School Council is also organising a lunchtime disco for Section 1, 2 and 3 students.

Both of these events are to raise money for Open Family Australia. Open Family Australia provides outreach services and support to young people at-risk between the ages of 12 and 25 years. The money raised will go towards the Open Family Australia's Longest Night Appeal, which calls on all Australians, especially young people, to highlight the plight of youth homelessness.

To participate in these students events, students need to bring \$2.00 (as a contribution to the Open Family Foundation).

- SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) Foundation

During the next two weeks JSC representatives will be selling merchandise for Red Nose Day, a fundraiser for SIDS Foundation. If parents wish to purchase any of these items please ask at reception to speak to one of the JSC members.



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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.

To celebrate our learning through the intensive swimming program Warringa Park School is hosting a whole school swimming carnival.

Where - The Wyndham Leisure & Events Centre

Date - Friday 19th June

Time - 10.30am - 2.00pm

Cost - Nil

Transport - walking

Lunch - BYO or buy a sausage for \$2.00 and a drink for \$1.00

What to Bring - bathers, towel, lunch or money.

Parents & family are more than welcome to come and support the students on the day.

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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Volunteers Resource Making Group will be on this Wednesday at 1:30pm in the parent/volunteer common room.

There will be NO canteen this week due to the swimming carnival. The canteen will reopen in the first week of next term. Thank you to all the parents who have supported the canteen throughout the term. Tanya, Willy and the Canteen team.

Education Tax Refund – Don't forget to claim

How do I claim the Education Tax Refund?

In your tax return.

If you don't lodge a tax return, claim on a separate form or over the phone.

If you use a tax agent, make sure you ask them to claim for you.

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50% of eligible education expenses for school children. If you are eligible, you can get back up to \$375 for each primary student and up to \$750 for each secondary student.

You can claim things like text books, stationery and even internet costs.

If you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a child at primary or secondary school, you will be eligible. Some other people are eligible too, to find out more about this and other information such as what you can and can't claim go to

australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund or call the Tax Office on **13 28 61**.

Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.