



WARRINGA PARK SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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If you would like to receive your newsletter electronically, please email fraser.abigail.s@edumail.vic.gov.au.

I would like to congratulate the following school councillors who were elected to office bearing positions on School Council.

Carol Tymoszek	President
Te-anu Braidie	Vice-President
Kathy Majdlik	Secretary
Greg Kelly	Treasurer



School Council – from left to right.

Front row: Marie Hayes, Rebecca Cross, Kathy Majdlik, Liz Brcic

Back Row: Carol Tymoszek, Bob Pilcher, Colin Schot, Maree Barrett, Greg Kelly, T-anu Braidie

Absent: Lyn Porter, Rick Bolton, Maree Mark

Please make yourself known to these School Councillors and never hesitate to bring up suggestions for how we can improve our school so that our students and staff are able to continue to improve their learning and work.

It is also my pleasure to announce to the school community that the School Council unanimously agreed to co-opt Mary Gillett and Vern Fettke into two community positions on School Council. These two co-opted positions are for two years and we look forward to Mary and Vern's contribution to School Council as they both bring an extensive array of experience in business and in serving the community. The School Council looks forward to achieving and working to deliver improved facilities and learning outcomes for our students.

The school's Annual Report was presented to school council by Marie Hayes. This key document will be available for all parents and carers on the web from March 31st. It will also be available from the office in printed form on request. I am pleased to report that our students made strong gains in their numeracy and literacy in 2008, which is a marvellous achievement and we look forward to improving this result in 2009. This Annual Report is an accurate summation of where the school is at and where we need to go. I recommend that you take the opportunity to read this report and I would also like to thank Marie Hayes and acknowledge her contribution in coordinating and writing this report.

I am attaching the parent opinion survey for your information. We are striving to improve the results in all areas of this survey this year.

I won't bore you with sport talk this week,

Colin Schot

Please feel free to contact me on schot.colin.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

DATES TO REMEMBER

Junior Sports Day	Tues 17 th Mar
Fundraising Committee	Wed 18 th Mar
School Photos	Mon 30 th Mar
Hot Cross Buns	Wed 1 st April
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

On Friday you will have been sent a draft of your child's Individual Learning Plan (ILP) for 2009 to inform the Student Support Group meetings that will take place over the next two weeks. Warringa Park School has a common format for students in the early and middle years. In the later years there are different formats for years 9/10, for VCAL, and for students in the transition program (alternative to VCAL). The ILP which we are asking you to have input into through SSG meetings will set annual goals (for the current year) based on the high priority needs



of the student. These goals are made with the future aspirations of the student in mind. The primary focus (longer term goals) for all students is preparation for future education and training, employment, and the skills to live a desired lifestyle as independently as possible in the community. The ILP will reflect the high priority learning needs of the student. The annual goal will describe the expected learning the student will achieve after a year's instruction. These goals must be specific, measurable, achievable, realistic/relevant and have a time frame (sometimes referred to as SMART goals). Every student will have goals set in literacy/communication and numeracy. The specialist staff will also set learning goals for their specialist area. There may not be goals in all learning areas and they may not cover the total curriculum needs of the student or everything the student does at school. The ILP also includes 'Entry skills' which provide a description of the student's current performance which have been obtained through formal and informal assessments. The ILP will be what your child's midyear and end of year report will be based on however the reporting process will be complimented by learning diaries and digital portfolios. If school and parents are able to work together to plan the ILP then we will obtain the best educational outcomes for our students. We look forward to seeing you at the SSG meetings.

Marie and Jo

Awards

Group 5 - T.J. Valli - star of the group

Group 7- Thorne Borg, Liam Keane, Rhys Moorcroft, Penny Valli, Jonah Daniels, Jerry Wang, Anthony Nguyen, Thevinu Perera ,Amy Majdlik,- for making a great start at Warringa Park and Tayla Batten for settling into her new class.

Sun Smart

Parents are reminded that all students must wear a hat and sunscreen in terms 1 and 4. It would greatly help staff if you could apply sunscreen to your child before school. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Signs

New school signs have been erected. If you are using the driveway, please follow the correct entry and exit signs in order to ensure student and staff safety.

Hot Cross Buns – closing date is 18th March.

The hot cross bun money and order forms need to be returned to school no later than 18th March. Thank you to those parents and carers who have sent in their orders and are supporting our school. Delivery date is 1st April.



The project is well on the go. Come in and have a look at some of our new books on display. We have put up a list of recommended books near our display. Feel free to read our books and recommend your favourite books to others. Next week, some students will be receiving awards for the books that they have made at assembly.

Our students are enjoying reading books that are made by other students at school. Teachers are borrowing books from the foyer to read to their class. This is exciting and we aim to keep our students excited about reading by having lots of reading materials that students enjoy reading available in the classrooms.

If you have some books that are in a good condition that you would like to donate to our school or your child's classroom library, please send them to school with your child. We would appreciate comics, magazines, picture books, Disney movie or TV series books e.g. Shrek, Cars, High School musical, Saddle club, etc. I am sure the students will enjoy reading some of these books in their classrooms.

Junior School

Last Thursday one of our students, Alice Reid, from group 8 suffered a stroke at school and is currently in the Royal Children's Hospital. Alice will be in hospital for approximately 1 month. We all wish Alice a speedy recovery and our thoughts are with her family in this difficult time. Her class mates are looking forward to her return to school.

Sensory, BrainGym and PMP Showcase

On Wednesday, seven families explored our Sensory programs with exciting and challenging first-hand experience. Kirsten demonstrated our sensory equipment and how it is used, as well as presenting a talk about sensory learning. Wendy G presented a session about Perceptual Motor Development, and took families through an interesting physical program. Philomena had all our families up and joining in Brain Gym. There was a lot of laughter and we all had great time learning about these three sensory programs and the benefits for our students. Thank you to the families who attended, and to the staff who stayed back to conduct the presentations.

Sally Smith
Junior School Team Leader

Bunnings BBQ

Thank you to our volunteers who worked so well in the wind and rain this Saturday. We raised in excess of \$1000 special thanks to Bob Metselaar, Bev Williams and Tabitha Djuga (Anna's sister)

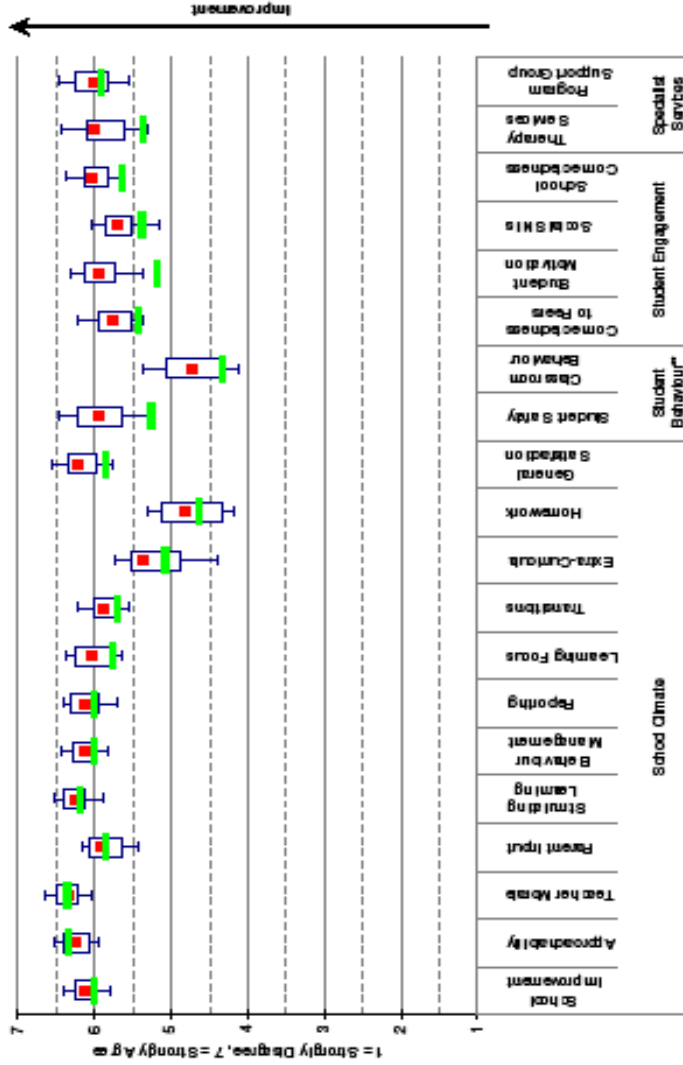
Bob Pilcher

Fundraising Committee – If you would like to help with fundraising, please come along. The fundraising Committee will meet this Wednesday 18th at 1.30pm. Due to this meeting, the parent resource group will not meet on this day.

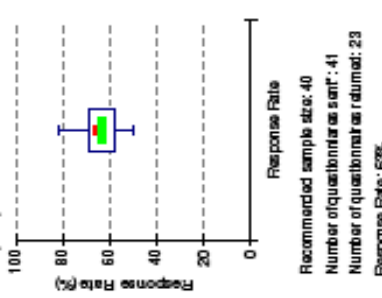
2008 Data against sds School benchmarks

2008 Parent Opinion Survey
 School Number: 5165
 School Name: Warringa Park School

School means plotted against distribution of sds School means



School response rate against sds School distribution



Legend:
 10th Percentile
 School
 75th Percentile
 Median
 25th Percentile
 90th Percentile

* The "Number of questionnaires sent" is taken from the tally sheet returned with each school's questionnaire. If the tally sheet was not completed, the number is not available.
 ** Parents' responses to all negatively phrased questions have been reversed for reporting purposes. Across all variables, the higher the score or percentile rank, the more positive parents' perceptions.
 Note: The Parent Opinion Survey was significantly changed in 2006. Comparisons with Pre-2006 data should NOT be made.