

Warringa Park School Newsletter

Monday 17th August 2009



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Possibilities...

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Principal's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday evening, the School Council made a significant decision for Warringa Park. It approved the resurfacing of our school oval. This project will involve hooking up with City West Water, where the school will access recycled water that runs along the drainage area at the rear of the school. There is a cost associated with the connection and the school will also have to undertake an environmental study. By term 2 of 2010, the school oval will be completely redeveloped with specific grass that is compatible to the recycled water and an irrigation system that will be installed underneath, so sprinklers will not affect the children at play. The recycled water will also be used to irrigate our plants and shrubs and the horticultural area that is soon to be developed over the next term. This is an exciting project that is long overdue. It will be a fantastic celebration for the school when we have all areas in the school being utilised as safe playing areas for the students. Synthetic grass will also be laid underneath the new gym equipment that is being installed over the vacation break also underneath the new seating area. This will complete the playground except for the native shrub area at the rear of the junior school play area.

This week, The Independent Living Centre has had new vinyl and carpet laid and this has made a significant difference to the appearance of this area. The toilets are also being refurbished which will also enhance these facilities.

Due to the growing number of enrolments in section 1, a new prep class has been formed. The classroom for this prep class has been recarpeted, the smartboard installed and I would like to thank all of the junior teachers for their cooperation and the Education Support Officers who have assisted in the move to make this a smooth transition for these students. I would like to thank the parents involved as your cooperation has enabled us to have smaller classes at this important time of learning for these students.

On Friday, we said goodbye to Tanya Brogden. Tanya has relocated to the Sharjah school in the United Arab Emirates for three years and on behalf of the school community I would like to acknowledge Tanya's contribution and work for the students at Warringa Park and her involvements in making ICT and eLearning a vibrant area for students to engage in their learning. Tanya, we look forward to hearing about your work in Sharjah and await your return in three years time. Jo Sadler is taking extended leave for 6 months and we would like to wish Jo well during this time away from Warringa Park School and thank her for her contribution that she has made to the school. Jo has had many responsibilities at Warringa Park, including Student Welfare and we will miss her expertise. Jo, enjoy your leave and we would love to see you visit Warringa Park to say hello.

This week I have also included some work by one of our students. This is a fantastic example of some of the great work that our students are producing at Warringa Park School and I would like to thank the staff for all their efforts in giving our students an opportunity to engage in literacy and numeracy. It is so important that our students learn to read and acquire basic number facts where possible, that will assist them throughout their life.

Cheers

Colin

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Festival of Healthy Living Performance 2nd Sept.
- ◆ Father's Day Stall 3rd and 4th September
- ◆ Jackie's Shopping Tour 7th November

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 -Poss-abilities EXPO-Life options for people with disabilities

This EXPO will operate on September 1st and will run from 12noon to 7pm at the Wyndham Leisure Centre, Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing. I am encouraging all parents who have students at Warringa Park who are over 15 years of age to take the opportunity to visit this EXPO as it will give you great insights into the options for students when they leave Warringa Park School at the age of 18. Whether you are a young person taking the big step in leaving school or a person wanting to broaden your horizons, this EXPO will explore some options for your pathway through life and will enable you to make some decisions about possible options that you can undertake when you leave Warringa Park School. There are over 70 providers at this EXPO and I again urge you to find some time on the 1st September to at least spend an hour or two at his EXPO so you have an idea of the possibilities for your young adult. I would like to thank Anne Walsh in particular and Kerry Roberts, Ann Weston and the staff in the VCAL section of the school for all of their work in putting this EXPO together in conjunction with the Wyndham City Council. I would also like to acknowledge the generous contribution of the Wyndham City Council, who has been the main sponsor of this EXPO, along with other community partnerships which have helped to run this event.

Awards

Section 1

Group 2: Mohamed Atta

Group 3: Olivia Walsh, Waleed Coleman, Thomas Christensen

Group 6: Alton, Shira, Zac and Huia for their fantastic writing.

Section 2

Group 24: Patrick and Jason, Achievement Award

Group 25: Bronte, Star of the Week

Assistant Principal's Report



“Science is a very engaging and exciting curriculum area”

This week is Science Week here at Warringa Park School. The theme this year is astronomy so we will have a week of reaching for the stars. Science is a very engaging and exciting curriculum area where each student has the opportunity to explore their everyday experiences and the world around them and make sense of them in scientific terms. This week students will be asked to describe and make observations about space, the sun, the moon and the stars. They will be encouraged to generate questions about and investigate rockets and satellites and extraterrestrial beings and predict what interesting events could and might happen in our world. Science is lots of fun! Teachers will be working with students' existing ideas and helping them to make connections and think about the world in which they live. Our young scientists will be conducting experiments so remember to ask them how they made a moon crater or a balloon satellite. I'm interested to see how they split light and make a rainbow or how they make my favourite constellation 'Pisces' the fish. There will be two incursions during the next two weeks with a science focus. Students in section 1 will be star gazing in the STARLAB on Friday 21st August and section 2 and 3 will be rocking along to Galileo's ideas in ROCK ME GALILEO on Wednesday 26th August and his ideas certainly rocked the world. You can assist develop your child's scientific mind at home and in the community by giving them opportunities to ask questions but also to work out the answers for themselves. Thank you to our hardworking science team - Buena, Mareta, Wendy, Annette and Denise. Marie.

Fantastic Literacy Work by Bronte Shields

Happy - I feel happy because I like going to school and I like playing with my friends.

Sad - I feel sad when someone is sick and I feel sad when someone dies.

Shy - I feel shy when I don't know anyone and I feel shy going to a new school.

Proud - I feel proud when I get all my work right and I feel proud because I can swim now.

Well Done Bronte!

Interschool Sports

This week's Interschool Netballer of the week is Vesna from room 13.

Vesna plays centre for the school team. She runs up and down the court attacking and defending doing a fantastic job. Vesna also fills in for other schools when they do not have enough players. Well done Vesna!!

This week the team lost to Hume Valley School and won a close game against Ascot Vale.



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.



Congratulations to the following students who received the most raffle tickets for the week within their section.

Section 1 Zac & Roger

Section 2 Melissa & George

Section 3 Russell, Nada, Morgan, Matthew , James & Erin



This Week - Congratulations to the following students who received the most raffle tickets for the week within their section.

Section 1 Gabrielle

Section 2 Jordan

Section 3 Russell



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Jackie's Shopping Tour Saturday 7th November

Come on ladies, and support your school!
The fundraising committee has organised a shopping tour for the 7th November to raise money for Warringa Park School. It will be a jam packed day of shopping and fun!

Tickets are \$35 each and we have 38 tickets available, so you need to be quick. Buy a ticket for yourself, your sister, mum, neighbor...

The itinerary is as follows:

7:50am: Pick up at Warringa Park School
We will visit Classica, Toyworx, Dianna Ferrari, Capelle Groupe, Beaches, 1999, Natio, Faulty Towels and Newmans. Lunch will be at 11:50am at McDonalds.
5pm Drop off at Warringa Park School.

If you would like more information or would like to book a ticket, please call Abi Fraser on 9749 5774.

Father's Day Stall

The stall will be held on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September. Items will be available from \$1, ranging up to \$12 for the students to buy. We will send home further reminders before these dates.

We're on the Web!
www.warringapark.vic.edu.au

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.



Special Olympics Victoria Melbourne West

Athletics Sports Day

Where: Victoria University Athletics Track
Hoopers Lane, Werribee Map 206 H5&J6

When: Saturday August 22nd 2009

Time: 10.00am-2.00pm

Cost: \$2.00

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