



WARRINGA PARK SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Imagine the possibilities...

Dear Parents and Carers,

New Sign at Warringa Park School – this sign at the front of the school that highlights our school motto, “Imagine the possibilities...” signposts our school and what we are endeavouring to do with our wonderful students. It was just great to see staff and students and the parents walking through our gate looking at this sign and going Wow, this is fantastic! The winner of the school motto competition was Abi Fraser, and for winning this competition Abi has won herself an IPOD Nano as the prize and we congratulate her for coming up with the wonderful motto for our school to move forward.

Senior Playground – I am proud to announce to the school community that our senior playground now has appropriate seating for our students. This seating will provide the opportunity for our students to interact and relax in an appropriate manner under a shaded area. Australasian Playgrounds installed the seating and I am sure that our students and staff over time will see the benefits of this initiative for our school and students.

Education Week – I look forward to seeing many parents and carers in the school visiting the students in their classes or specialist areas in the sessions that have been outlined in the schedule which is attached. For every parent or carer that attends Education Week, you will receive a free coffee voucher to our Café 11, which will enable you to get a hot drink free of charge. We look forward to seeing you at our school and most important of all; our students are looking forward to having you visit Warringa Park School.

School Council Meeting – at the last School Council meeting, our School Councillors were given the opportunity to view interactively, the Library and Learning Neighbourhood template and walk through this template via video. The School Councillors were impressed with what they actually saw in the small video clip and it is envisaged that this work will be finished by the end of term 2 or 3, 2010.

At this meeting also, the School Council established a Policy and Planning Sub - Committee to review school policies. School Policies provide the operational guidelines for the school and to enable the school to make decisions within a framework that has been approved by the School Council. This Policy Planning Sub- Committee will add value to the School Council as it will have time to reflect on the policies that are being submitted for review and development and will make recommendations to the School Council in terms of the ratification of those policies. Another decision made at this School Council meeting was that a working party be developed to view the possibility of setting up an After School Care Program for our students. The School Council will investigate the possibility of providing a program for our senior students whose parents find it extremely difficult to find after school care options for these young adults. This working party will investigate what needs to be done and more than likely in the future you will receive a survey to determine whether there is a need for an After School Care Program at Warringa Park School.

VCAL – Hospitality – I have the pleasure every Wednesday of sampling some of the food that is produced by our VCAL students in our Home crafts room. These students are thoroughly enjoying their activities in preparing and cooking the food that they have purchased and importantly are learning to follow a recipe and to maintain food preparation and cleanliness guidelines. The recipes each week differ markedly and represent a different country of origin. As you can see in this photo, I am looking silly, but the chef of the week was certainly thrilled with his award and acknowledgement for the work that he is doing in this program.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Education Week	Mon 18 th May
Queen's Birthday Holiday	Mon 8 th Jun
Curriculum Day	Fri 12 th Jun
School Council Meeting	Wed 10 th Jun

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

On Friday I had the pleasure of attending Wyndham Council Function Room to meet with other Principals in the Wyndham Network, Shane Bourke our Mayor, and various Councillors to discuss Wyndham moving forward and the opportunities that the Council have on offer and where the council is heading in relation to the future development of Wyndham, especially as it relates to schools in the area. Shane Bourke is truly a committed and passionate man who is dedicated to developing Wyndham and offering first class facilities and opportunities for those who live in Wyndham Municipality. I look forward to working with the Council, not only for the benefit of Warringa Park School, but also for the citizens of Wyndham, as there are many opportunities for the school to be involved in projects that are on offer through the Council.

In term 3 the school will be purchasing a number of interactive whiteboards for classrooms. It is important that the students of Warringa Park have access to this technology to further enhance the learning opportunities available to them. These interactive boards enable the classroom to come alive as students are able to move programs around and access programs via these interactive whiteboards, but it also means that each of these boards provide the opportunity for our students to engage in videos that will assist with wet day timetabling, to enable them to follow computer programs that are on their desktops, as well as on the interactive whiteboard. It is important for our students to become confident users of this technology as it is very much alive and stimulating and encourages our students to become involved in the use of technology.

National Volunteers Week – as mentioned in last week's newsletter, I highlighted our schools volunteers. This week I had the pleasure of attending the Chocolate Room in Werribee, where these volunteers were treated to a hot drink and a delicious chocolate treat in recognition of their work at Warringa Park School. It was a pleasure to attend this function for a short while as it is great to see our volunteers getting together and importantly being recognised for their work at Warringa Park School. The volunteers and our staff, who are contributing and making a difference, need to be acknowledged. I would like to thank Abi and the Speech Pathology staff, Nadine and Kelly, for making this afternoon tea happen and for the opportunity to recognise these volunteers.

Finally, to our students I would like to remind them that all students need to be in school uniform and I would also like to remind them of the need for acceptable behaviour as all students have a right to learn in an environment that doesn't interfere with their learning and provides them with a safe environment to learn.

Have a great week, enjoy Education Week and I look forward over the next few weeks to announcing that work will soon be started on the new building.

Colin

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AWARDS

Section 1

Group 5 - "Star of the room" award this week for Lukudu David. Due to swimming he will not receive his award certificate for another 3 weeks.

Section 2

Last Week

Group 10 – Julian Brennan for completing activities, Dion Pring for a full week at school, Munira Atta for asking for help, Kyra Toohey for listening to instructions, Carly Kenyeres for thinking out answers.

Group 12 – Brock McQueen for great shopping and cooking, Victor Cowan for excellent work on his community book.

Group 13 – Vincent Villegas for great cleaning up after cooking, Kia Anderson and Vesna Radalj for great washing up during cooking.

Group 24 – Patrick Evans for being enthusiastic about learning 2 digit numbers.

Group 25 – Bronte Shields – star of the week, and Luke Mastin for great work in literacy this week.

Group 28 – Natalie Williams and Matthew Hobbs for great attempt at writing every morning.

Group 29 – Alex Borg, Helping hands.

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This Week

Group 11 – Dale Broughton, Book Award

Group 12 – Sarah Kelly and Lachlan McGregor for being great participants at the African Drumming.

Group 24 – Justin Waters for working solidly in class and finishing set tasks.

Group 25 – Joshua Jenkins, Good Work Award

Group 28 – Ricky McGregor for trying hard at swimming

Group 29 – David Braumueller for excellent work in maths.

Assistant Principal's Report

This week is Education Week and as a school we see it as a wonderful opportunity to open our doors to the parent community and invite you to come and see some of the schools special projects and programs in action. It's a great opportunity to experience how your child's classroom operates and to see the vibrant learning that is taking place and to be part of it for a short time. I have had the privilege this week of working with some of our younger students in the swimming program. It was impressive to see them develop skills on a daily basis and have lots of fun doing so. I would encourage you to drop into the pool next week or indeed anytime over the next 3 weeks to see the program in action. Literacy has been a real focus for us this year so take some time to read a book with your child in their classroom and ask about the 'Books are Us' project. I really enjoy reading the books that students have written. In the middle years the students will be working with a local artist as part of our Festival of Healthy Living partnership with the Royal Children's Hospital on a 'felting' project. On Thursday the VCAL team will provide a bus tour to several of the off campus programs to showcase the VCAL and work experience programs the students are able to access. There's music, dancing, woodwork, work stations and much more so please come along. Professor Berthelsen from the University of Queensland, studied 10,000 Australian children and found that 'parental involvement in their child's education had a positive effect on learning. Make sure you pick up a coffee voucher for Café 11 and taste some of the best coffee in the West!! The student run Café should not be missed. Education Week is also a good time to recognise and celebrate the passionate and committed staff who work with your child to ensure they thrive, learn and grow. Jo and I look forward to catching up with you during the week.



Marie Hayes

Assistant Principal

National Volunteers Week

Last week was National Volunteers Week. Warringa Park appreciates all of its volunteers and the fantastic work they undertake to assist students and staff. We currently have 30 volunteers who assist with swimming, PE, Reading, Classroom helpers, student and speech resource making, fundraising, The Uniform Shop and catering. Some volunteers took the opportunity to feel appreciated at Werribee's Chocolate Room.



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EMA

EMA cheques are now available for collection at the office.



To mark Education Week, we will have a display of all the books that students have made in the foyer this week. We are very proud of the books that students have made and our students are very proud of them too. Some students are on to making their second or third books now.

All these books will be displayed in the foyer this week. Please feel free to come in and have a read. You might also want to recommend your favourite book on the recommendation chart that is up in the foyer.

Our Books Are Us project has been very successful this year and it's great to see more students interested in reading. This project has been extended to allow all classrooms to have their own classroom libraries.

Thank you to all of you for supporting this project.

Centrelink – What happens when your child turns 16?

Representatives from Centrelink will be coming to Warringa Park School to talk about the Disability Support Pension, Mobility Education Allowance and Carers Allowance – over 16. If your child is turning 16 years old this year – You Need To Hear This!

Wednesday 27th May 9:30 – 11:30 am.

For further enquiries, please phone Abi Fraser 9749 5774.

Salaka African Drummers!

The rhythms of Africa came to Warringa Park School for the second year in a row. Salaka African Drummers produced a great show for the whole school on Friday morning. Every student participated in singing, dancing and drumming to African rhythms!



Philomena McBryde
Kym Tonkin



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Education Week at Warringa Park School



Group	Activity	Time	Place
Group 10,11,12,13,24,25,26,28,29	Literacy/Assembly/Shared Reading Stay for morning tea	Monday 18 th May 9:00 – 10:40	Rooms 10,11,12,13,24,25,26,28,29
Group 10	Visit room 10 and stay for afternoon tea	Monday 18 th May 1:30 – 2:30	Room 10
Group 7,1,2,6	Swimming	Every day 10:00 – 10:40	Wyndham Leisure Centre
Group 13,10,11,28	Swimming	Every day 11:30 – 12:10	Wyndham Leisure Centre
Group 8,14,22,31	Swimming	Every day 1:50 – 2:20	Wyndham Leisure Centre
Group 14,15,22,23, 31,32	Vocational educational work stations	Tuesday 11:00 – 1:00	Outdoor Maintenance – School Grounds Gardening – Outside Room 22 Mosaics – Work Shed Pamphlet collation – Woodwork room Nursery - Room 31 Craft/ jewellery making – Room 22
Café 11 (Later years)	Hospitality training	Monday/ Wednesday 10:30 – 11:30 Tuesday – all day Thursday 10:30 – 2:00	Café 11

Group 25	Performing Arts Festival for Healthy Living	Wednesday 20th May 9:00 – 9:50 Wednesday 20th May 11:00 – 11:50	Room 25
Group 26	Festival for Healthy Living Art Session	Wednesday 20th May 1:30 – 2:30	Room 26
Group 29	Music	Thursday 21st May 2:00 – 2:30	Room 18
VCAL	VCAL tour (Contact Jurgen Haase for details)	Thursday 21st May	Holmesglen TAFE, RMIT, Vinnies
Group 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9	Literacy – read with your child	Friday 22nd May 9:00 – 11:00	Room 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
Group (students from across the section)	Woodwork	Friday 22nd May 11:30 – 12:30	Woodwork Room
Group 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9	Dancing	Friday 22nd May 2:00 – 3:00	Hall

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