



WARRINGA PARK SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to all students and staff. On behalf of the School Council and our school community we hope that you have had a wonderful break. The weather was just fantastic, we couldn't have asked for better. With the family I enjoyed a number of BBQs, played some golf and thoroughly enjoyed the time to do some reading and catch up on some work. There have been lots of things happening at Warringa Park School over the break. Work has commenced on the junior playground in terms of replacing the softfall from mulch to synthetic grass and removing the shed from this playground. This new surface will make a significant difference to this facility and certainly brighten it up to make it a better and safer place for our students to play. Also, the new junior playground had some extra synthetic grass laid to eliminate the mud and stones from getting onto this playground. We hope this makes a difference for the students who enjoy playing on this new playground. There has been new Joinery in the Middle and Senior Teaching and Learning Space as well as new benches in 2 junior classrooms installed. We have also had some work carried out on the VCAL shed. This shed has been lined and it will be extended to enable our students to carry out some work-based activities within this environment. This facility will also enable the school to offer a diverse range of programs for our students who need the opportunity to be engaged in work situations that will enable them to be better prepared to move to their post school options at the age of eighteen.

End of term assembly – I would like to take the opportunity to thank the parents, friends and family who took the time to come along to the end of term assembly. The students presented a number of items which were thoroughly enjoyed by all those in attendance. It was great to see our choir present a number of items as this is a new initiative in the school. We look forward to seeing many more items from the choir and what impressed me most of all was that they were able to sing mostly unaccompanied. I also would like to thank those students who presented their work, especially the Books Are Us project. There is nothing that pleases the students more than being able to present their work and celebrate their achievements. I look forward to many more students presenting their work and I encourage all parents and carers when visiting our school to view the Books Are Us project that is displayed in the foyer. To the staff, I thank you for your organisation and effort that you put into making the assembly such a success and to all the students for their willingness to share and celebrate their work.

School Council – the next meeting of the School Council is on Wednesday 22nd April. Any parent or carer is able to attend this School Council meeting as an observer and if you have the time we would be delighted to see you at this meeting.

Anzac Day Commemorative Service – a short service will be held on Friday to remember the service men and women who fought so bravely for our country. My thanks to Bob Pilcher for organising this service and any parent or carer is welcome to attend this short service that remembers all those who have fallen for our country.

DATES TO REMEMBER

School Council Meeting	Wed 22 nd Apr
Mother's Day Stall	Thur 7 th May
Queen's Birthday Holiday	Mon 8 th Jun
Curriculum Day	Fri 12 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

New School Website – I encourage all parents and carers to view the new school website. Please take the opportunity to look at this website and your feedback is encouraged. I would like to also thank Abi Fraser for her work in developing this website over the last term. This website is one of the main communication platforms, not only for our school community but for others who are seeking information about our school. It is essential that this website is able to communicate clearly and concisely what Warringa Park School is all about. Please provide any feedback regarding this website to Abi Fraser.

Lesley, our business manager, is away on long service leave for the first two weeks of this term. She is being replaced by Sharon Veale. We welcome Sharon to the school and if you are visiting the office please take the time to introduce yourself.

Have a great week,

Colin
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Awards

Section 1

Group 6 - all students in group 6 received individual Books are Us certificates for making their own readers and helping to make group readers in term 1. - Alton, Bashaar, Emily, FiFi, Joe, Lachlan, Max, Shira, Zac, Inesita and Huia.

Crossing Warringa Crescent

Parents and carers, please take the time to cross Warringa Crescent with the crossing guard that is provided by Wyndham Council. Crossing the correct way will model good behaviour for your child and teach them independence.

World Autism Awareness Day

We had a good response from staff and students for the puzzle competition. The winner was Room 6. Special mention for effort went to Daniela and Rebecca from Room 22. World Autism Awareness Day is now clearly marked on the WPS calendar for years to come. Thanks to Karen and Sally for supporting this project.

Fundraising Committee would like to thank all those who bought Hot Cross Buns. We raised in excess of \$650 and are very pleased with our first fundraising effort. Our fundraising activity for this term is the Mother's Day Stall, which will be held on Thursday 7th May from 9am-3pm. If you would like to assist in making anything for this stall, please see Abi Fraser.

Group 15 are requesting bits of wool for craft projects. Any type or colour, the thicker the better. Please label Group 15. Thank you

Soccer

Hoppers Crossing Soccer Club would like to welcome children between the ages of 7 and 12 years to their club. There will be a squad for children with disability so they can learn ball skills and a possibility of integration to the mainstream teams in future seasons. This squad will meet every Saturday, starting 2nd May at 11am-12pm. If you are interested, please give Keith Wise a call on 0407 978 389.



Parent Information Night

Last year, students in the Middle Years participated in The Compass and the Bridge Award program at our school. 56 students were awarded badges and certificates for the level of the program that they completed.

The Compass program has been designed with the Middle Years students in mind where students are allowed to choose activities which they find interesting and challenging. It brings in the students a feeling of ownership, satisfaction and personal achievement.

The Bridge Award is a similar program for young people (aged 14-25 years) with and intellectual or physical disability.

A parent information night for parents of all students in the Middle years and some students in the senior Years will be held at our school on Thursday, 23 April at 6.00 pm.

Canteen

Canteen menus will be sent home to families by this Wednesday. IF you have not received one by then, please contact Tania Brogden.

Canteen for this Friday will be:

Hot Dog and drink / water	\$4
Pie and drink	\$5
Vegetable Pastie and drink	\$5

Footy Jumper Day

24th April 2009

This Friday will be Footy Jumper Day at Warringa Park School. If your child would like to wear their team's colours, please send in a gold coin donation on Friday. All proceeds will be going to Beyond Blue.

Lest We Forget



Anzac Service 2009

Warringa Park School Friday April 24 at 9.30am

On Friday the 24th of April Warringa Park School will be commemorating Anzac day with a service at 9.30 am. We wish to invite parents and caregivers to join with us on this special occasion. Our service will be approx 15-20 min long, seating will not generally be available unless specially requested.

Children who have access to service medals are welcome to wear them.

It is important for us to observe this occasion where we remember those who gave so much so that we could have the freedom we have in our lives now.

**Come join us Friday 24th April 9.30am
At the flagpole.**