

Warringa Park School Newsletter

Monday 22nd June 2009



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Principal's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of term 2 and we are in the height of our winter season. I cannot believe we only have one week of school left. I would like to remind all parents and carers that school will be dismissed this Friday at 2:30pm. This is an early dismissal so you will need to meet your child's bus a half hour earlier than usual.

At the need of this term we also say farewell to three of our staff - Sheridan Cattanach is moving to Western Australia and we thank her for her work over the past term and look forward to Sheridan one day returning to Warringa Park School. Dy Bailey, who is our occupational therapist and has worked at Warringa Park School for a number of years. We thank you for your contribution you have made to our school and particularly to our students who require that specialised occupational therapy support. We wish you well in your employment arrangement at Sunshine SDS. Dy, the staff and students will miss you. To Tara Noble, who is taking family leave we thank you also for your wonderful contribution to Warringa Park School and particularly the students who have been in your care over the past year. Tara, we look forward to you one day returning to Warringa Park School as you have been a fantastic supporter of the school and our students and staff will miss you greatly. These personnel leaving the school will mean there will be a number of staffing changes that will take place for the beginning of term 3. Parents and carers will receive notification if the staffing changes affect their child, during this week.

Parent Teacher Interviews - This week there will be many parent/teacher interviews happening across the school. This is an important opportunity for parents and carers to meet with their child's teacher to discuss work completed over the last term and to also discuss any concerns there may be. If you haven't been allocated a time for a parent / teacher interview, please ring your child's teacher as soon as possible and an appointment will be made. The staff and I look forward to seeing you all come to the school this week to celebrate your child's achievements.

EMA - If you have claimed EMA earlier this year at Warringa Park School you do not have to apply again. However, if you missed the February cut-off date or your child is new to the school, you are required to apply for a second instalment. If you were not eligible for EMA during the first half of the year, but are now on a Pension Concession or Health benefit Card, you must also complete the application. **These claims must be made in person, at the school office, no later than 7th August 2009.**

I would also like to remind all parents and carers that school will resume on Monday 13th July. Finally, this is a message to all our students. Have a great holiday, have lots of fun, but think about what you are doing so that you are always safe and you do not get hurt because I want to see each of you back at school next term; refreshed and ready to learn. To the parents and carers, take the opportunity to do those special things that holidays enable you to do. There are lots of things happening over the holiday break, please keep an eye on the papers, the radio and the TV for activities and events that your children can enjoy. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your support over this term. You can be indeed proud of the staff at Warringa Park School that work so hard for your child to be the best that they can be and I remind everyone that each of our students deserve the best that we can give them so that they can grow into responsible adults and can successfully engage in our community in a meaningful way.

Have a great holiday, enjoy what you do and I look forward to supporting you in term 3.

Colin schot.colin.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Festival of Healthy Living Family Night
Wed 24th June 6-8pm
- ◆ Final Assembly - whole school 9:30am 26th June
- ◆ Last day of term 26th June
Early dismissal 2:30pm
- ◆ Festival of Healthy Living Performance 2nd Sept.

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 - VCAL

In this week's newsletter, I would like to take the opportunity to highlight the students who are participating and engaging in the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL). This Certificate program offers our students an opportunity to engage in courses that are accredited across the state by employer organisations and provide recognition of our students work and achievement in this area. To be awarded the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning, our students have to meet key objectives and demonstrate how they have met those objectives within each of the course areas and as well as this the programs and courses offered have to undertake quality assurance measures to ensure that the students and the programs that are being run through this Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning are at a sufficient standard to warrant the issuing of the Certificate to students on the completion of VCAL. These courses are all about applied learning in a practical way that assists our students to achieve and so they can take the skills that they learning in this certificate program with them when they leave Warringa Park School. It is just fabulous to acknowledge that many of our student's daily travel across Melbourne to enter accredited TAFE courses at Holmesglen TAFE, RMIT, and Montague and participate in the area of Melbourne through the VET cluster. The ability to get yourself independently to these programs is a wonderful achievement. To find your way around significant

large tertiary institutions is another plus and to engage in a diversity of programs that are offered through this VCAL certificate enriches the learning and assist our students to make that transition from Warringa Park School into adult life as they leave our school at 18. To the VCAL team, led by Jurgen, I thank you for your commitment and support to this program as many of the staff have to be at stations at 7 o'clock to travel with the students to these programs is indeed a long day not only for the students but also for the staff who support these programs.



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Assistant Principals' Report

Parent Teacher Interviews

On Thursday 25th June you are invited to attend Parent Teacher interviews at Warringa Park School. We regard these interviews as a vital component of our reporting processes but they are also an excellent opportunity for you meet with your child's teacher and other staff who work with your child to discuss their midyear report. Where there is an active and positive partnership between school and home great student learning outcomes can be achieved. The student reports will be given to you during these interviews. The school will be endeavouring to provide you will relevant information which will enable you as parent to support the learning of your child. We aim for these meetings to be informative, constructive and interactive, and the teaching staff will clarify and expand on the written report, discuss assessments and samples of student work and discuss how your child's further progress can be supported. We would encourage you to ask questions, provide teachers with any relevant information and raise any concerns that you might have about your child's schooling. The reports are supported by Learning Diaries and Digital Portfolios which will be available in these meetings. In the middle and later year's students are encouraged to be part of the interview process. The allied health staff and specialist teachers are also available to discuss your child's learning and teaching staff may suggest that you see one of these staff members. I would encourage you to take this opportunity so as to obtain a complete picture of the learning that has taken place during the semester. A map will be provided to show where each staff member can be found. Child minding is also available. I look forward to having a conversation with you on the night. Marie

Good News

Awards

Section 1

Group 3 - Olivia, Joshua, Dylan, Tyler

Section 2

Group 12 - Bailey, Liam, Victor, Lachlan, Sarah, Corey, Sarah, Brock, Christos, Kyle and Lachlan T for supporting our World Vision Sponsor child with great letters and pictures.

Group 13 - Kaleb, Corey, Moses, Vesna, Kia, Vincent, Dylan, Bailey, Gabby and

Divyal for a Great Term.

Group 24 - Pokuru, Elija, Lucas and George - Achievement Awards

Group 25 - Nathan Gibson - Star of the week

Ruby Wood - Good Attitude Award

Bronte Shields - Good work Award

Dylan Lynch - Good Attitude Award.

Swimming Carnival Section Champions

Section 3 : JURUKOVSKI Stefan / PEARCE Nicole

Section 2 : ROUSELL Harley / Kia ANDERSON

Section 1: PRING Sean / HULSMAN Huia

Swimming Carnival

On Friday I had the great pleasure to attend our school swimming carnival. From the moment I entered the pool I could see the joy on our student faces who participated and many of them were so proud in showing off their ribbons that they had received for coming 1st, 2nd, 3rd and for participation. It was not only a great thrill for them, but for me also. I was only sorry that I could not have spent longer at the swimming carnival- it looked like so much fun. It was a wonderful celebration of student achievement at WPS. To see the staff in the water supporting our students, to see the parents and carers in attendance and the joy and happiness on their faces to see their child participate and try so hard was just wonderful.

To James Malone and all the staff who supported this carnival, our school community says thanks. You have done a great job as it is so important that our students get the opportunity to participate in these special events and to enjoy the water, which for some, is a very fearful experience. The behaviour of our students was absolutely exemplary and each you can all be extremely proud of your child as they were a credit to you, to themselves and to the school. Well done to the students and to the staff for making this event a highlight for the term. Thank you, Colin



Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning

This term in VCAL Students have undertaken some form of Work Experience or Work Education.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our many work place supporters. Your generosity in providing work place experience to our students is very much appreciated.

We invite the whole school to support these businesses in return for their efforts.

Best and Less- Werribee Plaza
Bunnings -Hoppers Crossing
Coles- Werribee Plaza
Cherries- Werribee Plaza
Forty Winks- Hoppers Crossing
Fox's Fruit Barn- Old Geelong Road
Flash Fabrication- Hoppers Crossing

KFC- Wyndhamvale
LOL coffee and Games- Altona
Mambourin enterprises
Pet Goods Direct- Hoppers Crossing
Salvation Army- Hoppers Crossing
Silverstone Engineering- Old Geelong Road
Target-Hoppers Crossing
Vinnies-Hoppers Crossing
Vinnies- Altona North
Wombat Gully Plant Farm- Old Geelong Road
Wyn city Fun Factory
Wyndham City Kindergartens (Woodville & Heathdale)

Thank you
Jurgen and the VCAL Team





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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.

The Speech Pathology Department's Ladies Speech Pathology Resource Group is on again

This group meets weekly to make resources (i.e. communication books, social stories, symbols and classroom activities).

All female parents, carers, relatives and friends are welcome to come along.

We meet on
**Fridays at the school from
1:30 until 2:30pm.**

New parents are always welcome.

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

A reminder to all parents and carers to name your child's clothing and put your child's name on anything they bring to school.

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.

cardetailing@warringapark.vic.edu.au

Final Assembly for the term - All parents and carers welcome!

Friday 26th June, 9:30 am in the school hall.

There will be several performances by the students - choir, Performing Arts and Readings/ literacy.