



WARRINGA PARK SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it was at Warringa Park School. First of all, I had the pleasure of two students visiting my office from Group 25, Bronte and Ruby, who presented to me their 'Books are Us' stories. Both of the girls were absolutely thrilled to read to me their stories and show off their writing and their illustrations. They read fluently and with expression and I was delighted to hear their stories about the princess that they had written. They also took the time to show me other books that were written by Nathaniel, Kyle, Luke, Joshua and Adrian that highlighted the great work that was being done in this class, but more importantly the great work of our students. I look forward over the coming months to hearing many more stories and walking into classrooms to see and hear the work of our students.

Bunnings BBQ - Last Saturday, Bob and Heather Pilcher and Bob Metselaar, who is a great supporter of WPS, with the assistance of Bev Williams and Anna and Tabitha Djuga, raised in excess of \$1000 for the school through a BBQ. This is a mighty effort and we thank you for giving your time so freely to assist our school.

Sensory Evening - It was my pleasure to hear some great feedback from the many parents who attended the sensory evening. This program was well received and I would like to thank Kirsten and the junior team for their efforts in putting on this evening to inform our junior parents on this program.

Attendance Rate – The attendance rate for February was a big improvement on last year. In February, 30% of students were absent without approval. This figure has improved since November 2008, which sat at 42%. However, I am still concerned over the number of absences and those without written permission from parents. If your child is absent, please endeavour to send a note with your child when they return to school, or sign the proforma that is sent home by your teacher.

I would like to thank all parents and carers who have supported the fundraising committee through the purchase of hot cross buns. There were over \$1874 in orders taken and we thank you for your support. Next term's fundraiser is the Mother's Day stall. If you would like to be involved please read the newsletter for more information.

Whole School Assembly – 9.30 am 3rd March. It is my pleasure to invite parents and carers to the whole school assembly which will be held on April 3rd at 9.30am. At this assembly our school choir will present a couple of items and there will be various awards given out to students to celebrate their achievements. I look forward to seeing you at this assembly.

A reminder to parents that term 1 finishes on Friday 3rd April. Students will be dismissed at 2.30. Parents and carers who usually pick their children up need to make arrangements to collect their children at 2.30pm and those whose children catch the bus, please be available half an hour earlier to meet your child at their designated drop off stop.

FOOTBALL!! – There would be many parents and carers who would be disappointed if I did not say anything about how excited I am that the football season is starting this week. Already in my mind it is a premonition that we lost the NAB Cup by over 70 points. The bad news is forgotten, and I look forward to a great season and a great competition from all of the 16 team who are represented. I wish your team well for the season barrack hard and enjoy the ups and downs that go with being a supporter of a football team. Go the PIES!!!

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

School Photos **Mon 30th Mar**
Hot Cross Buns Delivered **Wed 1st Apr**
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Assistant Principal's Report

Over the past week we have been conducting SSGs (Student Support Group) meetings. I have had the pleasure of sitting in on some of these meetings with teachers, parents and caregivers and it has been a wonderful opportunity for me to catch up with parents I have not seen for a while and also to see the progress our students have made, and learn of the long and short term goals that have been set for them. I really enjoy talking with parents and caregivers and value enormously your input into your child's education. When schools and families work in partnership the results for your children are always maximised.

For young people to gain the most from school it is really important they have continuity and coming to school regularly is vitally important. We want our students to become as independent as possible in their adult lives and a key feature of independence is responsibility and time on task. This is particularly important if they are to engage in some work practice post school. Your child's regular attendance at school is a vital area of schooling that parents can impact on.

To help promote attendance and attention at school it is a good idea to have a set bedtime for your child and a regular, familiar night time routine that precedes this. It is also best if your morning routine is familiar and structured. Young people can then be encouraged to take areas of responsibility for getting themselves ready for the bus on time, and for the older, more independent students getting themselves to school.

If bedtime and getting ready for the bus are an issue for parents at home I encourage parents to talk to their child's teacher. They together with the speech therapists can provide you with some individual evening and morning scripts that will encourage and promote independence.

On Friday the 3rd of April we are having a whole school assembly at 9.30am. I encourage parents and caregivers to come along and look forward to seeing you there. It has been a very busy but also a very productive term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, parents and students of Warringa for a job well done.

Once again
Regards
Jo and Marie

Awards

Section 1

Group 2 16/3 Madaison, Lisa, Lachlan and Daniel- 10 stars

23/3 Daniel and Rima- 10 stars

Lachlan - great writing and illustrating two stories, Lisa - great writing, Daniel - great writing,

Madaison - excellent use of computers in literacy and numeracy.

Group 8 - Gold Reading Level - Leigh and Henry, Red Reading Level - Henry, 20 stars - Gabrielle.

Section 2

Group 12 – Lachlan Turk, Sarah Kelly and Corey Steadman – Stars of the week for wonderful class behaviour.

Group 25 – Adrian Urankar and Bronte Shields, Stars of the Week and Nathan Gibson for a Good Attitude Award.

Group 28 – Whole Class Award, for Caring about each other.

Books are Us Award – Brittany, Elijah, Bronte and Matthew Hobbs and Daniela (section 3)

School Photos

School Photos are on next Monday, 30th March. A photo form will have come home to you today. This year, we are having group photos taken as well as individual portraits. If you send your form back to school, then your child will be in their class group photo.

Hot Cross Buns

A big thank you to all who have supported our school with this fundraiser. We have raised \$733. Hot cross buns will be delivered on Wednesday, 1st April 2009 at 12.30pm. Most orders can be sent home with your child.

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.

Fundraising Committee – this committee will be meeting this Wednesday to prepare for the mother's day stall. If you have some ideas or are handy with craft, please come along, it is a great place to meet other parents.

Due to the fundraising committee meeting this Wednesday, the resource group will not meet. Thank you to all who have helped with this group this term. Your help is much appreciated.

Hats and Sunscreen

In terms 1 and 4, your child will be required to wear a hat and sunscreen. If you have time, please apply sunscreen to your child in the morning, as this will help staff enormously.

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

Canteen

This week's special is Chicken Nugget Roll with Lettuce and Mayo, choice of bottle of water or strawberry or chocolate milk - \$5. Parents are reminded that this will be the last canteen day for this term.

Junior Sports Day was hectic but very successful last Tuesday - St Patrick's theme. Big thanks to Gabby, Alison and helpers for great organisation. Wonderful to see so many new parents come along.

Victorian Welsh Choir

Victorian Welsh Choir will perform this Friday night at 418 Ballan Rd Wyndham Vale, 7.30 pm in aid of the Wyndham Community Foundation. Cost is \$20.00, tea and coffee supplied. For tickets please contact Bob Pilcher as soon as possible. This choir is equal to the best in the world.

Top Ten Tips for the School Holidays.

1. **Bowling** – a voucher for school holiday specials accompanies this newsletter. Werribee Superbowl – 9741 9777
2. **Werribee Tigers Football Match** – a season pass accompanies the newsletter today. This pass will provide free entry for a family of four to local football matches. Also, on the reverse, are discount vouchers for the local community. This card is valid until the end of 2009. For more information, contact Werribee Football Club – 9741 6688.
3. **Scienceworks** – Free for kids, \$6 for adults (or free if your child has a companion card). Ph 13 11 02
4. **Zoos** – Werribee and Melbourne. – Admission \$5.80 (for child up to 15 with disability), adult accompanying child with disability – free Ph: 9731 9600 Werribee, Melbourne – Ph: 9285 9300
5. **Werribee South Beach** – free
6. **Leisure Centre Heated Pool** – 9748 2555, child entry \$3.70, if your child has a companion card you are free
7. **Serendip Sanctuary** – 13 19 63 free entry
8. **Library** – 9742 7999 (Watton St), 9748 9333 (Plaza) – free, but they also hire DVD's for \$2.20.
9. **Plaza** – free, or maybe the cost of a donut
10. **President's Park** – free, and wears the kids out.

Vacation Care

Applications have closed, but there may still be places available.

Wyndham City Council

9742 8155 between 9am and 6pm or www.youth.wyndham.vic.gov.au

Hobson's Bay Council

Westgate Vacation Care – 9369 6888, cnr Greaves Pde and Doherty Rd

Quality Recreation Services – 9543 3077 or www.qjp.com.au, Spotswood Primary School.

Got a Complaint? Here is what to do:

1. Make an appointment with your child's teacher.
2. If you are still not satisfied, talk to your section leader. Sally – Section 1, Liz – Section 2, Monica – Section3.
3. Marie Hayes (Assistant Principal) if about curriculum (or bus), Jo Sadler (Assistant Principal) – if behaviour or welfare issue
4. Colin Schot - Principal
5. Western Region Office - if the matter is not resolved, then the issue can be raised with the Regional Office on 9291 6500

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