

Warringa Park School Newsletter

Monday 24th August 2009



Principal's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we had Science Week and this week we have Speech Pathology Week. The theme of this week at Warringa Park School is, 'to communicate to participate'. Speech Pathology is a very important service at Warringa Park School and provides a valuable service to our students who are in need of communication strategies and skills. As explained in a previous newsletter, AAC - Alternative Augmentative Communication is the main strategy used at Warringa Park to enable students to communicate. This week on the Thursday 27th August at 3:15 pm, there will be a silent sausage sizzle on the grassed area outside the hall. Also, today at section meetings for staff, there will be a speech pathology quiz. My thanks to Nadine and Beth for the organisation of this week and also for the famous faces competition which will be run from today till Friday.



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Possibilities...

Blackwood Camp - We had 24 excited students and nine staff go to Blackwood on Monday morning for three days of adventure. The students stayed in the tent shelter and the school residence and participated in bush walking as well as a night walk. They went to the Ballarat Wildlife Park, did some yabbing at the dam at Blackwood and I believe didn't catch any yabbies via the fishing line but were successful using a net. The two yabbies caught survived and were thrown back in the dam. There was some organised craft activities and students participated on the ropes course. All in all, by the time they returned to school on the bus, they were exhausted but all had a great time. My thanks to Wendy Greaves for organising this camp for these two classes and for all the students and staff and I thank the staff for their willingness to commit 24/7 in terms of the work that is associated with being on camp. We also had another camp go to Blackwood and from all accounts, this group of students and staff also had a fantastic time and enjoyed what Blackwood had to offer them in terms of activities. I would like to thank all staff for their willingness to go on camp and for their support for the students over this week.



Parent Opinion Survey - This survey will be sent to 40 families today and the completed surveys will give us feedback to use to improve what we do at Warringa Park School. If you are one of the families chosen at random, please fill out this survey and return it to school by the end of this week. Your assistance is appreciated.

Literacy in Group 6

A bit of sunshine, a grassed courtyard, friends and a good book!!!!



Cheers

Colin

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Festival of Healthy Living Performance 2nd Sept.
- ◆ Father's Day Stall 3rd and 4th September
- ◆ School Council Meeting 9th 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 -The Festival for Healthy Living

Three schools are participating in this very exciting program which is facilitated by the Royal Children's Hospital. Glen Orden and Woodville Primary are joining Warringa Park in this three year project which provides a foundation for sustainability in caring for our student's mental health, combined with visual and performing arts. Some of our section 2 students have been busy every week learning skills for this project, including felt making and plate spinning! It is extremely important for our school as well as parents and carers to be aware of the student's mental health and how they are coping with difficulties in life.

There will be a performance for the Festival of Healthy Living on September 2nd at the Wyndham Cultural Centre.

Awards

Section 1

Group 6 - Alton, Bashaar, Daniel (transition student), Emily, FiFi, Huia, Inesita, Max, Shira, Zac

Section 2

Group 10 - Margaret, Carly, Julian, Kyra

Group 11 - Danny, Tom, Dale

Group 12 - Whole Class

Group 13 - Whole Class

Group 24 - Mitchell, Shanara

Group 25 - Adrian, Kyle, Ruby

Group 29 - Jordan

Section 3

Group 14 - Daniel Jolley

Assistant Principal's Report



"The theme this term is football"

On Thursday the junior school will be holding their sports carnival in the hall. This is an every term event and for any spectators who have been before these are highly competitive events full of excitement and good fun. Every student has the opportunity to participate and there are always ribbons galore. These sports days provide an excellent opportunity for students to learn to be part of a sports team, to participate in different events and to cheer their fellow students on as they take part as well. The theme this term is football so everybody will be dressed in the colours of their favourite team. And there will be many activities where students can demonstrate their footy skills. Students will handball the footy through a hoop, run and collect flags for their team, and even play football with a parachute. That sounds like fun! We're very proud of our young athletes and especially the great sportsmanship they show when they participate. Just like any great footy event students will be able to purchase a pie for lunch on that day. Please come along and support your child and bring a family member. Everybody's welcome.

Marie Hayes

Fundraising Family Portraits - We have a photographer coming on Saturday 5th September to take family portraits for \$10. If you are interested, please phone Abi Fraser on 9749 5774 or send in your order form with payment.



Speech Pathology Week 2009

23rd - 29th August

Communicate to Participate

Silent Afternoon Tea



When: Friday 28th August
1:30pm

Where: therapy room

What: Come along and experience having a communication impairment. Order your free afternoon tea using an ALD or communication device.

RSVP: Beth or Nadine 9749 5774



Speech Pathology Week is run annually by Speech Pathology Australia. It is designed to showcase the speech pathology profession and highlight how timely and specialist intervention from a speech pathologist can assist individuals and their families.



Foyer Display

When: Monday 24th - Friday 28th August

Where: main foyer

What: See information about Speech Pathology in general and what happens around Warringa Park School.



Pink Rule Winners

Last Week - Congratulations to our 2 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.

Due to camp, section 2 will draw their winner this week.

Most tickets

Section 1 Thomas W

Section 2 Lachlan T

Section 3 Russel and Stefan





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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.

CANTEEN REMINDER

Just a reminder to parents and carers that the canteen will be open on 28th August and 11th September 2009 and will be closed on 4th September and 18th September 2009.

Thank you.
Jean Roga.

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

The school uniform shop will be open every **Wednesday 9:30-10:30 am**. Order forms can be sourced from the school office, through your child's communication book or on the school website.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISER TERM 3

The Junior School Council is having a Smencils Fundraiser to raise money for Warringa Park School. The money being raised is for the school to get an Outside Stage for students. The Junior School Council voted this to be their project to work on for 2009.

Smencils are environmentally friendly pencils that have different smells. Children love using them because it makes their work look colourful and smell great like bubble gum, orange, watermelon and many other flavours.

Please help us to raise money to achieve our project goal. Student will be bringing home the Smenvelopes this week with information about how you can order your smencils. For further information please phone Denise Litton or Therese Bourke at school.