

Warringa Park School Newsletter

Monday 27th July 2009



Imagine the
Possibilities...

Principal's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I would like to take the opportunity to highlight one of the students who visits me every Thursday in my office. This student enters the office in his wheelchair, smiling, happy and most importantly he is volunteering to assist the Lions Club of Altona. Josh sells mints, coffee, and biscuits to raise funds so the Lions Club can help people in need. Josh is also learning money skills and customer service, but importantly he has the opportunity to meet staff and communicate and he is very competent in his job. Another reason why I am highlighting Josh this week is that he turned 18 last Sunday and has been looking forward to celebrating his 18th birthday ever since I arrived at the school last year. Josh is having a small celebration this evening at the Hoppers Crossing Club that will be attended by some staff who are wishing to celebrate this wonderful occasion with Josh. Happy Birthday Josh, from all the staff and students at Warringa Park School and I hope you have a great year.



Human Relations Information Evening - this program was held on Wednesday evening and was attended by 14 parents, whose children are involved in the 8 week program at school. I would like to thank the 10 staff who attended and presented each module of the course and for those who were assisting in the organisation of this evening program. My thanks to Heather and Liz for coordinating this program for the students at Warringa Park School.

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Congratulations to the following students who received awards today:

Section 1, Group 8 - Leigh and Tylah
Section 2, Group 10 - Carly, Munira, Rohan
Group 12- Darcy, Kyal
Group 13 - Moses, Dylan
Group 24 - Christopher
Group 25 - Dylan, Ruby, Nathan
Group 28 - Ricky, Zach

Have a great week,
Cheers

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Festival of Healthy Living Performance 2nd Sept.
- ◆ Father's Day Stall 3rd and 4th 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 - ICT eLearning

As I sat down to look at ICT at Warringa Park I was amazed at the amount of technology that was available to our students at our school. We have 120 desktop computers in classrooms. We have 65 notebook computers that our students are also using. Recently, we installed 7 new smartboards that will certainly stimulate learning and create another pathway for our students to be engaged in their classrooms and in their learning programs. We also have some 30 cameras, 6 flip video cameras, 3 digicams and there are 10 webcams that are available for student use. This represents almost 1 to 1 in computer technology available for student use.

The students are now using this technology to be engaged in blogging, animations, emailing, wiki's and we have increasingly purchased software to support literacy and numeracy in a sequential way across our school. The eLearning plan has been developed and is being followed by our staff as we move increasingly to use this technology to create not only new pathways for our students to learn, but to support their work in their classrooms in communication, literacy and numeracy. It is also pleasing to note that our senior students carry this technology with them to their VCAL destinations through their access to the new netbooks, that are very small computers that can be carried in a school bag and are easily transportable. I would like to acknowledge the eLearning team that is led by Heather, for their wonderful work in the school to implement this technology, but also to Blake Roberts is our ICT manager. The eLearning team are doing a wonderful job to ensure the technology is reliable and that it meets the expectations of our staff and students in their work and their learning.

The school has also developed its own sharepoint portal, which is the main communication platform that is used by staff in conveying communications

and events that take place at Warringa Park School. This portal is a growing platform that will prepare the school in 2010 and 2011 for the introduction of the ultranet which will be implemented in all schools in Victoria in this timeframe.

The school's website has also been updated in 2009 and is proving to be a very popular site for ensuring that our school is promoted and the communications of the school are able to be broadcast across all communities. This website is continually updated by Abi Fraser, who has developed this website and newsletter to improve the communications from Warringa Park to our parents and carers, but also to ensure that people are aware of what is happening in our great school. My thanks to all staff and students for their willingness to be engaged in these new technologies and I look forward to our students growing in skills and confidence and the utilisation of these technologies, because when they leave Warringa Park at 18 years, I know for certain that they will continue to use the computer, phone and internet throughout their life.

Assistant Principals' Report

In line with my last articles about setting expectations at school and at home I would like to reiterate our school expectations. They are

- **PINK RULE** We speak nicely to each other.
- **ORANGE RULE** We look after ourselves.
- **BLUE RULE** We look after each other.
- **GREEN RULE** We look after our school.

Last week I talked about the PINK RULE. This week I am looking at the Orange Rule

Orange Rule "We look after ourselves"

What this look likes for our school community and what might "We look after ourselves" look like at home

At School for the majority of our student it means

- ✓ We dress appropriately.
- ✓ We wear our uniform
- ✓ We wear our hats in summer.
- ✓ We are responsible for our own behaviour. (I own up for my behaviour).
- ✓ We walk away from trouble in the yard.
- ✓ We smile, laugh and have fun every day.
- ✓ We treat ourselves and others with respect. We do not gossip or spread rumours.
- ✓ We make healthy choices. (I eat and drink healthy things at school).
- ✓ We work hard at school. (I do my work in class).
- ✓ No alcohol or illegal drugs to be brought to school.
- ✓ We come to class on time.
- ✓ Wear a bike helmet and complete bike education, when riding to school.

- ✓ We walk on the decking.
- ✓ We keep our hands to ourselves.

At home you can think of what this rule means for the members of your family. For example

- ✓ We eat healthy food
- ✓ We keep our rooms clean
- ✓ We go to bed on time
- ✓ We clean our teeth every morning and Night
- ✓ We keep our hands to ourselves
- ✓ We come home on time
- ✓ etc.

Please don't forget that our parent liaison officer Abi has copies of the 4 Rules. On these copies the fourth rule is we look after our home with a picture of a house instead of a school. If you would like a copy of these for your fridge please do not hesitate to contact Abi at school.

Thank you

Jo Sadler



Did you know?

Education Maintenance Allowance

Instalment Two

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due from mid August onwards for those parents/guardians who have chosen the EFT payment option on their application form at the start of the year.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Any parent/guardian wishing to change from a cheque payment to an EFT payment will need to submit a new application form to the school for processing. Applications close on **7 August 2009**.

Parents/guardians who have chosen the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August / early September.

Further information can be obtained from:

www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm

Contact: School Office for application form and further information

Key Dates:

- Eligibility day - **13 July 2009**
- Parent applications close - **7 August 2009**
- Census day - **7 August 2009**
- EFT payments - **Mid August 2009** onwards
- Cheque payments - **Late August / Early September 2009**

Jackie's Shopping Tour - Saturday 7th November 2009

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. Staff and parents and carers will be given first option, relatives and friends will only be allocated tickets closer to the day.

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.

Chance 2 Dance Dance-athon

All money raised will go to the Wyndham Community Foundation for charitable projects in the Wyndham area.

When: Sunday 2nd August 2009, 10.00am to 10.00pm
What: Wyndham's first ever Dance-A-Thon is being hosted by the Wyndham Community Foundation in association with the chance2dance committee to raise money for local charity projects. The event is open to everyone and is aimed at getting people active and making new friends, while donating money to a worthy cause.

Where:

Wyndham Leisure and Events Centre

Cost:

By popular demand, the committee has introduced a single dance pass allowing people to enter at any time and join in for as long as they like for a flat fee of \$20 for adults, \$15 for concession and \$10 for children.

Those not wanting to dance can be part of the audience for \$5.

Planning and discussion. Preparation of Running sheets, typing up segments.

Using practical literacy skills in a hands on environment.

Learning to use technical equipment, microphones and DJ equipment and computers.

Developing oral communication.

Team skills

SYN - Student Youth Network

As part of the Personal Development Strand in VCAL, students have the opportunity to participate in the SYN Radio Program.

Our young adults plan, research and prepare their segments on Monday Morning. They also work with Croxton School and as a team organise their segments into a running sheet and then they present on air. It is a busy ,fun ,rewarding experience.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite the whole school community to tune in to 90.7 FM

Our students are ON AIR every Monday 11am to 12 midday



Sports News

Congratulations to the Warringa Park Interschool football team who had a very successful 2009 season. All players played really well and improved their football skills. All games were played with great team spirit.

Well done to James, Kaine, Daniela, Hayette, Alex, Pokuru, Harley, Michael, Nathan and Daniel.



New Junior Outdoor Learning Areas



Group 6 in their new courtyard - activities facilitate communication, language, sharing of ideas, sorting out, solving problems etc. A great learning area!!

21st Century Library and Learning Neighbourhood Update





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Imagine the possibilities...

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

The school uniform shop will **not** be open this Wednesday. Orders can be put through the office.

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.

The Volunteer Resource Group will not meet this Wednesday.

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.

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HELP!!!

The staff are starting a new Literacy Program and need your help. If you can volunteer to help either at 9:30-11am or 11am-12:30pm, please ring Val Bacon on 9749 5774