

Warringa Park School Newsletter

Friday 30th October 2009



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Principal's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was my privilege to attend the Senior Disco that was held last Friday 24th October, where 36 Senior students had a great time dancing and socialising to music from 6 o'clock till 10 o'clock. There were also many staff from Warringa present to support the students in this fun activity that they thoroughly enjoyed. There was food, music, laughter, good times that were celebrated and many dances that the students did together and by themselves. Whether they were dancing or talking, it was an evening to be remembered. This Senior disco was organised by Therese Bourke, our student welfare coordinator, and she had many helpers in bringing this disco to fruition. This was a social opportunity not to be missed by our senior students, I look forward to attending the 2010 Senior disco.



Sunsmart - I would like to remind all parents and carers that we are now in term 4 and we are increasing getting much hotter weather and our students need to wear a hat outside, otherwise No Hat No Play. It would also be of assistance if parents and carers could apply sunscreen before their child leaves for school. School hats are available for purchase from the office.

Website - www.livewire.org.au. This site has come to my attention as a site that many of our students could easily access to network with students between the ages of 10 and 21. This is a very interactive site, supported by the Australia Government and is a subsidiary of the Starlight Children's Foundation. If you have the opportunity, please go to this site and explore how our students can be connected and supported and empowered through online communities. This is a perfect vehicle that many parents have been requesting where our students can engage in blogging, online chatting and connecting with students who have similar interests. It is well worth a visit and it is hoped that our students in 2010, will be connected to this site at school.

Class Placement Letter - parents would have received the class placement letter for 2010 on Monday of this week. This provides parents and carers with an opportunity to have some input into the classes for their particular child in 2010. This letter does not give parents an opportunity to select their child's teacher, but provides an avenue for parents to communicate any concern or issues they may have that will assist teachers to place their child so they can be successful in their programs. A reminder to all parents and carers that all of the responses are due in by Friday 6th November. Responses after this date will not be considered as we will be in the process of formulating classes for 2010.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Warringa Park Cup Day 2nd November
- ◆ Book Fair 9th -13th November 1:30-3:30pm
- ◆ School Council Meeting 11th November 7pm
- ◆ Grandparents Day 11th November 9:30am
- ◆ Section 2 and 3 Christmas Concert - 8th December 11am
- ◆ Section 1 Christmas Concert - 9th December 11am
- ◆ Christmas Stall - 8th and 9th December

2010 TERM DATES

- ◆ TERM 4 MON 5 OCT – FRI 18 DEC
- ◆ TERM 1 MON 1 FEB – FRI 26 MAR
- ◆ TERM 2 MON 12 APR – FRI 25 JUN
- ◆ TERM 3 MON 12 JUL – FRI 17 SEPT
- ◆ TERM 4 MON 4 OCT – FRI 17 DEC

In focus this week - Lyn McMillan

Lyn has worked at Warringa Park for a number of years. Lyn takes pride and joy in her work and is always working to make sure that our staff and students enjoy the cleanest facilities that we can offer. Lyn is always willing to assist the school in whatever capacity she can. She is often called upon in holidays to open the school or to make herself available to meet contractors, but above all Lyn loves our students. Every afternoon, Lyn volunteers for our school and picks up some of our students to escort them to the bus. She just loves doing this and on Friday afternoons she joins in at Assemblies and loves to dance. When the Junior students are engaged in their bush dance you can find Lyn there, in her own time, volunteering to help our students. Lyn is a real asset to Warringa Park School, she represents what the school is about - helping others to achieve, and this is something that Lyn does extraordinarily well. On behalf of our school community we say thank you

to Lyn and to our other cleaning staff, Kelvin and Glen and Taryn, who also work in our school. Without the cleaners, our school could not operate. So thank you, your work is valued and appreciated.



Assistant Principal's Report



“This is a good opportunity for our students to practise money handling skills”

On Fridays a team of students from the later years work in the school canteen to provide lunches which can be purchased by students across the school. This is an excellent program and these students provide a very worthwhile service to the school community while building their own hospitality skills. Students under supervision are responsible for collecting, sorting and checking the orders. They make the shopping list based on the number of orders and with assistance purchase the required ingredients at the local supermarket. The students then prepare the food, collate the orders and deliver them to the classrooms. And all this is done by 12:30pm. Generally the canteen processes between 25 and 30 orders. The canteen is open during lunch time and students are able to purchase a snack. This is a good opportunity for our students to practise money handling skills. Our school canteen operates under the healthy eating guidelines provided by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and we are always encouraging our students to choose healthy food as it makes good learning so much easier. Thank you to Jean Roga and Willi Thwaites who support students with this program.

Marie Hayes

Bongo Brothers Incursion

Last Friday students at Warringa Park were treated to a performance of 'Quest for the Perfect Rhythm' by the Bongo Brothers. One of the band members was Dave Houston who has been involved with our school this year as part of the Festival for Healthy Living. We will hopefully see Dave again next year as the project continues to build on the good work that has been achieved so far. Friday's show featured Warringa Park's own drumming group who performed in three songs after a brief rehearsal with the band before the show. They did a terrific job and made a wonderful contribution to the performance. Another of our students, Cameron, reprised the great work he did in the Festival for Healthy Living show by joining one of the Bongo Brothers for a duet on the didgeridoo.

The next big Music and Performing Arts event to watch out for this year will be the end of year student concerts on the 8th and 9th of December. You will receive a note about this soon and we would love parents to attend if they are able.

Kym Tonkin and Philomena McBryde



Interschool Sport

Warringa Park has included two teams in this year's NSSSA Interschool sport **Basketball** competition played weekly at the Keilor Basketball Stadium.

Both teams have started very well with the boys team winning all three games against Jackson 20- 16, Rosamond 18 - 16 and Montague 30 - 8 and the girls winning their first game against Montague 24 - 18 and then drawing against Montague in a nail biting game 20 - 20.

Two of our Basketball stars in the past two weeks have been Carly and Chloe from section 2.

They race up and down the court and are very hard for the opposition to catch!!

Well done to all team members.



Warringa Park Cup Day - Section 2

ON Monday 2nd November section 2 will be having our Annual Warringa Park Cup Day.

There will be Fashion on the field, Races, Best Hat Competition and Chicken and Bubbly (mineral water and juice).

Cost is \$2 per person. Prizes to be won.

Great fun for everyone come and join in the fun!

12:00-12:30pm	Fashion on the Field
12:30-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00-1:30pm	Recess Break
1:30-2:30pm	Races

Scholastic Book Fair - 9th - 13th November

The Book Fair is on again. Parents, Carers, Relatives and Friends are all welcome to come to the Scholastic Book Fair. There are plenty of fabulous books to buy for your child or for Christmas presents for friends and family. The Book Fair will be open from 1:30 - 3:30pm from 9th - 13th November for parents and carers and the students will be

able to also attend during the day. So, if you are unable to make it to the fair, you can send some money with your child so they may purchase books and or novelty items.

Our school receives a commission for all books sold, so come and support your school and the library.

Grandparents Day - 11th November

Warringa Park would like to welcome grandparents to our school. Come and share this special day with your grandchild and their friends.

9:30	Welcome and tour
10:00	Reading in the classroom with your grandchild
11:00	Morning Tea made and served by our VCAL students
12 noon	Finish

(Parents please note: if your child has a different significant person in their life, they are also welcome to attend Grandparents Day)

Awards

Section 1

Group 2 - Lachlan - Healthy Eating certificate,
Lisa for writing her name independently

Section 2

Group 10 - Dion for fantastic work, Margaret for reading

Group 12 - Sarah and Liam for excellent space research

Group 13 - Yak, Kia, Moses, Vincent for earning more than 15 stars

Group 25 - Kyle for Star of the Week, Mason and Bronte for the Good Work Award

Group 28 - Lochlan and Matthew for Great work in class

Group 24 - Justin, Patrick, Mitchell for most improved.

Pink Rule Winners

Last Week - Congratulations to our 3 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.

Most raffle ticket collected

Section 1 Samara

section 2 Vesna

section 3 Russell





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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.

The ladies volunteer group is on this Friday and every Friday till the end of term! If you have a spare hour to cut, laminate and have a chat with Allied Health Staff whilst assisting your child's school, come along on Friday 1.30pm – 2:30pm and check in at reception.

Fundraising

Do you have any new unwanted gifts sitting in the cupboard? Please help our school and donate to the Christmas Stall. Any contributions will be gratefully received at the reception desk or can be sent in with your child on the bus. Thank you

Don't forget Tuesday 3rd November is a public holiday in Victoria and schools are closed.

There will be school as usual on Monday 2nd November.

Uniforms

There are 7 weeks left of term, so parents and carers need to begin to think about uniform needs for next year. Most Junior items are on order for 2-3 weeks and Senior School items can take anywhere up to 5 weeks for orders to be completed. Don't delay. Please put your uniform order in as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. An order form can be sent home on request through your child's communication book or it is available on the school website.

Hats are provided to new students by the School Council. However, for current students, parents and carers can purchase a new school hat from the office for \$9.