

Warringa Park School Newsletter

Monday 31st August 2009



Imagine the
Possibilities...

Principal's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week is Literacy and Numeracy week that celebrates the work of all students across the state in these key areas of learning. At Warringa Park in 2009, literacy along with communication, has been the highest priority for all students in their learning. It is important that all our students are given the opportunity to communicate and if possible engage in literacy. I am pleased to report to our school community that the great majority of students at Warringa Park are making substantial improvements in these areas. In my walks around the school, I am delighted to see so many of our students engaging in their learning at all different levels. I am also learning from a number of parents that they are delighted with the progress that their child has made since they commenced at Warringa Park School. Each classroom at Warringa Park now has a classroom library so that our students have ready access to books and engage with the various forms of literature, including picture books, fiction and non-fiction. I would like to acknowledge our staff who are making significant commitments in time and in their teaching and learning to provide your child with the best opportunity to learn and achieve. Every child, every day is a goal that we aim to achieve at Warringa Park to hear our students read. In 2010, Numeracy will be the school's number 1 priority in teaching and learning.

Donation - It was my pleasure to attend the Werribee Rotary Club meeting on Tuesday 25th August. At this meeting I was presented with a cheque for \$2000. This money was raised from the Art Show that was organised and run by Beta Sigma Phi, in conjunction with Werribee Rotary. I would like to acknowledge Elizabeth Ross, from Beta Sigma Phi, for her work in conducting the art show with Werribee Rotary. These funds will be used to purchase tricycles for our bike ed. program.

I would like to remind all parents/ carers of the Family Portrait Day that is being organised by the school's fundraising committee. The family portrait day has been organised for this Saturday 5th September. I encourage you to take up this offer and support our school at the same time.

Attendance - I would like to thank those parents who have notified the school of their child's absence and especially those parents and carers who have helped us identify inaccuracies in our attendance records. We are finally moving in the right direction where attendance is concerned; however, there is still plenty of room for improvement. In the last week we have had 56 full day absences which were unexplained. Although this figure has decreased by a little over 30 per cent, it still means there are too many absences across our school. All students need to attend school five days per week, unless there is illness or a medical reason and parents and carers should notify the school when an absence occurs.

Please do not keep your child home because they are too tired (unless there is a medical cause), don't want to go to school or can't get out of bed on time. School is important for every child's development, behaviour and education. Every day they miss, means a day they will not progress. Let's see if we can improve this attendance rate.

Have a great week and please take the time to hear your child read or read a story to them.

Go the Pies!!!

Colin

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Poss-abilities EXPO 1st September
- ◆ 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 -Special Events

It was my pleasure on Thursday morning to attend the Junior School Sports Day. This event was arranged by Alison, Julia and Leanne and was coordinated by Gabrielle. I would like to thank all of the staff who supported the organization of this event and who made this event such a fantastic experience for all the junior students and the parents that were in attendance. Marie Hayes and I were absolutely delighted to be present to see the students engaging in this activity and jumping for joy when they heard their football theme song. These special events that are organised across the school add another dimension to the activities for our students to be engaged. The swimming carnival, athletics

carnival, junior sports day and other such events, make Warringa Park a special place for our students. I would like to acknowledge all of the staff for their support for these events and their willingness to go that extra step in terms of planning and organising above their key responsibilities in their teaching and learning areas. To all the parents who take the time to attend I thank you and I look forward to increasing participation in these special events days.

Assistant Principal's Report



*“This week is
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across Australia”*

This week is Literacy and Numeracy Week across Australia and here at Warringa Park School we are inviting parents into our classrooms to be involved in literacy and numeracy learning activities. The school has focused in 2009 on improving literacy outcomes for our every student in our school and we have had some great successes. There's been lots more reading in newly formed classroom libraries, students have been writing, making and then reading their own books. They really enjoy reading them to me and to their friends and I'm sure they're brought them home to share with you. Every teacher is making every effort to ensure that every student reads every day because we know that is what makes a difference to reading competence. I would ask that you make a time at home to read with or to your child because literacy and numeracy are extremely important life skills and impact greatly on the post school options available to your child. The theme for the week is 'Getting the Basics Right' and in our classrooms you will see reading, writing and mathematical activities that are tailored to the needs of each child in the classroom and engage them in learning. Please come along and help celebrate the good literacy and numeracy learning that is happening in our school.
Marie Hayes

Poss-abilities EXPO - Life options for people living with a disability

Warringa Park School in conjunction with Wyndham Disability Network are of the view that we need to provide students and their families with as much information as is possible in order that you are able to make informed and relevant decisions about their future.

At the EXPO you will have the opportunity to investigate the opportunities that some seventy service providers can offer post school. These organisations will provide assistance and advice on a range of services that will assist you and your student in preparations for their working life or further training.

Whether you are a young person taking the step out of school into the big wide world, or a person

wanting to broaden your horizons, this expo will help you explore some options for your pathway through life.

While we recognise that the coming period may be apprehensive for your family, the organisations we have invited to the EXPO will provide high quality advice. We hope that you find the afternoon/evening informative and worthwhile.

September 1st, 2009

12.00 noon-7.00 pm

Wyndham Leisure Centre

Derrimut Rd- Hoppers Crossing

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.

Most tickets

Section 1	Thomas W, Rima
Section 2	Rachael M, Janie S
Section 3	Kaine P



VCAL news - Work Skills Program at Holmesglen Tafe.

Each Thursday students from the VCAL program travel to Holmesglen Tafe to undertake a work skills program in Building Construction and Furnishing, designed to give them credit towards the requirement required to achieve the industry and work related strands of VCAL.

1) Building Constructions.

Provides an exciting and safe learning environment where they experience work activities from Bricklaying, Solid plastering, Stone Masonry and Wall and Floor Tiling Industries, particular attention is given to the correct use of tools, equipment, O.H.&S and more.



2) Furnishing.

Provides an exciting and safe learning environments where they experience work activities from the cabinet making, solid furnishing, polishing and upholstery industries. Particular attention is given to the correct use of tools, equipment, O.H. & S, and more.



Jackie's Shopping Tour

If you are waiting to book your tickets, you will be disappointed. Not enough interest has been generated in this fundraising event. We need to book more tickets urgently for it to go ahead. Don't delay!

Tickets are \$35 each and we have 38 tickets available, so you need to be quick. Buy a ticket for yourself, your sister, mum, neighbour...

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.

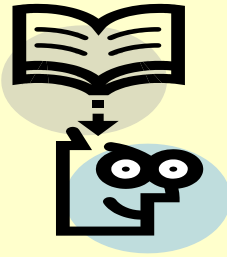
Father's Day Stall - Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th

The father's Day Stall will be held this week. Items range from \$1 to \$12. We have a great range of hardware and manly presents for the Dad's, so please send you child with some cash on Thursday or Friday.

101 Ways to Praise a Child!

WOW • WAY TO GO • SUPER • YOU'RE SPECIAL • OUTSTANDING • EXCELLENT • GREAT • GOOD • NEAT • WELL DONE • REMARKABLE • I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT • I'M PROUD OF YOU • FANTASTIC • SUPER STAR • NICE WORK • LOOKING GOOD • YOU'RE ON TOP OF IT • BEAUTIFUL • NOW YOU'RE FLYING • YOU'RE CATCHING ON • NOW YOU'VE GOT IT • YOU'RE INCREDIBLE • BRAVO • YOU'RE FANTASTIC • HURRAY FOR YOU • YOU'RE ON TARGET • YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY • HOW NICE • HOW SMART • GOOD JOB • THAT'S INCREDIBLE • HOT DOG • DYNAMITE • YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL • YOU'RE UNIQUE • NOTHING CAN STOP YOU NOW • GOOD FOR YOU • I LIKE YOU YOU'RE A WINNER • REMARKABLE JOB • BEAUTIFUL WORK • SPECTACULAR • YOU'RE SPECTACULAR • YOU'RE DARLING • YOU'RE PRECIOUS • GREAT DISCOVERY • YOU'VE DISCOVERED THE SECRET • YOU FIGURED IT OUT • FANTASTIC JOB • HIP, HIP, HURRAY • BINGO • MAGNIFICENT • MARVELOUS • TERRIFIC • YOU'RE IMPORTANT • PHENOMENAL • YOU'RE SENSATIONAL • SUPER WORK • CREATIVE JOB • SUPER JOB • FANTASTIC JOB • EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE • YOU'RE A REAL TROOPER • YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE • YOU ARE EXCITING • YOU LEARNED IT RIGHT • WHAT AN IMAGINATION • WHAT A GOOD LISTENER • YOU ARE FUN • YOU'RE GROWING UP • YOU TRIED HARD • YOU CARE • BEAUTIFUL SHARING • OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE • YOU'RE A GOOD FRIEND • I TRUST YOU • YOU'RE IMPORTANT • YOU MEAN A LOT TO ME • YOU MAKE ME HAPPY • YOU BELONG • YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND • YOU MAKE ME LAUGH • YOU BRIGHTEN MY DAY • I RESPECT YOU • YOU MEAN THE WORLD TO ME • THAT'S CORRECT • YOU'RE A JOY • YOU'RE A TREASURE • YOU'RE WONDERFUL • YOU'RE PERFECT • AWESOME • A+ JOB • YOU'RE A-OK MY BUDDY • YOU MADE MY DAY • THAT'S THE BEST • A BIG HUG • A BIG KISS • SAY I LOVE YOU!

Literacy and Numeracy Week



Literacy and Numeracy is making learning connections across, and in and out of school, and most effective when *not* practiced in isolated classroom activities.

Teachers link the student’s literacy and numeracy practices from home, and outside school, with school based learning.

In the Senior school, we build on foundations of the students’ prior learning, within an integrated framework of skills linked to their post school pathways.

Some examples of numeracy and literacy within our Work Education programs are;

CAFÉ 11- taking a customer order / writing names; reading an order,; adding costs, giving change; reading a recipe, measuring quantities, calculating time, reading time; problem solving; writing / reading /and making announcements etc

CANTEEN- reading orders, collating orders, counting orders, purchasing, following time frames, delivering - matching room numbers, etc

PAMPHLETS - ordering and sequencing, counting, matching, reading street names, letter box numbers, recognizing signs e.g. “no junk mail” , problem solving, direction etc

GARDEN NURSERY- measurement, reading instructions and labels, pricing, estimating, money, problem solving, time frames etc

All students are literacy and numeracy learners no matter their level of skills.

NOW challenge yourselves How many learning outcomes can YOU see are in going to the supermarket?????? Can you get 10 ? 15? More.....??



Our students and staff are excited about the books they have made and read at school this year. All our classrooms in the Junior and Middle Section of the school have a library corner within their classrooms.

In the Middle Years Section of our school alone, more than 80 % of the students have made significant gains in reading and we have students wanting to read more books. Students in section 2 will celebrate this achievement by making

show bags for their favourite book. If your child has a favourite book at home, please send in the book with your child to school so he can share it with others at school.

We hope that you are enjoying the books or texts that your child is bringing home to read.

Remember to make reading a fun activity at home and talk to your child about books you read as a child and books you read now.

For this week, see how many words you can make as a family using the letters in the grid. Each of the letters in the grid can only be used once in a word.

L	S	K
A	E	T
E	C	N

Write the words on a piece of paper with your child’s name on it and sent it to your child’s teacher. The family with the highest number of words will win a prize. The words you make must be words that are found in the English Dictionary.



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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.

Awards

Section 1

Group 2 - Rima, Literacy Award

Section 2

Group 10 - Julian - reading 10 books

Group 13 - Camp Award

Group 25 - Nathan - star of the week, Luke, Joshua - good work award

Group 28 - whole class

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. All money needs to be in by Wednesday. We need more bookings to run this event. Come and support our school.

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.

REMINDER - 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. **PLEASE RETURN SMENVELOPES BY THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER.**