



WARRINGA PARK SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday, Warringa Park was notified that it was included in the first round of funding of the Economic Stimulus Package, announced by the Rudd Government. This approval for a twenty first century library and learning neighbourhood will mean a significant difference for our students and staff at Warringa Park School. This project will be able to be costed to 2 million, which are the maximum funds available to the school under this Economic Stimulus Package. This twenty first century library and learning neighbourhood will be a prominent feature at the entrance to our school. I look forward with you to having this building hopefully completed and ready to operate by the start of 2010. This is indeed an exciting time for Warringa Park School and its students. I look forward with you and our school community to our students enjoying the benefits of this fantastic initiative that has been made available by the Federal Government to all schools across Australia.



Soccer Goal Posts – I am very proud to announce to our school community that we have had two soccer goal posts installed on our oval for our students to enjoy. Unfortunately, our school oval needs a lot of work undertaken to bring it up to an acceptable playing surface for our students, not only to enjoy soccer, but many other activities. In 2010, this oval will be a priority for redevelopment within our school. The cost of the redevelopment in terms of synthetic grass being laid in this area is in excess of \$200, 000 and through our workforce plan and our school budget, we will work towards setting these funds aside so that our students can enjoy this playground and enjoy the activities that can be experienced.

School Volunteers – We now have 30 volunteers working within our school. We have reached capacity in terms of our volunteer involvement which is an absolute credit to the work of Abi Fraser and her commitment to involve parents in the programs and the activities that our students engage in at Warringa Park School. The following activities give you an example of the work of our volunteers. They are engaged in therapeutic and intensive swimming programs, classroom helpers, Kerry Cassar coordinates the school uniform shop, the Fundraising Committee, book covering and the list goes on... I would like to thank these volunteers for their enthusiasm and their commitment to Warringa Park School. It is just fantastic to have these volunteers working and supporting our students and staff as there is a real sense of belonging and community ownership developing at Warringa Park School. This volunteer partnership is an important one for Warringa Park as it assists the school to move forward and make a difference for our students and staff.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mother's Day Stall -	Thur 7 th May
School Council Meeting	Wed 13 th May
Education Week	Mon 18 th May
Queen's Birthday Holiday	Mon 8 th Jun
Curriculum Day	Fri 12 th Jun

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

School Motto – I would like to thank all of the parents and carers and staff who submitted a motto for consideration by the School Council for what Warringa Park stands for, for our students and the school community. School Council has made a decision and our new motto is:

“Imagine the possibilities...”

I look forward to the school motto being proudly displayed on our school publications and being a part of our school environment and embedded in the culture of our school.

Education Week – I would like to announce to the school community that Education Week will commence on May 18th and I look forward to many of our parents and carers visiting our school during this week. In next week’s newsletter I will be putting in an Education Week timetable and extending an invitation to parents and carers to visit their child’s classroom at the allocated times.

School Values – I would like to take the opportunity to revisit our school values:

Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Confidence and Personal Best.

I urge all of our parents and carers where there is an opportunity to reinforce these important values at home with your child as these values are able to guide our behaviour through our entire lives.

Hoppers Crossing Rotary – it is my pleasure to recognise the contribution that Hoppers Crossing Rotary will be making to our school on Saturday May 9th. The Rotary club is donating a significant amount of garden mulch to our school and will be planting a large number of plants and shrubs between our portable buildings to enhance these areas. Service Clubs like Rotary, play an important role in our community and Hoppers Crossing Rotary has had an extensive involvement over many years at Warringa Park School. I look forward in the next newsletter to showing off the work that was achieved by this rotary club. My thanks to Bob Metselaar who was instrumental in providing the contacts with this club to enable this to be achieved.

Parents are reminded that school starts at 9am. If you are bringing your child to school, it is most important that you arrive **before 9am**. It can be disruptive for staff and students when students constantly arrive late.

I wish all parents and carers and their families a great week and hope we get some more rain.
Have a great week,

Colin
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AWARDS

Section 1 - Group 5 -Braden Hardman, Lachlan Robinson for following school and classroom rules.
Group 6 - certificate awarded to Alton for knowing the 20 Red Words.
Group 8 - Summara and Leigh for gaining 20 stars.

Section 2 – Group 12 – Christos Kotsidis, Music Award; Kyal Abela, Great work on book award.
Group 24 – Mitchell Pavey-Byrne, for coming to school every day and working hard.
Group 25 – Mason Laurence, last week’s star of the week; Ruby Wood, star of the week;
Dylan Lynch, working well on Friday all day; Adrian Urankar, wonderful homework;
Nathan Gibson, Helping hands award.
Room 14, student of the week. Samuel Ayallew. Awarded for settling into his new classroom routine

Assistant Principal's Report

On Monday the 11th of May the intensive swimming program commences at Warringa Park School. This program will be running over a 4 week period but each class will only have 10 swimming lessons over 2 consecutive weeks. You will have received information about the dates and times your child will be having their swimming lessons at the Wyndham Leisure Centre. I would ask that this information be returned to the school as soon as possible. Our goal is to have every child in the school participate in the program. If you have any issues with the costs associated with the program please contact your child's teacher, James Malone, Jo or myself and the school may be able to assist. It is also possible for parents to use their EMA to cover the cost of Intensive Swimming. Swimming is a very important program for every student at our school and being able to swim is an essential water safety skill. Everybody should have the opportunity to be taught to swim, to stay afloat and to be safe in the water. As well as being good fun swimming is a great way to keep fit, stay healthy and make friends. It is a recreational activity which provides a low-impact workout, is relaxing and feels good and one that you can continue for a lifetime. It is important that students if possible attend all of the 10 sessions as it has been shown that intensive skill development over a two week period can really make a difference to their swimming ability and make them more water safe. Parents are invited to assist with this program. If you are available please let your child's classroom teacher know or James Malone. The program will conclude on Thursday June 11th with the swimming carnival.



Mother's Day Stall – Thursday 7th May 9.30am – 2.30pm.

Please send some money with your child this Thursday for the Mother's Day Stall. The ladies have been working hard and there are some fabulous items for your child to buy. Items for sale range from 50 cents to \$10.

A big thank you to the fundraising committee and the lovely ladies that have been helping with items for the mother's day stall – Julie Jollie, Barbara Cameron, Yvonne Spago.

Canteen - This week's canteen special is Chicken fried rice and a drink for \$5. Drink choices are strawberry milk, chocolate milk and water.

Canteen Price List amendment. The mini yoghurt is unavailable. We have tubs of frozen yoghurt available for \$2.



JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL 2009

Our Junior School Councillors have been elected for 2009. Congratulations to the following students:

Section 1

Trey Downes, Gabrielle Nash, Arios Kemp, Thomas Wasteneay

Section 2

Carly Kenyeres, George Martin, Elijah Van Wynen, Wafaa Haddara

Section 3

Erin Waters, Jacinta Brown, Kristy Harding Lewin, James Prestinenzi

VCAL

Crystal Hinchey, Andrew Nyagwa Opiew, Jesse Thomas

We look forward to an exciting year working with the students to achieve great outcomes for Warringa Park School.

Therese Bourke and Denise Litton

Save Money on your Energy and Water Bills

Are you a Pensioner and/or Healthcare Card holder living in the Heathdale, Woodville, Glen Devon areas? Or do you live in a home in Wyndham Vale built after 1991? If so, you may be entitled to have your home retrofitted **FREE OF CHARGE**.

You could be entitled to...

- Water saving showerheads and replacement tap washers
- Energy efficient light globes
- Draught seals for doors and windows
- Drapes or insulation installed to the main living area

If you think you qualify please call the Werribee Energy and Water Task Force on 9731 7794.

Reminder – Please ensure your child’s clothing is well named. We have a growing number of lost property items, especially jumpers. If your child has lost an item of clothing, please ask your child’s teacher.

Bunnings BBQ

Saturday was the last Bunnings BBQ that I was asking staff to participate in .We had an excellent result making \$1336.00. Today’s crew were Bev Williams all day Wendy, Annette, Anna and her sister Tabitha, Liz, Heather and myself and we should not forget Bob Metselaar who not only arranged all our dates at Bunnings, but also works the day with us. Once again thanks to all the people that have helped us over the last couple of years it has given our school some well needed funds.

Bob Pilcher



Footy Day - the total raised for beyond blue was \$108.40.

Thankyou to all those families who donated to this great cause.