

Warringa Park School Newsletter

Tuesday 9th June 2009



Principal's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Finally, we are all back at school and ready to work. I realise the last week might have been distressing for a lot of you and I can only say that the whole operation went as smoothly as could be expected.

A big thank you to parents and carers for their support and I apologise to any parent /carer who may have been overlooked in being phoned. I would also like to thank the staff for the way they assisted the school to manage this situation at the school level as it was a big logistical exercise to contact all parent/carers and to make arrangements for all students to receive the medication.

After this exercise, we have realised how many parents are not contactable due to changed home and mobile numbers. If your child has an emergency at school we need to be able to contact you immediately. Please ring or see the office staff to update your records if you have not already done so.



Imagine the
Possibilities...

I had the pleasure of starting off the week before last, acknowledging our Junior School Council at the various assemblies for each section of the school. Not only did we get to present their badges, but I was also able to introduce our school captains to the students and those parents and carers in attendance. To James and Erin who have been elected our School Captains, I can proudly report to the school community that we have two wonderful students who are representing our school in this official capacity. As School Captains they will have the opportunity to welcome visitors to our school, to show prospective parents around our school, showing off our facilities and in particular our programs in teaching and learning that assist our students to thrive at Warringa Park School. Both James and Erin are a credit to themselves in the way they go about their work, in their learning at Warringa Park, but also in the way they behave and interact with staff and students. They are well-mannered, courteous and a credit to their parents and our school. I look forward as the Principal of this school in working closely with them to implement many of the suggestions that I am sure the Junior School Council will make over the coming year. Congratulations to all the Junior School Councilors and when I can it will be my pleasure to come to your meetings and hear your suggestions about how we can improve our school.

Sun protection is not required during May to August, (if UV levels are 1 or 2) to assist students to maintain adequate vitamin D levels throughout the winter months. It is important that all students get out in the sun in these months for their health and well being as well as the family. Enjoy the sunshine as it has a lot to offer.

I would also like to remind parents that this Friday is a scheduled Curriculum Day for all State Government Schools. There will be no students at school this Friday, 12th June 2009.

Have a great week and when you get the time take the opportunity to sit down with your child and have a conversation and if possible read a book to them as the more reading that their experience as we know, the greater learning that they will achieve.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ School Council Wed 10th Jun
- ◆ Curriculum Day Fri 12th 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

In Focus this week - Swine Flu

As you would be aware, Victoria is now in a modified 'sustain' phase of its plan to manage the impact of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) in our community.

This means that only children confirmed by a doctor as having the virus will be quarantined. Those sharing a house with a confirmed case will not be required to enter quarantine, unless they too are confirmed as having the virus.

Classes who may have been in contact with a confirmed case will no longer be quarantined, and schools will no longer be partially or fully closed.

Students who are feeling unwell should remain at home and not attend school. Students and families with flu-like symptoms are advised to seek medical attention and limit their contact with others.

If your child becomes ill at school, we will contact you immediately and ask you to arrange to collect your child. Please make sure that we have your up-to-date contact details.

It should be remembered, however, that the virus has so far been mild and can be compared to our normal winter flu.

Good general hygiene remains the best defense against

the flu and families should continue to ensure children regularly washing their hands and cover their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing. This practice is being reinforced with your children while at school.

If you have any specific concerns:

- Visit www.health.vic.gov.au
- Call the **Swine Influenza Hotline on 180 2007**
- Call **Nurse-on-Call on 1300 606 024** - for expert health information (freecall 24 hours, 7 days)
- Visit **your doctor (GP)** - if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue).

The Department of Human Services is also continuing to ask parents of children returning from USA, Canada, Japan, Mexico and Panama to voluntarily keep their children home for seven (7) days from arrival back in Australia. This is a further precautionary measure to assist in managing the further spread of the virus.



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Assistant Principals' Report

During Education Week 20 parents visited Cafe11 and were from all accounts extremely impressed with the coffee and the service. The staff certainly appreciates the Café as it not only provides the best coffee in the west but is a relaxing place to take a break and sit and have a chat. Café 11 is run by students in the later years under the guidance of Deb Barnes. A group of 5 students work on a 2 week rotational basis in the café and learn a whole range of hospitality skills so as to be able to provide morning tea and lunches. These students prepare and cook the food, take orders, collect money and give change, serve customers and make the coffee. A visitor to the Café 11 at around 10:45am any day would see a very busy workplace with every student smartly dressed in red and black and very focused on their role for that day. It is a great opportunity for every student to learn and practice those hospitality skills which they will be able to use in the workforce when they leave Warringa Park School. But what I notice as well is how much these students grow as young people - confident in their skills and very pleasant and self assured in their interactions with people. As a school we're very proud of our Café and its friendly atmosphere and take every opportunity to take visitors to our school there or just host a meeting there. The students are delighted when their parents visit and last week we had some of the bus staff visit as well. They had heard such good reports from students on their buses that they just had to come!! Café 11 is open on Monday and Wednesday from 10:30 until 12:30 and Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 until 2:00. It's one of my favourite places but come along and see for yourself. **Marie**

Good News

Our School Captain, James Prestinenzi, will be reading the weather report on Mix 101.1 at 8:00 am on Friday. Tune in and good luck James!

Room 7 is looking forward to having an Interactive Whiteboard installed in their classroom over the holidays ready for term 3.

Children's Cheering Carpet - Saltbush

On Friday 29th May students and staff from Groups 5 and 9 travelled to Artplay, in Birrarung Marr in the City, to see a wonderful performance about Indigenous Culture called 'Saltbush'. The performers told stories about their culture through song and dance on a carpet that kept changing through the use of digital images projected onto it. Children were invited to join the performers on stage and our students

took part with gusto! It was one of the best excursions we have been on and our students thoroughly enjoyed it! We should also mention that the behaviour of our students was excellent and they were a credit to their school and the staff who work with them.

Kym Tonkin and Kris Smith
Performing Arts and Visual Arts
specialist teachers.



Awards

Section 1

Group 7 - Amy, Anthony, Liam, Thorne, Jonah, Penny, Thevinu, have completed the Intensive Swimming Program and are to be congratulated on the progress they have made.

Group 8

Sean for Golden Words.
Gabrielle and Arios 20 stars.

Section 2

Group 12 - Bailey Baldock for a 'great effort in swimming' award.

Choir Excursion to Orden Aged Care

On Friday 29th May the choir and some middle school students visited Orden, a local aged care facility. The choir performed nine songs and it was fantastic to see the looks on the faces of residents. They were a very appreciative audience and loved hearing the students sing, particularly several songs which were familiar to them. The residents even did an impromptu performance of "Waltzing Matilda" for the students in response to their Anzac Day song (which was sung to the tune of Waltzing Matilda). Orden's lifestyle coordinator congratulated the choir and was quick to invite them to return and

give another performance. Students interacted with the residents after their performance and thoroughly enjoyed the excursion. Thank you to all the staff who were involved in organising and conducting this wonderful excursion.





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Imagine the possibilities...

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

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.

Volunteers Resource Making Group will be on this Wednesday at 1:30pm in the parent/volunteer common room.

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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