



# **Warragamba Public School**

## **Keeping in Touch – Term 2 Week 3**

**Thursday 17 May 2018**

### **Principal Message**

Term 2 is well and truly underway and as usual we are straight back into learning and participating in many wonderful learning activities.

We finished off last term with Parent/Teacher interviews and we tried a new arrangement for the interviews which seemed to work really well. It was great to see so many parents taking the opportunity to come and talk to their child's teacher. I also enjoyed being able to speak with a number of parents about our current school plan.

The students went along and saw the Brainstorm Productions show which had an embedded message about bullying and how to manage those situations if they arise. We also had the PVPAF choir rehearsal. The feedback I received from Mrs Taylor and Miss Foster was that our students were superb!

At the end of Week 1 we also had our ANZAC Service which was organised by Miss Foster. One of our ex-students, Malakai P, came along to speak at the service. It was a lovely service which also included our choir singing "Spirit of the ANZACS".



We had our annual Cross Country carnival on the Friday. It was extremely windy and we had to change our arrangements slightly however it ended up being a great afternoon. One of our shade sails though did not start the day well. ☹



In week 2 we had our Science Incursion for Stage 2 and our Mother's Day Stall. We also drew our Mother's day raffle and congratulations to the Sherwin family for winning that beautiful basket of goodies for their mum.

This week we have had the Stage 3 Travel Expo which was absolutely amazing!!!!!! I am so impressed by the hard work and effort put into these projects by the students. The knowledge gained from the process is astounding. Credit must go to our Stage 3 teachers for organising this learning for the students and giving them the time and space to complete their projects.



NAPLAN has now finished for this week and it has been pleasing to see so many students participating with confidence. We need to remember that it is a snap shot in time of what the students know and what skills they have. It is informative for staff however we look at all data across the year when reporting to parents.

Mrs Shepherd ☺

### **P/T Interviews – Maths Groups**

You should have received a note today about this if you have a child in Stage 2 and/or 3. These P/T interviews will be held in Week 5 on Tuesday the 29/5 & Wednesday 30/5 from 2.00pm – 5.00pm. This is an opportunity for parents to speak directly with their child's maths teacher. They will be held in the Library. K-2 teachers are supporting the process by buddying up with a primary class between 2-3pm on these two days.

### **Road Safety**

Unfortunately we have some incidents of near misses this week. One such incident was three male students on scooters who were almost hit on Tuesday afternoon. The parent contacted the school to inform us of the near miss. We are following up at school but I am asking all parents to have the discussion about road safety with their children again.



### *Principal's Merit Award*

*Respect Rule: Speaking to others in a respectful manner at all times ☺*

*KJ - Fynn M*

*KA - Quinton C*

*KD - Kingston H*

*1M - Jared D*

*1E - Olivia W*

*1/2C - Vanessa G*

*2M - Jack C*

*2B - Chloe T*

*3C - Isaac V*

*3/4A - Payten F*

*4L - Micaela D*

*4/5M - Benjamin S*

*5/6B - Heidi K*

*5/6K - Seth M*

*6C - Emily C*

*Mrs Gerrie - Liliana R*

*Miss Foster - Lacey G*

*Mrs Fyffe - Kiera M*

*Mrs Bogart - Lucas A*



## School Concert (T4) & Gymnastics (T3)

A note will be coming home soon with both of these events on it. Gymnastics is in T3 and is an important part of the curriculum. We do the gymnastics program every two years to ensure that we are covering the expected curriculum. We will be having "Be Skilled Be Fit" come in to run the program again as they are accredited instructors. As a school we will be subsidizing part of this payment for each student. Instead of the regular \$43.00 **we will only be asking each student to pay \$32.50** for the program.



Also in T3 we will be having Dance 2B Fit come in to support classroom teachers with the preparation of items for the school concert in Wk 2 of T4. This company come in and work with the school on a theme for the concert and then they choreograph items, assist with the running of the concert (music and running of the event) and all students and their classroom teachers will receive a lesson 1x week in T3 to prepare items. A number of schools have started to engage the services of providers for this purpose as it supports the classroom teachers with the ever increasing workload expected of them. The cost would normally be \$40.00 per student (only the first 2 children in a family) however as a school we will be subsidizing this also. **We will only be asking for \$20.00 per student.** For the



concert prep only the first two children in the family pay so this is a great deal for our larger families.

We are sending a combined note out very soon so that families have plenty of time to pay off these fees.

Date	Event
18.05.18	Winter Gala Day 1
22.05.18	Nan Tien Temple Excursion – Stage 3
24.05.18	League Gala day
29.05.18	ICAS Science
29.05.18	P/T Interviews – Maths groups (3-6)
30.05.18	P/T Interviews – Maths groups (3-6)
01.06.18	Zone Cross Country
04.06.18	Aboriginal Dance Workshop
05.06.18	Aboriginal Dance Workshop
08.05.18	Winter Gala Day 2
13.06.18	ICAS Spelling
14.06.18	SSW X Country
14.06.18	ICAS Writing
18.06.18	PVPAF Choir Rehearsal
19.06.18	Stage 3 Science Excursion
26.06.18	Jump off Day – Jump Rope for Heart
29.06.18	Winter Gala Day 3
02.07.18	NAIDOC Week
03.07.18	NAIDOC Performance
04.07.18	Colour Run P&C (TBC)
06.07.18	Last Day of T2

- Please note if there is a need to change a date we will let you know through the newsletter/skoolbag.

## Kindergarten 2019 Enrolments

Kindergarten enrolment packages are now available at the front office. Children turning 5 before the 31 July 2019 are eligible to enroll. If you have a child who will be starting school in 2019 please call in to the office to pick up an enrolment package. **Office hours are 8.30am to 3.15pm**

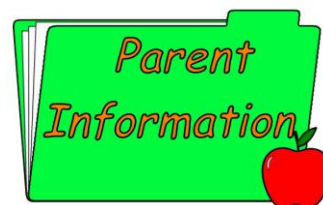


### Payments to the School – Please keep your receipts!

Please ensure that receipts for payments made to the school for any School event are kept until after the event so that this allows us to check information against school records if there are discrepancies. Receipts need to be provided as proof of payment. **The school will no longer be able to cover disputed payments unless proof of payment is provided.**

### Parent Helpers

#### Appendix 5 – Declaration for Volunteers



We have contacted the Departments Probity Unit to confirm the following information:

The Department of Education requires an Appendix 5 form to be filled out for **EVERY** Volunteer (Parent Helper) when helping out at Warragamba Public School.

Appendix 5 form is valid for the length of time that the Volunteer (Parent's) child is enrolled at Warragamba Public School, *providing* that the Volunteer (Parent) is doing volunteer work at the school consistently over that time.

*If for any reason the Volunteer (Parent) has not volunteered consistently:*

*Eg. Sports Carnival Term 1 and Christmas Concert Term 4 only, then they must fill out an Appendix 5 Every Year.*

If a Volunteer (Parent) has a paid job with a Working With Children check. *Eg. A Nurse, Teacher, Police Officer, etc... they still have to fill out an Appendix 5 (100 points of ID & declaration).*

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact or call into the office.

### **URGENT MESSAGE!**

The Department of Education requires every year an updated Asthma Action Plan from the students Doctor.

We are now at the beginning of Term 2 and there are still a few children that don't have an updated Asthma Plan.

**This is an URGENT requirement for the Safety and Wellbeing of Your Child.**

If your child no longer requires an Asthma Action Plan, you must notify the office as soon as possible. If you have any queries, please contact the office. Thank you.

**ACT  
NOW!**

Dear Parents,

This year Warragamba PS is participating in Jump Rope for Heart – a fantastic physical activity and fundraising program by the Heart Foundation that has been running for 35 years.

Since Jump Rope for Heart started in 1983, schools like Warragamba have raised more than \$75 million for the Heart Foundation's lifesaving work.



Jump Rope for Heart is a great way for your child to keep fit and learn new skills, but it also helps raise funds for vital heart research and education programs.

It's important you register your child online, so they can receive the full benefits of the program and participate in online fundraising.

**Sign your child up for online fundraising by visiting [www.jumprope.org.au](http://www.jumprope.org.au)**

Thank you for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program!

Yours sincerely,

**Miss Key**  
**Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator**

## **Pedestrian Safety**

Children need assistance dealing with the traffic environment until at least the age of 10 as they are not equipped physically or developmentally to make the crucial decisions to keep them safe. Like learning to drive a car, children need practice and experience to walk in the traffic environment.

Alongside the benefits of learning road safety, it is a great chance to spend time with your family and good exercise!! Children are vulnerable road users. Anywhere where there is a potential for moving vehicles is a potentially dangerous traffic situation for children. This includes residential areas, car-parks, at traffic lights, along footpaths, pedestrian and other crossings, driveways, quiet streets, and busy streets.

Although children may think they can handle crossing a road by themselves, remember that children:



- are easily distracted and focus on only one aspect of what is happening
- are smaller and harder for drivers to see
- are less predictable than other pedestrians
- cannot accurately judge the speed and distance of moving vehicles
- cannot accurately predict the direction sounds are coming from
- are unable to cope with sudden changes in traffic conditions
- do not understand abstract ideas - such as road safety
- are unable to identify safe places to cross the road
- tend to act inconsistently in and around traffic

Many children below the age of 10 years do not have the capability or judgment to handle many pedestrian situations. Children need to be accompanied and closely supervised by a parent or adult carer to keep them safer.

Parents and caregivers have a key role in educating their children about road safety. Children learn about road safety largely by experience. Parents and adult Carers have opportunities in day-to-day routines to discuss road safety with children on the way to the newsagent, local shop or going to school. Whenever crossing roads, it is an idea to talk about when and why it is safe to cross the road with your children so they can gain a good understanding of road safety issues.



## **Stewart House School Clothing Appeal 2018**

This week Stewart House Clothing Appeal Bags were sent home with students. If you have clothes to donate, please place them in the bag and return to the school before Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Please leave bags outside the Teachers Staff Room and we will store them away ready for collection.

### **Parental Online Payments – POP**

It is possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the **Schools Website** (NOT THE SKOOLBAG APP) by selecting, \$ Make a payment.

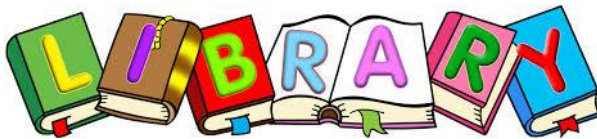
You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed.

Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. Please supply the receipt number on the permission note required for the event.

Cash and cheque payments will still be accepted.

**Please note that SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION and PURCHASING OF UNIFORMS can only be paid by cash or cheque to WARRAGAMBA P&C.**



## **NEWS**

K-2 students will be participating in National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) on Wednesday 23 May in our school library. This year's selected picture book is 'Hickory Dickory Dash' by Tony Wilson.

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 18th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum.

Mrs Bogart  
Teacher/Librarian

### **Nits!!!**

Checking once or twice a week can ensure early detection and then treatment can be applied. You must also remember to check 7 days after you have treated hair as this is when any left over eggs can hatch and then you may have problems again. I have put a link to some information on the school website. Being vigilant will help to reduce the incidents at our school when they occur.



# Book Club LOOP

The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!



## Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?

**LOOP** is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!



Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and register today!

 SCHOLASTIC

## Busways School Opal Tap Campaign Term 2

Term 2 will see Busways continuing to look to your school for support in our efforts to enforce the use of Opal cards on our buses.

This term will see Busways Inspectors checking to ensure students are using their Opal cards when boarding the school bus. Students that do not present a valid Opal card will be asked to pay a fare. Failure to produce a valid Opal card or bus fare will result in the Inspector recording the student's name.

Below is an example of the form our Inspectors will use.

Route Service/School Bus No.	Date	Students Name	Grade	Comments
Eg School bus 4620	25/5/18	John Smith	3	Invalid School Opal card

After the school inspection the names that were recorded will be emailed to the school, with a request for the school to follow-up with the students and parents/guardians concerned.

All students need to produce a •School Opal card •Child/Youth Opal card •Or pay a fare to travel on our buses.

Please explain to the students and parents involved that an Opal card is important because it is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't have an Opal card to tap on and off the service will appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

For students that currently do not have an Opal card please direct them to the Opal website:  
[www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/](https://www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/)

Thank you for your continued support.

**Please direct all School Opal Card and bus timetable inquiries to 131500.**

For school bus service issues contact [infoline@busways.com.au](mailto:infoline@busways.com.au) or your local Busways depot.



## WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 18 MAY 2018

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 18 May 2018!

For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)

