

WARRAWONG Public School NEWSLETTER



5 May 2021
T2 Wk 3



Dates for the diary!

Friday 7 May

Mother's Day stall

Wednesday 26 May - Friday 28 May

Stage 3 Berry Camp

Friday, 28 May

Start Strong Warrawong Playgroup commences



Mother's Day

I hope that all of our Mothers, Grandmothers and Carers have a great day on Sunday and receive the recognition you deserve! Wishing you all a happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day Stall - Friday 7 May

Our Mother's Day Stall will be taking place this Friday. Thank you to our hard-working P&C who will be ensuring the children at WPS have the opportunity to buy a gift for their mother to give on Mother's Day. A lot of work goes into ordering, purchasing and setting up the stall as well as providing the students with assistance on the day. Your tireless efforts are much appreciated by our entire school community.

Gifts will range from \$1- \$10.

Aboriginal Personal Learning Pathways (PLPs)

On Monday afternoon parents, teachers and students all came together to plan individual learning pathways for our Aboriginal students. It was excellent to see so many parents and students attend. Not only do the meetings provide valuable information about students' goals and aspirations but the time to discuss this builds valuable relationships between, carers, students and teachers.

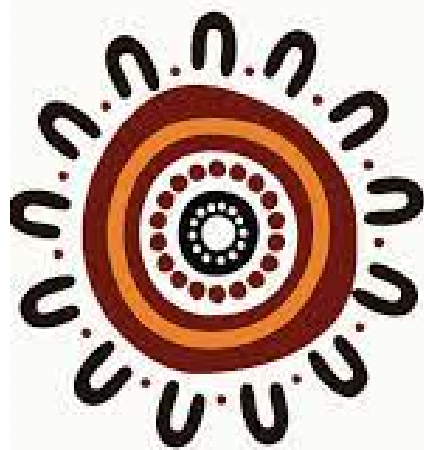


Congratulations Mrs Fothergill!

Mrs Fothergill, our K-2 Instructional Leader, was successful, through a merit selection process, in gaining a Lead Specialist position. The Lead Specialist supports a group of Instructional Leaders. Mrs Fothergill's role includes the supervision and support for Instructional Leaders in twenty schools. Fortunately, Mrs Fothergill is still based at Warrawong Public School and we are included in her cohort of schools. Mrs Fothergill's cohort extends from Warrawong Public School, down the south coast to the Victorian border and west to the Snowy Mountains.

Warrawong Public School was chosen to host the Lead Specialist position as a result of sustained excellent results in the Early Action for Success initiative.

"Live To Learn"



Merit Award Winners T2 Week 2

KC

Archie B, Allegra D, Veronica A

KM

Dilara S, Abdulrahman A, Billy Tiro

1J

Leilani P, Savannah P, Yusef H

1/2B

Andrew C, Isaac H, Salem D

2P

Zain N

3/OJ

Noah H, Aung Myi, Summah Z

3/4M

Vanessa D, Ruby M, Leon A

4T

Issac T, Frankie S, William T

5H

Jamaine C, Tarneeka B, Tahlia R

5/6B

Estakis M, Curtis P, Tahnee B

6F

Atibu R, Lucy F, Jake M

K/6K

Cruz Z

K/6S

Alex V

K/6N

Jax Z

3/6G

Anton P, Malikai W

Assembly Awards

Playground Award

Allegra D, Baw R

Attendance Award

Lachlan B, Kiah H, Ossie J, Filip F

Newsletter Page

KM, 2P, 1/2B

Foyer Display

5/6B

Focus Area

Before school

Congratulations Mrs Prior!

Mrs Prior was successful, though an Expression of Interest, in gaining the Instructional leader's position left open by Mrs Fothergill's promotion. Mrs Prior previously taught our English as a Second Language students (EAL/D) and has led our local network of EAL/D teachers. Mrs Prior brings many years of experience about how children learn and excellent communication, social and emotional skills to the position.

Welcome Mr Picken!

I would like to welcome Mr Picken to Warrawong Public School. He will be replacing Mrs Prior in her position as our English as a Second Language teacher K-6 and Science Teacher for Years 3-6. Many of the students already know Mr Picken as he has frequently worked at our school during Term 1.

Naplan

NAPLAN testing for Yrs 3 and 5 will take place this term in Weeks 4 and 5. The testing window opens on Tuesday 11 May and closes on Friday 21 May. Students will be tested on their abilities in Writing, Grammar and Spelling Conventions, Reading and Numeracy. This can be a worrying time for some students. We at WPS aim to prepare students as thoroughly as possible prior to the tests and to provide a supportive and productive environment during the tests so that students are able to perform at their best.

Anzac Day

ANZAC Day was recognised at our school on Friday 23 April 2021. Congratulations to our Captains who did an excellent job of conducting the ceremony. Students were extremely respectful showing outstanding manners throughout.

It was great to be able to use our memorial garden situated in front of the hall. Thank you to Mr Anderson, his various student groups and our Rotary Club volunteers who maintain the garden.



Stage 3 Cake Stall

A huge thank you to our Stage 3 students and parents for their overwhelming support of the cake stall in such a variety of sweets for the cake stall. Clearly lots of people went to a lot of trouble to provide treats for the fundraising effort.

Also, a huge thank you to the parents and students across the school for supporting the cake stall. It was very busy day, raising over \$230.

Funds raised from this stall will go to reducing the cost of the Stage 3 camp.

Quality education in an innovative and supportive environment

Pre-school Playgroups

We have two playgroups operating for children of pre-school age. They both take place in the old school hall located behind the library.

On Monday IMS run a playgroup from 9am-11am and on Wednesday Big Fat Smile run a playgroup from 9:30am-11:30am.

All parents with pre-school age children are encouraged to attend!

Attendance

We in Australia are lucky. Our children are able to attend a local school, if they choose, for no cost to their parents.

An attendance rate of 90% sounds great, but in fact that means your child will only attend 9 out of every 10 days, missing 1 day a fortnight. Over the space of a year your child will miss 20 days. That is four weeks of school in that year. If your child continues to attend at 90% for their entire school career they will in fact miss 52 weeks of school. This equates to nearly 18 months of school. Students should be aiming to miss less than 10 school days a year!

Unless your child has an ongoing medical issue **95% attendance should be the minimum.**

It is important that students attend school on time. Missing just the first 10mins each day adds up to 50mins per week, 500mins per term 2 000mins per year. Literacy learning happens in the morning as students are alert and ready to learn. If your child is missing time in the morning they are missing out on crucial Literacy time. So, if your child is late for just 10mins per day they will miss nearly 17 days of Literacy lessons per year, equalling approximately three and half weeks of Literacy.

It is required by law that students attend school every day that it is open unless they are sick. It is also very important that they are punctual to school.

We will be targeting students who attend 80%-90% of their time in an attempt to increase their attendance rate to 95%.

They are only at school for a maximum of thirteen years. In most cases those thirteen years can shape the rest of their lives. There isn't time to waste.

Telephone messages from parents to students

Any messages to students should be given to their child/ren before school. Parents should only call the school when there is an emergency.

Thought of the Week

"The most important thing is to try and inspire people so that they can be great in whatever they want to do."

Kobe Bryant (American Basketball Player - Born 23 August 1978 - 26 January 2020)

Have a great week

Wayne Farquhar
Principal

AA Award Winners

APRIL

Ivy S
Robert PC
Malikye C
Justin B
Zahara M
Alex S
Kaleb W
Natalia G
Say M
Aura M

AA Award Winners

MAY

Zara S
Abby F
Ellie W
Ossie J
Lexi B
Hunter M
Keone M
Tahlia R
McKenzie RL
Curtis P
Tyren W
Ilda B
Ezra GC
Ashlee M
Aiden W



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