



Warilla North Public School

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Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 3

Message from the Principal

School Leaders 2018

Our 2018 student leaders were announced at the end of last year; Lilly, Ella, Ryan and Danielle. We congratulate them as they officially take on this prestigious role within our school. I look forward to working with them and I know they will all do an exceptional job. I also want to acknowledge the fabulous work that all of stage 3 are doing in stepping up into leaders of the school and sharing leadership roles to support our school rules and values.

Communication with Staff

At WNPS we greatly value families and staff working together to support our students. We encourage open communication between home and school and invite you to speak with your child's teacher regularly. It's important for us to be kept informed if there are any matters that may be impacting on your child at school. As first option, parents and carers are encouraged to speak with their child's teacher before and after school. Please be mindful that often at this time teachers are busy preparing for lessons or have other commitments, like meetings. If this is the case please make an appointment to discuss any issues at a mutually convenient time. If for some reason you would like further support the Assistant Principal responsible for each stage may also be of assistance. Please feel free to contact the office to arrange a time to meet.

Sandpit

Over the school holidays we were very fortunate to have our GAs Mr Crittenden and Miss Crittenden work tirelessly to provide our students with a sandpit. Each stage has had the opportunity this week to learn the rules and expectations in the sandpit. Thank you Miss Downs for working with each of the classes.

Research has shown how important it is for children to play and have fun – it is incredible how much they learn through play! Playing in the sandpit is an excellent tool to help them develop great skills that go beyond sensory learning.

There are basically no rules or instructions when playing with sand – children can dig around, build with it, pretend with it, sift it, and explore. Their imaginations can run wild. Playing in the sandpit is not only a fun part of children playing, but a great way for them to learn many different skills.

It Lets Children Make Their Own Choices , It Makes Children Think Creatively, It Helps Develop Physical Skills, It Encourages Social Skills, It is Lots of Fun!

It was incredible to watch our Stage 1 students collaborate, communicate and be creative when in the sandpit this week. In fact some very shy students became leaders in the play and students began to create cities while others made sand angels and enjoyed the feel of the sand between their toes.



If for any reason you would not like your child to participate in sandpit play please send in a note to your child's teacher and we will ensure they participate in different activities during these times.

Attendance

Our school begins at 9.00am and concludes at 2.50pm. Having your child at school on time supports them to start the day settled and ensure they don't miss vital instructions or messages, as well as not interrupt the learning of others. Parents are asked to please make appointments outside of school time. From time to time, this is unavoidable and students may arrive late or need to be picked up early. It is requested that if children are late to school a parent/carer is to accompany the children to the school office. As per DoE guidelines, unjustifiable explanations include sleeping in, missing the bus, waiting for a parent or sibling, shopping, etc. Unsatisfactory reasons are required to be marked as unjustified on the school attendance register.

Student Pickup

We would like to ask that all parents, caregivers and siblings wait in the COLA area to pick up students this will ensure that classes and learning is not disrupted and students can walk to the COLA in the small corridor space without anyone getting hurt.

Nicole Riley
Principal

Kindergarten News

Our kindergarten students have settled in very well. They are enjoying a range of play-based learning programs including Park and Play, Fun with Friends and Sing and Grow. They have had their first visit to the library, their first assembly and have joined the rest of the school in the back playground at lunch time. Students are becoming familiar with school routines in all areas and they are learning to be independent in the beginning and end of day procedures such as unpacking school bags.

We are very pleased with our littlest learners and look forward to spending the year with them.

Ben Gatwood and Lyndal Hayward



Coming Events – February/March

Week 4

Wednesday 21 February	School TALK Coffee Morning 9:00am—10:30am Drumming to De- stress
Friday 23 February	School Assembly 9.30am Mid South Swimming Carnival

Week 5

Wednesday 28 February	School TALK Coffee Morning 9:00am—10:30am Drumming to De- stress
Friday 2 March	KcKeon's Swim School Years 3,4,4 & 6



South Coast School Sports Association

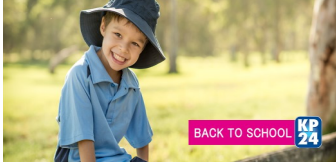
In order to stay updated on forthcoming Trials, championships and regional carnivals Parents, Carers and students are invited to 'like' and 'follow' the South Coast School Sports Association Facebook page



Head Lice

Please check your child's hair for head lice tonight using the methods described in the attached information sheets. If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended.

Further information on head lice is available on the NSW Health website and the NSW Department of Education websites at: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx>



Head lice are extremely contagious and it really doesn't have anything to do with personal Hygiene...

95% of lice are transmitted through close contact, which means sharing hats, head bands and pillows—and to top it off with the no hat no play rule makes it even more difficult to control head lice.

Ensure that you are protected from head lice this season and take the necessary preventative steps to keep away head lice.

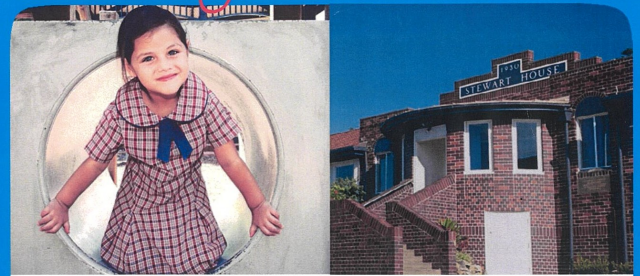
Below are 4 crucial steps to keep your school head lice free:

- Avoid sharing clothing: especially hats, ribbon, head bands and helmets
- Discourage children from playing with each other's hair
- Don't share brushes, combs, towels and pillows
- Keep long hair plaited or firmly tied back to prevent contact from other kids

We hope that the above tips will help you keep head lice away for good!

For further information go to KP24.com.au to download fact sheet.

Thank you...
For helping disadvantaged Australian kids.



This certificate is awarded to
Warilla North Public School
In appreciation of
2017 Clothing Drive

Together we collected 146,450kg of material.

The total volume collected since 2008 through clothing drives is now well over 1,000,000kg! With an amazing average above 90% of the product being reusable.

Your generosity enables us to provide valuable services to over 19,000 disadvantaged children and families, while reducing our impact on the environment.

Graeme Philpotts

Graeme Philpotts
Chief Executive Officer
Stewart House

Rick Mulhall

Rick Mulhall
General Manager Recycling Operation,
The Smith Family



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thesmithfamily.com.au/recycling

2018 Merit System



2 Merit Awards = Achievement Award

4 Merit Awards = Stage Banner

6 Merit Awards = Stage Badge



*The merit system will begin fresh every year,
giving each student a chance to achieve a badge every year.*

Community News

Disclaimer: Warilla North Public School advertises in this column as a service to parents. Warilla North Public School does not endorse, sponsor or accept responsibility for the management or organisation of the advertised events or services.

YOU'RE INVITED:

Lake Illawarra High School Community Breakfast 2018



OUR COMMUNITY

Lake Illawarra High School would like to thank you for your involvement and support of our students as well as welcome new people who are part of the wider community.

Please join us for breakfast to be part of the process of building upon or creating new relationships between LIHS and our local community.

Event details:

DATE: Wednesday 14th March 2018

TIME: 7:30 – 8:30 am

VENUE: Café Els – Warilla Grove Shopping Centre.

RSVP: Friday 23rd February 2018 to: lakeillawa-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

For further information please contact Ashley Lewis or Kyarna Cruse 4296 3844

A light breakfast will be provided including a coffee/tea of your choice. Please advise us of any dietary requirements. Name tags would be ideal and don't forget your business card for networking.

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Expo Evening

**THURSDAY 22
FEBRUARY**

Year 6 Parents and Students
are invited to attend
WHSPA's Expo Evening

There will be 2 sessions:
5pm and 6.30pm.

Bookings essential

www.trybooking.com/UAPK

2018 Information & Open Night

Date: Monday 26th February 2018

Time: 6.00pm to 7.30pm

Location: ISHS Hall, Gura St Berkeley

The Open Night will provide parents and students with information regarding local enrolments and the Talented Sports Program; including the Sydney FC Football Program.

Information for students in years 5 to 10.

Register your interest with the front office
by calling 42711099 or by emailing
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