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Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 5

Message from the Principal



NAPLAN

Last week our Year 3 and 5 students sat the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test and we are very proud of their efforts. While some students were a little nervous about sitting the tests no students appeared to be overly anxious. The students were encouraged only to do their personal best as the NAPLAN is only one way we measure their level of achievement and learning.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

The majority of our students come to school each day proudly wearing the correct school uniform. As the cold weather sets in, so does the need to come to school in warm clothes. It is important that you send your child in the appropriate school uniform, including plain green or school jumpers. Girls may wear warm green stockings under dresses. It has also been noticed that a number of students are wearing a range of coloured shoes, black and white shoes or high tops. These shoes do not form part of our uniform. Children may wear coloured joggers on Friday only and plain black shoes are to be worn from Monday to Thursday. We have had many comments on our school uniform recently let's keep up the great work.



Road Safety Travel to and from School

This is becoming an ongoing concern for not just staff members but parents and the community. It is a legal requirement to wear a helmet when riding to and from school (this includes on scooters and skateboards). As of next term, if students arrive to school without a helmet they will not be able to ride their bike, scooter or skateboard home until a helmet is shown to staff.

It is also important to note that several students are using the road as their own, swerving in and out of parked and moving vehicles and several students last week were nearly hit by cars. We want our kids to ride to school however it is vital that they are doing this in a safe manner.

We are currently in the process of purchasing new bike and scooter racks and moving them to a location which has easier access. When our wheel parking station is ready all bikes, scooters and skateboards will need to be locked at this station and due to Work Health and Safety issues they will no longer be stored in the office for any reason.

We thank you in advance for explaining these changes to your children and working with them to ensure they are travelling safely to and from school.



Kindergarten 2019

We have some really exciting opportunities for our 2019 Kindergarten students. The transition this year will look a little different and will hopefully support our students to be ready for their new journey to BIG school.

To make this transition possible we need enrolments ASAP. If you have a student starting Kindergarten next year or know of anyone that is, please direct them to our office so we can get them enrolled.

Our current Kindergarten have been working on an action research project which includes incorporating play based activities into the daily learning for our students, the success of this has been outstanding and we would like to spread this to transition.

Please do not hesitate to call the school or just pop in to collect an enrolment form from the office. We cannot wait to meet siblings and new families to Warilla North.



Awards

Week 3 and 4

Rowan Grooms, PJ Flint, Malachi Aldridge, Ebony Shiels,
Ketishya Arnett, Kaleb Rootes, Elise Murdoch

Ryan Farr, Baylie Hamilton, Tyson Kakahi,
Cameron Spinks, Nakita Lyons, Danika
Kelly, Jamaica Doyle



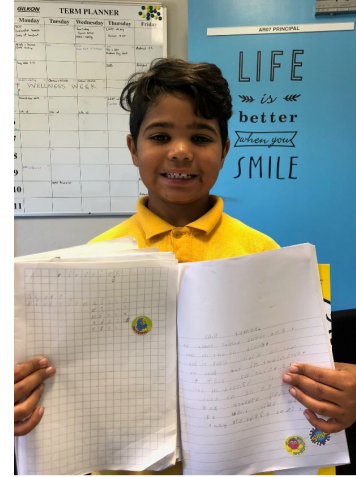
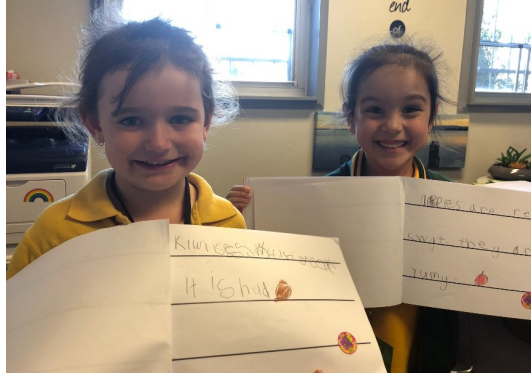
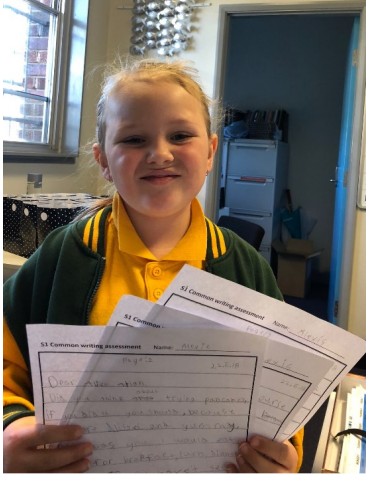
Class of the Week Week 3 and 4

Mrs Jobson and Mrs Fakhoury were so happy to win class of the week for Week 3 and 4. "Well done Burri Burri and Gurunuba"



Student Success

Over the past 2 weeks I have been in awe of the amount of students I have seen with outstanding work. I love seeing the proud faces of our Warilla North students when they find me and show me the fabulous achievements they are making in all areas of the curriculum which include English, Mathematics, Creative Arts, History, Geography, Science and Sport. Below are just a few pictures of the outstanding work at Warilla North Public School.



Grip Conference

On Friday 25 May, Daniella, Ryan, Ella and Lilly went to the Grip Conference at the University of Wollongong. There were over 1000 student leaders from the area and they learnt about actions, attitudes, words and caring for others. They really appreciated the experience and got lots of ideas to apply to the school.

Rachael Boothroyd



CYBERSAFETY

Whether in the classroom or at home, children are using technology – computers, mobile phones and the internet – more and more in their day-to-day lives. Cybersafety provides advice on keeping your child safe in the online world. At school we continue to reinforce the important message of how to use technology, and social media in particular, in a safe and responsible way.

The most important message we teach our students is to **“STOP BLOCK and TELL”**.

I recommend that you consider looking at the resources on the following websites:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cybersafety>

<https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>

Social Media at a Glance

Most of our students are using multiple kinds of social media.

Social media is just another way of receiving news – whether it's from friends and family or strangers we've never met.

The best way to learn about social media is simply to visit the sites and see for yourself.

Being familiar with the sites your child visits is just as important as knowing where they go and who. You need to be aware that many APPs / Applications have an age restriction in the terms and conditions.

Keeping your kids safe online is easy with a few simple precautions.

1. Nothing replaces parental supervision and education for children about cybersafety.
2. Set a technology curfew.
3. Remind your child to never give out identifying information such as your home address, school name or telephone number in a public message such as chat or newsgroups.
4. If your child posts photos online, use privacy settings to limit access to people they know well.
5. Remind your child that people don't always tell the truth online, and they can't take anything at face value.
6. Reassure your child that they can tell you anything, without fear of losing the phone, iPod, laptop, and other devices or internet access.
7. If they get a message or email that's threatening or rude, they should 'STOP, BLOCK, TELL'. First step is to tell your child to stop responding to the abuse and then block those people sending threatening or rude messages if they continue. Let your child know that if they are being bullied, or know someone else who is, they should tell a trusted adult.
8. Never click on any links that are contained in emails from people they don't know. As well as sexual content, they could contain a computer virus.
9. If you suspect your child has been contacted by a predator, try to save a copy of the chat log (or whatever form the contact takes) for evidence. Call Crime Stoppers 24 hour line 1800 333 000 to make a formal complaint.
10. Your child will be using computers and the technology for the rest of their lives – you're in the great position of being able to get them off to a safe, positive start.

Athletics Carnival

Last Friday, our school ventured over to Myimbarr Fields in Flinders for our annual school Athletics Carnival, and what a day it turned out to be. In the beautiful sun, all of our students represented Warilla North and themselves proudly. I am looking forward to taking our school team to the Mid South carnival next term. Congratulations and thank you to everyone for a successful and fun carnival.

Jess Myers



Introducing Elsa!

It is our pleasure to introduce Elsa. She is a 4 year old Groodle and belongs to Mrs Jeffrey in our office. Elsa is a trained Paws Pet Therapy dog, and she volunteers some of her time keeping people company in retirement homes. Elsa is very well trained to be around different people and to be in tune with their emotions.

Mrs Jeffrey has been kind enough to bring Elsa to school to spend some time with us. She'll be coming one day a week to begin with, and staying in the office while she gets used to new people and her new environment.

As Elsa becomes comfortable in our school, we will be able to start introducing her to some of our students. Research has shown that pet therapy dogs can be of great benefit in reducing anxiety, as well as creating calm environments.

We're excited to meet Elsa and to see what great benefits she can have for our students.



Ben Gatwood

Kids Festival Emergency Expo

Last Tuesday, K-2 went off on an adventure to Kids Fest Emergency Expo. We were all very excited to see some of the people who can help us if we are in need. The students were able to do some amazing things, including sitting in a police car and ambulance, climbing into a helicopter, spraying fire hoses and we even got to meet some police dogs. Everyone had lots of fun and it was a great experience for our students.

Ben Gatwood





2528 at Crew Park

Update on the Crew Park Project

Dear Parents

At the end of last term, it was decided that we would stop our afternoon activity program and spend some time working on the issues that had led to this decision.

In the time since the activities stopped we have met with organisations that can help with support, supervision and activities for children. We have met with parents to gain support for managing behaviour and with our volunteers who give up their time to help deliver the 2528 Project. We have also submitted requests for financial support to employ a worker.

Through the conversations we have had with children and their parents, we all think it would be good to go back to basics and get children and families involved in a project that children want, feel connected to and value and as such join in respectfully.

This project has always been about community, trust and connection to each other. Some of that has been lost and we see children treating each other appallingly. An agreement will be discussed by all children who want to come to activities on what their expectations are, how they wish to be treated by their friends and how they will behave towards others, and the project equipment (including the park equipment) children who want to come to activities.

To do this we will be holding several different activities prior to returning to delivering an open access project at the park. We think this will be safer and easier to supervise whilst we are working on some of the important things that need to be in place.

Starting Wednesday May 30, we will be running a program for the rest of Term 2 from the hall in Baptist Care Community Centre (next to the op shop).

We will be inviting the children who regularly attend the 2528 Project activities to help us find out what they want from the project, agree some rules for behaviour and join in a drum program that will get them to think about harmony, community, respect and listening.

Information for these activities will follow.

Regards,

2528 Management Team

Coming Events – May/June

Weeks 5 & 6

Wednesday 30 May	School Talk Coffee Morning - 9:00AM
Thursday 31 May	Canteen Meal Deal - \$5.00
Friday 1 June	Biggest Afternoon Tea - \$3.00
Wednesday 6 June	School Talk Coffee Morning - 9:00AM
Friday 8 June	Whole School Assembly - 2:00PM

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