



Waratah West Public School – Moving Forward Together

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Principal's Message

Harmony Day

Harmony Day was lots of fun for everyone, and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the rich diversity of our multicultural school and society. A huge thank you to families and friends of our school who volunteered their time and expertise to help us make it a fabulous day for everyone. Students and teachers learned some fascinating information about traditions and customs from all over the world. The fun continued on Monday when Ruth and Eric (Gloria's mum and dad) cooked a delicious Indonesian dish, Bakso, with Purple class.



Election Day BBQ

Over \$600 was raised to purchase resources for our students. We are grateful for the support of our hardworking friends and families, particularly the tireless volunteers from Jesmond Lions Club. Donations from the ever generous Mayfield Woolworths helped to make this such a success.



We will be asking for volunteers to run another BBQ on Federal Election Day.

Breakfast Club

Waratah West PS provide a healthy and nutritious breakfast, free of charge, for all students every day. We rely on donations of breakfast items, as well as volunteer support, in order to continue to provide this popular service. Many thanks to our generous families and community members who help us in this way. **We are in urgent need of family volunteers to assist.** On days when we have no volunteers, we will only be able to provide cereal and fruit, as teachers are busy preparing for student learning.

ANZAC Day Service

Each year we hold a solemn service to remember and honour the sacrifice of Australians in wartime. Our school leaders will conduct the service, supported by members of the Waratah Mayfield Islington RSL Sub-Branch. It will be held on **Thursday 11th April at 9:30am**. Please join us for this important occasion.

Waratah West PS students have been invited to participate in the Lambton New Lambton RSL Sub Branch 2019 Anzac Day March and Service. Students in school uniform may join the march from Lambton Swimming Pool to Lambton Bowling Club to commence at 10:15am. Our three School Leaders will lay a wreath on behalf of our school community at the following Service at Lambton Bowling Club. Please note that this event takes place on ANZAC Day, 25 April, during school holidays. Although some WWPS staff will be in attendance at the march, students remain under the supervision of parents.



Easter Hat Parade and Raffle

Children are planning the construction of some spectacular Easter hats! Time will be allocated in class to make the hats. Your child may bring craft items to share in this activity, and family members are welcome to come along and help- have a chat with your child's teacher if you are able to assist. Family members are invited to the parade at 2:15pm on Friday 12th April.

We have a small number of donations for our Easter Raffle. Please keep them coming! Tickets are available from the school office for \$1 each

Woolworths Earn & Learn

From 1st May until June 25th 2019, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be collected on a special sticker sheet. Once it is completed, it can be brought back to school or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box.



The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

Cross Country Carnival

Students K-6 will show off their stamina and persistence on Friday (tomorrow, 9:30am) when they take part in our 2019 Cross Country Carnival. Spectators are most welcome to attend.

To fuel our runners and spectators, a super sausage combo Meal Deal is available to students and family members by pre-order. The note was sent home yesterday.

PLP (Personalised Learning Pathways) Goal Setting

An invitation will be sent home to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and their child/ren to meet with teachers in order set meaningful and achievable academic, social and cultural goals. We look forward to meeting with you.

NAIDOC

Watch this space for your opportunity to come along to join in with our NAIDOC planning morning in early Term 2.



OOSHC

Please note that prior to 8:30 am, there is no supervision for students. For students requiring supervision outside school hours there are two off-site OOSHC services available. Please contact the school office to enquire about this service.

School Timetable

- 8:30 am Morning Duty Commences
- 9:00 am School Morning Session
- 11:00 am Lunch Break
- 11:50 am School Middle Session
- 1:50 pm Recess Break
- 2:20 pm School Final Session
- 3:00 pm School Ends
- 3:00 pm Staff Supervision ceases

Term 2

Term 2 begins for students on Tuesday, 30th April.

Notes and Payments

Cross Country Permission Note
Children's University \$15
2019 Book Packs \$15 and \$25

Facebook

The intent of the Waratah West Public School page is to provide a hub for responsible community engagement that celebrates the daily life and achievements of our school. We proactively support participation in social media to develop digital citizenship throughout our community.

WWPS values the responsible use of social media articulated in a range of policies and guidelines that govern the expectations of online behaviour. We reserve the right to remove any content that we believe is in breach of these policies, guidelines and the values of our school.

Attendance

Every five weeks, WWPS notifies all families if a child's attendance falls below 85%. We do understand that children may have leave for many reasons e.g. illness, family holidays. The school is obliged to bring this leave information to your attention regardless of the reasons for non-attendance as part of the NSW Department of Education's Attendance Policies. The attendance rate includes pre-advised and explained absences for holiday/illness during school terms.

- The school's attendance monitoring system produces a 'Below 85% Attendance' list for every five-week period.
- Individual reports sent home are not done so to cause offence. They are provided in good faith as part of our mandatory reporting requirements to you. This is still the case for if the leave has been justified, approved or is unapproved and will include holiday periods taken during school time.
- Below 85% attendance averages out at more than 3 missed days per 4-weeks of school.

Thank you for your assistance, support and understanding.




EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

Check the time your school starts. DON'T BE LATE!






EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



Nicola Moroney, Principal.

CALENDAR - Term 1

Week 9

Friday, 29 th March	Cross Country
	No Assembly

Week 11

Thursday, 11 th April	Anzac Service
Friday, 12 th April	Easter Hat

End of Term 1

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Principal's Award



Weekly Assembly Awards

Class	Responsibility	Super Star
AQUA	Zade Muhammad Beaudean	Manaia Julian Jaiden
TANGERINE	Jackson Ezzekiah Kyian	Noah Darcy
SILVER	Jade Tyler Nikki	Taylor Xanthe
PURPLE	Layla Pride Mia	Yamna Charlotte

Entertainment Book 2019-2020

The Entertainment Book 2019-2020 is coming soon! The cost is \$65 and the school receives 20% from every book sold – a great fundraiser for our school.

All books pre-ordered before April 4th will receive a selection of valuable Early Bird Offers, vouchers that can be used BEFORE the official launch of the book in April 2019.

For more information, or to pre-order a book, see Mrs Bunny at the school office (purchases can also be made online).



Cross Country Sausage Super Combo

At the Cross Country event here at the school this Friday, 29th March, a Super Sausage Combo Deal is available for students and family members by pre-order.

The Combo consists of a sausage sandwich, cake, muffin or lamington, a cold soft drink and an ice block at recess.



The cost is \$4.50 per combo, or 3 combos for \$10. Extra sausage sandwiches can be ordered for \$2.00. Cold drinks and cakes will be available for spectators to buy on the day, \$2.00 per item.



2019 Student Requirements

Bookpacks are available for all students to use in their classroom. The bookpacks include a selection of exercise books, stationary items and for Years 1 to 6 a Wellbeing Journal.

The cost of the pack for Kindergarten students is \$15 and for Years 1 to 6 \$25 (the cost reflects the inclusion of the Journal and payment will be required before students can access them). We will no longer request a School Contribution of \$35 per year.

Please see Mrs Bunny in the office regarding payment.



RORY, Tamsyn,
Layla & Ava

WHEN I GROW UP

