

WARRIMOO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 3 – Week 9
Tuesday 17th September 2019
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REMINDER PAGE

CALENDAR – Term 3 - 2019



Term 3

Week 9

Wednesday 18th September... ICAS Maths -Selected Students
Friday 20th September... Team Jersey Colours Day

Week 10

Thursday 26th September... School Assembly –
3/2W Class item – 2pm
Friday 27th September... Year 6 Fun Day
Friday 27th September... Last day of Term 3



PAYMENTS

*** CASH PAYMENTS COLLECTED ON WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS ***
*** BEFORE 10AM ONLY ***

ALTERNATIVELY PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE VIA EFTPOS AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR ONLINE 24HRS A DAY 7 DAYS A WEEK VIA THE ONLINE PARENT PAYMENT 'POP' FOUND ON THE HOMEPAGE OF THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

PLEASE NOTE: We are unable to receive monies after the stated final payment dates, as listed below.

If there are any difficult circumstances in regard to any payments by the due date, for excursions / incursions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

EXCURSION / INCURSION

AMOUNT

FINAL DUE DATE

*** Collaroy Overnight Excursion – Year 3 & 4

\$50.00 deposit

Thursday 19th September

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

'Tell Them From Me' Parent Survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carers views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will close on 25th October 2019. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

The link to access the survey is: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/warrimoo>

'Get Ready Weekend'

Being prepared, displaying resilience and demonstrating a proactive attitude towards the bush fire season was on display last Saturday. I would like to sincerely thank the Warrimoo Rural Fire Service, in particular Mr Peter Randall, Springwood Fire and Rescue, students of our school and the community for their commitment towards remaining prepared to act in the event of a fire emergency. An amazing display of student work samples was displayed throughout the hall and many opportunities to get up close and personal with fire trucks and related equipment. Congratulations Warrimoo for being so engaged and community orientated. Warrimoo Public School, great school, great community!



Professional Learning and 2020 Programming

On Monday of this week the magnificent teaching staff of Warrimoo Public School worked late into the afternoon and into the twilight writing scope and sequences, unit outlines, units of work and teaching programs on the new PDHPE syllabus which we are implementing in 2020. The dedication that is always on display from our team highlights the motivated and thorough professional attitude they have to ensure the students of Warrimoo Public School receive the very best education. Thank you teachers for your hard work!



Year 6 Transition 2020

The 2020 High School transition sessions to Blaxland High School concluded on Wednesday of Week 8. Congratulations Year 6 for your great work in preparation for the next stage of your educational journey. Thank you to the many parents who assisted in transporting the students to and from Blaxland High School and Mr Hodgson for the organisation from our school's perspective.



Premier's Spelling Bee

Congratulations Floyd, Lilian, Saskia and Olivia W for your outstanding performance at the recent Premier's Spelling Bee cluster final that was held at Blaxland Public School on Friday 13th September. The competition was fierce, however their determination, focus and resolve was inspirational. The whole school community is immensely proud of the manner in which you represented Warrimoo Public School.



Zone Athletics Carnival

Miss Withers and Mr Dewhurst attended the Blue Mountains Zone Carnival on the 6th September 2019 with a great deal of athletes from our school. It is fitting to acknowledge their fine behaviour, effort and spirit as they demonstrated our school motto of 'Aim High To Achieve'. A more detailed write up can be viewed further in the newsletter.

2020 School Enrolments

Kindergarten enrolments and all other enrolments for 2020 are currently being taken. In order for us to prepare our classes and ensure that equitable class numbers are maintained it is essential that we have all the information needed leading into 2020. If you know of someone who is enrolling at Warrimoo Public School and has not yet done so, could you please pass on our school details? Additionally, if you have children in Kindergarten to Year 5 and are planning on moving at the end of the year, that information is important also.

September AECG Meeting Changes

The September AECG meeting will be held at Warrimoo Public School on Thursday 19th September 2019 at 4.00pm in the school Library. All families of the community are welcome to attend in sharing the decision making process regarding Aboriginal Education across the Blue Mountains.

Sydney Blue Gum Tree Removal

Earlier in the Term 3 I communicated to you that our recent arborist report had identified certain structural defects in the beautiful Sydney Blue Gum located in the main asphalt area of our school grounds. The report stated that there was a high risk of failure at some stage and recommended removal. Following this advice I organised a Blue Mountains Council inspection to take place and the findings were supportive of the arborist's report of removal. The safety of the students, staff and community of Warrimoo Public School is of the utmost importance to me and I would be failing you and your children if I did not take measure to resolve this risk. This Saturday, 21st September, the tree will be removed.

In the lead up to this work being conducted I have looked into a variety of options to utilise the timber from the tree. One such idea was to create an art display utilising the stump and the second was to make the wood available to the community. Assets management within the Department of Education have made recommendations that the best solution is to have the tree stump removed and another native tree planted in its place. In regards to the use of the wood by the community, the additional risk of stockpiling wood in the school ground would create an unnecessary fire fuel risk and the quote would be greatly increased if we were to have the limbs cut to a manageable size and relocated elsewhere on the school grounds.

Once the work to remove the tree has been completed I will investigate the best native tree to plant in this space. Thank you for your anticipated support and understanding.

I wish you a very happy and safe week ahead.

Kind regards,

Mr Tony Jeff
Principal

6/5J Class News

Did you know that in the Australian Curriculum it states that a priority of the department's is to '*enable and empower students to make decisions and take actions that contribute to creating a sustainable society and ecosystem?*'

Well, class 6/5J are doing exactly that thanks to an initiative from Brianna O. She presented a PowerPoint entitled '*The War on Waste*' and put forth ideas that we could begin to implement straight away. These, along with other student suggestions, have been applied this term and we are proud of our small steps to make a difference and care for our country. We are:

- Only printing on already used paper
- Reducing our carbon footprint by turning our class lights off at 1300 everyday (when the sun is out)
- Collecting soft plastics to return for recycling to Coles and Woolworths drop points
- Collecting plastic lids to be used to make prosthetic limbs for disabled children using 3D printing (LIDS 4 KIDS)

So far we have saved two boxes of soft plastics from landfill, donated 5 buckets of lids to be reused, and reduced our classes' carbon footprint by turning off the lights for 10 hours last week.

Zoe is glad that we are reducing the amount of waste going into the environment.

Vanessa hopes that next term some of the other classes might join us.

Natasha is glad that her bottle lids have been put to good use!

Regina is proud of our class for being sustainable and reusing our paper.

Adelaide has noticed that being sustainable has enabled our class to become closer and work as a team.

Brianna thinks that what we are doing should be an example to you at home, and perhaps some ideas as to how you can start being sustainable immediately.

Sahara is pleased that what we are doing has encouraged her family to become more sustainable.



Blue Mountains Zone Athletics Carnival

On Friday 6th September 2019, the following twenty-five students from Warrimoo Public School participated in the Blue Mountains PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival at Blacktown International Sports Park – Bo A, Sahara B, Isla B, Jack B, Evie F, Tilly G, Eloise H, Michael H, Luke H, Braydn M, Gabby M, Jacob M, Brianna O, Max P, Audrey P, Floyd S, Tavis S, Kai T, Phoenix T, Regina T, Natasha T, Holly V, Olivia W, Cody W and Naomi W. The students all represented the school in a fine manner, displaying great behaviour, great athletic talent in their individual events (some even breaking their own PBs) and great sportsmanship. Our team's overall results of 187.74 team points saw our school placing 14th out of the 17 schools that participated. Well Done, Warrimoo!

We would like to make special mention of Jack, Tilly, Brianna, Max, Phoenix, Natasha, Holly and Olivia, who all came within the top 10 of at least one of their events. Zoe R competed in the Girls 12-13 1500m Run and came 10th. The 1500m Run was held on a different day.

We would like to extend further congratulations to Holly who came 3rd in the 8 years Girls 100m. Fantastic effort Holly!

Holly will be progressing to the Sydney West Primary Athletics Championships on Thursday 17th October 2019 and we wish her the best of luck.

Congratulations again to all students who represented our school and thank you to the families for transporting and supporting our students.

Miss Withers and Mr Dewhurst





The Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival

Congratulations to our wonderful Warrimoo dancers, who recently performed at the Joan Sutherland Centre as part of the Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival 2019. They had two performances – taking part in a matinee on Monday 2nd September and then in the evening on Tuesday 3rd September.

Our dancers worked very hard, practising over many lunchtimes. Half of our dancers had never participated in performing dance before and this experience was all new for them. Our experienced dancers were patient and eager models for our newer dancers, often demonstrating how to do moves and helping others to improve.

The dance our dancers performed told a story of some magicians, who captured a group of rabbits and put them under their spell. But in the end, the rabbits outwitted the magicians!

We would like to say a huge, “**thank you**” to Laurie Smith, Ruth Watson and Michaela Loesch for the big job of sewing the magicians’ capes for us. We had no idea, before we asked, how horrible that sequin material was to sew! Without your wonderful contribution, our magicians would not have sparkled so brightly.

Thank you also to all of you dancing parents for your support. We appreciate those early morning hair preparations and paying attention to the detailed instructions we sent home.

Not only did our dancers look impressive and cute on the night, they also had great fun. Everyone’s big smiles showed how much they really enjoyed the experience of dancing on a professional stage. We thank the children for their dedication, enthusiasm and impeccable behaviour. We are very proud of you.

Mrs Templeman and Mrs Santoro



Students have their say ...

The Warrimoo dance group is a wonderful and exciting group that joins many schools at the Joan Sutherland Centre for the Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival. It is an amazing experience that students at our school from Years 2-6 could enjoy. And we know everyone enjoyed it as much as we did. Congrats!

(Report written by Zoe, Ella and Mackenzie - senior dance students)



Year 6 Fun Day

Year 6 FUN DAY is planned for **Friday the 27th of September** and will take place at various sites in the school grounds from 11:30am to 1:10pm. Students are asked to purchase tokens from Year 6 in order to participate in the activities.

A single token costs 20 cents and tokens will be sold in lots of 20c. There are 11 activities planned for the day with all activities costing less than 60c. **Parents are advised to limit their children to no more than \$5 in total.** Tokens that are unused at the close of events will be placed in a lucky dip draw for several prizes to be won.

Year 6 students will be available in the COLA from 8:30am on the 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th of September. For security sake, the number of tokens purchased by each student will be recorded and the tokens will be handed out on the morning of the FUN DAY.

Tokens will also be available for purchase at Recess and Lunch on the 26th of September.

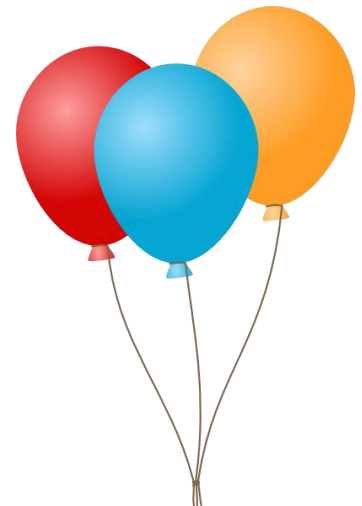
All profits will go towards the Year 6 Farewell and gift to Warrimoo Public School. Students are permitted to wear mufti for the day. We hope you are looking forward to an awesome day.

J Hodgson and E Harris.



Fun day activities and games:

- Sponge throw
- Hairspray
- Face paint
- Haunted house
- Balloon animals
- Cup cake decorating
- Futsal/Crab soccer
- Nerf war
- Jelly bean guessing
- Jellybelly
- Water balloon throwing





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TEAM JERSEY COLOURS DAY – FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20

The SRC has made the decision that they would like the school to participate in the Fight Cancer Foundation's annual event, Footy Colours Day. However, to provide more possibilities, they have retitled the event as 'Team Jersey Colours Day'.

On Friday September 20, students are invited to wear a jersey or team shirt that belongs to one of their favourite sporting teams from any code. Alternatively, if they do not have a jersey they can simply wear the colours of one of their favourite sporting teams. Students will be asked to make a gold coin donation on this day and all money raised will be sent to the Fight Cancer Foundation.

Fight Cancer Foundation's Footy Colours Day is a national fundraising campaign held during the month of September to support kids living with cancer. Schools, workplaces, groups and clubs across Australia are encouraged to wear their favourite sporting team's colours to raise much-needed funds. Every dollar raised supports Fight Cancer Foundation's education programs to help kids with cancer continue with their education during treatment and recovery.

We look forward to your support on this day.

SRC Representatives, Mrs Mac and Mr Dewhurst





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Overnight Excursion for Years 3 & 4 students

We have planned an overnight excursion for Stage 2, which is booked for **Thursday 14th and Friday 15th November 2019** (Term 4, Week 4).

Our excursion will once again be to Sydney with accommodation at the Collaroy Centre. The key focus areas of the excursion are Australian History, Multiculturalism, Living Things and Personal Development.

Planned Itinerary

Day 1 – *students need to bring recess and lunch for Day 1*

- Depart from Warrimoo PS
- Museum of Contemporary Art (S.T.E.A.M. Workshop)
- Lunch at Circular Quay – Children bring their own
- Harbour Bridge Pylon Guide and Experience
- The Collaroy Centre (our overnight accommodation)
- Dinner
- Sand modelling – no swimming allowed
- Bed

Day 2

- Collaroy – morning activities
- Lunch Provided by The Collaroy Centre
- “Bound for Botany Bay” Kamay Botany Bay National Park (Anzac Parade – 10am – 1.30pm)
- Home

Cost

The cost of the excursion will be **\$185.00**. This is a special time and an important part of your child's social development as well as an educational experience. So we would really like all children to attend. If you have any difficulty with the cost of the excursion or any concerns regarding your child's attendance please speak to your child's teacher or Mrs Mazenauer in the office.

Payment for the Excursion

The Collaroy Centre has asked for a sizeable deposit to confirm bookings. Consequently we need a non-refundable **deposit of \$50** paid by **Thursday 19th September 2019**. The **final payment** for the excursion needs to be made by **Thursday 31st October 2019**.

A separate note detailing the full itinerary including departure times will be sent out in Term 4.

We are looking forward to an exciting time!

Mr Dewhurst and Miss Withers
5th September 2019

Attention: Class Teacher

Overnight Excursion for Years 3 & 4 Students



I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to attend the overnight excursion to Sydney on the 15th and 16th November 2019. I understand that travel will be by coach with departure from and return to Warrimoo Public School. **I have included a non-refundable \$50 deposit** to confirm my child's place in the excursion. This excursion has the approval of the Principal.

Parent/Carer's Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Online Payment Date: _____ Receipt Number: _____



Kindergarten 2020



Well It's that time again! If you have a child or know of a child who will turn 5 on or before 31st July 2020, they are eligible to start school in 2020.

We need to know these numbers early so that we have correct staff and accommodation. Please fill in the form below (or give it to a friend or neighbour to complete if they have a child eligible to start school in 2020) and return it to school as early as possible.

Thank you for your support

Office Staff



Attention: Office Staff

(Please return to the school office)

Kindergarten Enrolments 2020

Child's Name (in full): _____ Male ☐ Female ☐
Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____
Home Telephone Number: _____ Mobile Number: _____
Email: _____

Siblings at School (if applicable): _____ Class: _____

Siblings Date of Birth: _____

I would like any correspondence addressed to:

Miss / Ms / Mrs / Mr / Mr & Mrs (please circle): _____

Postal Address: _____



P & C News

Facebook: Warrimoo Public School P&C Email: warrimoopandc@gmail.com

Next P&C Meeting –

Wednesday 16 October 2019, 7.30 – 9.30 pm, in the Library

All parents and citizens welcome! See behind the scenes; Have your say; Help out

Please join the **Warrimoo Public School P&C Group** on Facebook to receive messages about how you can help to support all the children of Warrimoo Public School.

Fundraising/Events

All hands on deck!

Our biennial **Spring Fair** has historically been our biggest fundraising effort. This year it will be on **Saturday 2 November from 4 pm.**

Exact format is still being finalised and it will depend on the support we receive from the school community.

If you've ever thought about having a taste of school fundraising – now's the time!

Please get in contact to let us know what you could organise or help with:

Book stall
Plant stall
Chocolate coin toss
Ping Pong ball toss
Football throwing
Cupcake decorating
BBQ
Coffee/drinks/canteen
Popcorn making
Graphic design
Lucky dips
Face painting

Tattoo stencils
Soft toy stall
Guessing competition
Selfie Station
Selling other items
Staffing entrances
Clothing stall
Seeking sponsors
Seeking prizes
Rides
Create something to sell
Games

Anything else you'd like to organise that would create a great fundraising event!

Text Bec Tempest with what you'd like to take on 0414 195 435.

Many hands make a successful fundraising event – thanks!

P&C News continued

Get Ready Weekend

Thanks to everyone that turned a sausage, donated a cake or sold a coffee to contribute to the great success of the day 😊

By all accounts the day was enjoyable and it also raised well over \$1000 for the school. Legends!

Canteen

Tuesday – over the counter sales, so please send your children with some money to spend.

Help needed, even just an hour. The kids love seeing their parents in the canteen!

Please contact Kirsty on 0414 337 967 to volunteer on Tuesdays.

Friday – My School Lunchbox orders <https://myschoollunchbox.com.au/>

Volunteers needed to help sort the orders for 45 minutes (12.30 – 1.15 pm) on Fridays this term.

Please contact Emma on 0418 476 093 to volunteer on Fridays.

Uniform Shop

Open Thursdays of School Assemblies, 2.30 - 3.15 pm

Uniform Order Form and details: Contact: warrimoopsuniformshop@gmail.com

<https://warrimoo-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/what-we-offer.html>

Girls Winter Pinafore – Despite numerous attempts by our uniform shop volunteers, supply issues for this item of uniform continue and it won't be available from the Uniform Shop this year. The uniform shop volunteers and P&C apologise for this disruption and trust you'll understand that all efforts have been made.

If you have unused winter pinafores at home – please consider donating them to the uniform shop, or selling them through the P&C Facebook page, so that those girls that want to wear them can.

School Banking

Drop deposit books into the box at the Office on **Tuesday Mornings**

Community News

Get Ready Weekend Raffle

Please Support Our Year Six Fundraiser's

For their Get Ready Weekend project a group of year six girls decided to fund raise to purchase emergency "Go Bags" for each classroom. These girls have worked collaboratively, presented a proposal to the P&C for funds to source some great prizes, and gave up their Saturday during Get Ready Weekend to sell raffle tickets. These girls have also consulted with Pete Randall to plan for the contents of the "Go Bags" to ensure that all students have access to things they may need in the event of an emergency.

The girls have set a goal of \$720 that they are hoping to raise. The "Go Bags" will include - bottled water, dried fruit and muesli bars, First Aid Kit, Hand sanitiser, tissues, torches, batteries, glow sticks and fidget toys or playing cards amongst other items.

The girls will be selling tickets before and after school this week at the school gate. Their awesome prizes will be on display and the winners drawn this Friday. Tickets cost \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Please support these students.



Community News continued

NSW Department of Education

Before and After School Care Have your say

The NSW Government is committed to increasing the provision of before and after school care.

Have your say at

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/basc>

Online feedback closes December 2019

