



Newsletter

Aim High to Achieve

Term 4 Week 8

Tuesday 1st December 2020

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What's on at Warrimoo

TERM 4 DECEMBER

WEEK 8

Wednesday 2nd P&C AGM Meeting - Via Zoom - 7:30pm

Thursday 3rd Principal's Assembly

WEEK 9

Monday 7th Year 6 Fun Day

Friday 11th Year 6 Farewell

WEEK 10

Wednesday 16th Year 6 Farewell Assembly

Wednesday 16th Last day of school for students



TERM 1 2021

JANUARY

WEEK 1

Friday 29th First day back for students in Years 1-6

WEEK 2

Thursday 4th First day of Kindergarten



PAYMENTS DUE

<u>Excursion</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Due</u>
Year 6 Farewell	\$10	3/12
Dance Costume (selected students)	\$6	3/12



Reminder

Please ensure your child brings a **drink bottle** to school each day



Principal's Report

Dear Parents Caregivers,

Gold Assembly

The Gold Assembly will be conducted at our school this Thursday. Unfortunately, visitors will be unable to attend, however, we will be recording the event and we will make it available to our community as soon as possible via the SkoolBag notification. During this assembly the 2021 school captains will be announced.

Students who receive a Gold Award will be invited to attend an afternoon tea with myself in the Library in two separate cohort groups. All food and drinks will be supplied by the school in pre-packaged portions.

Staffing Changes for 2021

Throughout the last fortnight our school has conducted a selection panel for the recruitment of a substantive teacher at our school. I was pleasantly surprised at the extensive and very high-quality applicants who applied for the position. It gives me great pleasure to announce that in 2021 Ms. Suzanne O'Connor will commence her appointment as a fulltime member of the Warrimoo Public School team.

As this was a collaborative process by all members of the selection panel, I would like to thank Mrs. Beth Peck as P&C Representative, Mr. Graeme Cooper as AECG Representative and Mrs. Emma Harris as Staff Representative.

Year 6 Fun Day

As I am sure we can all agree, 2021 has certainly seen many challenges and disappointments for the students, parents and staff. We have made the decision to plan for the Year 6 Fun Day on Monday 7th December at our school with Covid safe plans in place. While we cannot invite adults into the school this will certainly be a day of celebration for our Year 6 students and the entire school. The Year 6 Fun Day will take place on Monday 7th December 2020 in the middle session.

Please note that tokens will be on sale from Tuesday 1st December.

All unused tokens at the conclusion of the day can be placed in a lucky draw box where prizes will be drawn from and awarded.

Students can purchase the tokens in the following manner;

\$3 bundle = 15 tokens

\$4 bundle = 20 tokens

\$5 bundle = 25 tokens



Student Safety & Parking Patrols

Student safety is our number one priority at Warrimoo Public School. At times, children can be unpredictable and act in a manner out of character. Florabella St, as I know you're more than familiar with, is a very narrow street with limited parking before and after school. Please be aware that the signage regarding parking is for the safety of all our children and that Springwood Police do regular inspections of our school area. Below I have attached a photograph of some of the signage in case you are unfamiliar with them. I appreciate your consideration and support regarding this matter and I am certain you too would echo my sentiments about keeping our children safe.

Additionally, please be aware and considerate of our neighbours when parking near our school to ensure that driveways are not obstructed or blocked. Thank you for your consideration.



Blaxland High School Year 10 Drama Performance

This year has seen a great deal of events cancelled or postponed. I have recently been in contact with Blaxland High School and they will be bringing a selection of their Year 10 drama students to our school to perform for us on Friday 4th December. This undoubtedly will be an outstanding opportunity to make connections between Warrimoo Public School and the local High School.

Semester 2 Student Reports

On Friday 11th December, you will receive your child's Semester 2 School Report. The reports are an accurate and up to date indication of your child's progress, achievements and successes. Semester reports provide written feedback to students and parents in a standard referenced framework. The A-E grading scale applies only to Stages 1-3.

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA), K-6 syllabuses continue to provide a referenced approach to reporting student achievement. Our school promotes the importance of assessment "for", "as" and "of" learning as an essential component of our reporting when providing feedback to improve student learning.

I congratulate students on all their efforts and achievements and thank our staff for their continued hard work in their ongoing assessment of student learning outcomes.

Attendance

Please note that regular attendance is still very important right up to the end of the school year and we expect all students to be attending school every day.

The last day of the school year for students is Wednesday 16th December 2020.

2021 School Travel Application

As we move towards the beginning of 2021 it is necessary for parents who may require an Opal Card for their child to travel via bus to or from school to complete an online application. Information related to how to apply will be forwarded home this week. Alternatively, you can access the following web address. <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/howToApply>



NSW Schools Update App

This app allows parents and caregivers to receive operational status updates for their children in NSW public schools, including notifications of temporary closures. To download the app you can search for 'NSW Schools Updates' in the App Store (for Apple devices), in Google Play (for Android Devices) or go to: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app>

2021 School Enrolments

Kindergarten enrolments and all other enrolments for 2021 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 2021. 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.

I wish you a very happy and enjoyable fortnight ahead.

My kindest regards,

Mr Tony Jeff
Principal



Christmas Food Appeal

Thank you once again for your wonderful support of our annual 'Christmas Food Appeal'. The Warrimoo Community have been very generous, always supportive of others in need. The 'Gateway Services', who organise these hampers, really appreciate your contribution. Well done, Warrimoo students!

SRC Committee



Library News



LIBRARY NEWS

What a busy few weeks it's been in the library! Our Book Week festivities may have been postponed this year, but they were just as big a highlight as ever! Our Book Week performance 'The Greatest Discovery' was a lot of fun and delved into the Children's Book Council of Australia's shortlisted books, which we have available here in our library for the children to enjoy.



BOOK FAIR

The book fair looked a little different this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. Despite this, it was a great success, due largely to the enthusiasm of the children and the support of parents and the wider school community. The book fair raised enough money to purchase \$300 worth of new books for the library, and to contribute towards much needed new shelves for the library's junior section. Thank you to our wonderful Warrimoo Public School community!



Library News



BOOK PARADE

The Book Parade was very well supported, with the vast majority of the students (and teachers!) dressing up as a favourite book character. With everyone from fairy tale princesses to sports stars, comic book characters to Sith lords, we were a very eclectic bunch! It made for a fun and entertaining day, thank you everyone for your efforts.

Kari McRae
Teacher Librarian



Year 6 Fun Day

YEAR 6 FUN DAY is planned for **Monday 7th December** and will take place at various sites in the school grounds from 11:20am to 1:30pm.

Infants will be 11.20am – 12.20pm and Primary from 12.30pm – 1.30pm, following COVID Guidelines. All activities will be cleaned between the Infants and Primary sessions.

Students are asked to purchase tokens from Year 6 in order to participate in the activities.

TOKENS:

- 15 tokens for \$3.00
- 20 tokens for \$4.00
- 25 tokens for \$5.00

Tokens that are unused at the close of events will be placed in a lucky dip draw for several prizes to be won.

PAYMENT:

Students need to bring in the **correct money** and Year 6 students will be available in the COLA from 8:30am on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th December. 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.

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.

A McIlwhan and E Harris.



Fun Day activities and games:

- Sponge throw
- Hair spray
- Face painting
- Haunted House
- Futsal
- Water Balloon catching
- Nerf Wars
- Laser Tag
- Soccer Shoot Out
- Various guessing competitions

