Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This is the last newsletter for Term 1, with the last day of school being Friday 11th April. We have had a very busy and productive term, and still have many exciting events before the holidays, including the Easter Hat Parade, the cross-country carnival and the Werrington Wise assemblies. I would like to wish you a wonderful and safe holiday break with your children. School resumes for all children on Tuesday 29th April.

Parent and Teacher Interviews
If you have not yet made an appointment to see your child’s class teacher, please speak to the teacher personally to organise a time.

Earth Hour
Although this event was officially held on the weekend just past, Werrington staff and students will be observing this on Friday afternoon. At 2pm, all lights in the school will be turned off until home time. The theme for Earth Hour in Australia is “Lights Off for the Reef,” in recognition of the significant environmental impact that electricity production has on our World Heritage listed Great Barrier Reef.

Pre-Service Teachers
We are presently hosting 3 pre-service teachers from the University of Western Sydney. Miss Sultana is working with 1Y, Miss Mullier is working with 2W and Mr Christenson is working with 5/6C. These teachers will be at our school until the end of May.

Passive Play Equipment
We are currently seeking donations of Lego, Barbie dolls and wrestler toys for our passive play area. If you have any of these toys that are not being used at your home, please see Mrs Brandies or Mrs Tucker Thanks!

Shipping Container
You may have noticed the shipping container near the bike racks. This has been installed to help us store our excess furniture and equipment.

Werrington Wise Assembly
This is being held on Monday 7th April at 9.30am for the infants children and at 10.15am for the primary children. All eligible awards for Principal awards and medallions must be handed to the office by Wednesday 2nd April to enable processing. Thanks!

Camp Payment
The first instalment for the Stage 3 camp is due on Wednesday 9th April. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please see Mrs Moses for assistance.
**Easter Hat Parade**
Don’t forget this exciting K-2 event! It will be held in the hall from 11.30am on Wednesday 9th April. The P&C raffle will also be drawn at this event, so don’t forget to get your tickets in! The parade replaces the infants assembly on this day.

**Cross Country Carnival**
This will be held at school on Friday 11th April for all students K-6. The cross-country will commence at 9.30am and should conclude by recess time. Parents are welcome to attend as spectators or assistants. Please see Mr Carters for further information.

**Staffing**
Mrs Conduit returns from maternity leave after the holidays. She will be teaching 3/4D in the support unit 4 days per week. Miss Doyle will continue on 3/4D on Mondays.

**Teacher Professional Learning**
Regularly, teachers and staff undertake professional learning to keep up to date with the latest theory, research and practice in education. Most of these are held after school hours! These sessions include:

- Mr Reinicke, Mrs McLennan, Mrs Gill, Mrs Grant, Mrs Blackford, Ms Bendt, Mr Henningham, Miss Doyle and Mr Carters participating in numeracy assessment activities
- Mr Reinicke attending a sport training day
- Mrs Gill, Mrs McLennan and Miss Hall visiting another school for the sharing of teaching ideas
- Mr Henningham at an anxiety workshop

As you can see, our staff work hard to keep up to date and to improve their own professional knowledge for the benefit of our students and our school.

Have a great week!

Mrs Thompson
Principal

**Office News**

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Thank you to all families that have paid the school contribution and technology levy. Funds paid to date have allowed the school to order 6 iPads. Reminders will be sent home to all students who have not paid the levies. Payment can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS or payment plan. If you are having difficulties, please see Mrs Moses.
Sporting Corner

Sydney West Swimming Representatives

As mentioned in last fortnight’s sporting report, two students, Samantha Durik and Lazar Komatovic, represented the Penrith PSSA at the Sydney West swimming carnival.

Both students had an extremely successful day. Samantha finished 6th in backstroke, 8th in breaststroke and 9th in the 50m freestyle, whilst Lazar finished 16th in the 50m freestyle as well. These results are overall placings. When you take into account that every student within their age group in the entire region participates at a school swimming carnival, these results are extremely pleasing and they should be extremely proud of their efforts. Well done Lazar and Samantha!

Cross Country

The school cross-country carnival will take place on the last Friday of the school term and will begin at 9:30am. The carnival will be for all students within the school and parents and family members are most welcome to attend. Stay tuned for more information.

Debating Camp

Last week 4 students from Werrington Public School attended the Western Sydney Debating Camp at Katoomba Conference Centre. The camp is two-days of workshops related to debating, which culminates in all students presenting a debate. Our students learnt techniques related to debating manner, method, voice projection, planning and rebuttals. The students worked so hard, they were even attending workshops and preparing their debates, after dinner on Monday night.

All of our students were fantastic ambassadors for our school and were a pleasure to take away. The school debating season will get under way in Term 2 - stay tuned for more information!

Mr Carters
Thank you to everyone who came along last Friday, to the coffee club working bee and a BIG thank you for the many donations of Easter items from the school community. Some fantastic prizes have been put together. The raffle will be drawn at the K-2 Easter Hat Parade. Good luck to everyone and we wish you all a relaxing Easter and school holiday break.

At our last meeting, the P&C voted to donate $500 to the Library, an area that is used by every child in the school. We also voted to purchase another play table for the passive play area. We are very pleased to be supporting the students at Werrington Public School in both their learning and playing environments.

Thank you to everyone who has paid their Family Contribution & Technology Levy. Fees are $30 family contribution & $10 technology levy. Remember, this cost covers your child for the whole year. Payments can still be made at the office and can be paid off in instalments over the year if needed.

For your information we have added a few dates to the upcoming events section on this page.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 19th May 2014 at 9.15am. We hope to see you there!

Kind regards
Your P&C Committee

WERRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL TURNS 40!

Did you or someone you know attend Werrington Public School in the last 40 years, either as a student or staff member? We would love to see any old photos, uniforms, awards etc that you may have. We will put all the items together on display on 30th July, during Education week. There will also be a special assembly. We would love for your memories to be a part of this wonderful celebration. Please attach your name and as many details as possible on your photos and we will copy and return them asap. Items can be left at the office. Please include your name and contact details.
LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2014 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 13 - 15 May 2014.

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| Language Conventions  
(Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)  
Writing | Reading | Numeracy  
(Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Chance and data; Measurement and Space) |

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

In 2014, as in previous years, the Writing task will be a single common task for all students. The 2014 Writing test will require students to respond to either a persuasive or narrative Writing prompt. However, the genre of the prompt will not be disclosed prior to the test period.

Wherever possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 16 May 2014.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustment or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.
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