Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday break with your children. We are all looking forward to a wonderful Term 2, with lots of exciting activities coming up. Please refer to the dates in the left hand column of this newsletter to ensure you don’t miss any of these events!

**School Uniform**
With the cooler weather upon us, our children are wearing their warm jackets and trousers. For the safety of our children, it is important that every child comes in full school uniform every day, including the correct school hat or cap. If you need assistance with purchasing the correct uniform for your child, please come and see Mrs Moses or Mrs Taliana in the office. School uniforms are available at a very reasonable price from the office.

**Jumping Joeys Playgroup**
Our Friday playgroup has been running very successfully for 12 months now, however, St Anthony’s can no longer coordinate or sponsor this due to funding cuts. Our P&C will be assisting with the funding for the playgroup, together with Century 21, real estate agents in Cambridge Park. Please come along to enjoy the playgroup each Friday morning from 9.15am in the hall. The playgroup is also seeking donations of toys suitable for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. If you can help with this, please see Mrs Green or Mrs Culley in the office.

**NAPLAN**
The National Assessment Program, Literacy and Numeracy, will take place in all schools, including Werrington Public School, on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May 2014, for children in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Please make sure your child attends school promptly on these days, to enable their assessment to take place.

**Annual School Report**
Our annual school report for 2013 is available on the school website. This report outlines our achievements for 2013 and sets out our goals and targets for 2014. If you are unable to access the internet, please ask at the office for a paper copy of the report.

**School Zones**
Just a reminder that the speed limit for both Heavey Street and Armstein Cres during school zone times is 40kph. Unmarked police cars regularly patrol these streets and have issued many infringement notices in the past. Please help us keep our children safe by observing these limits at the appropriate times.
**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:

- Mrs Bailey at a workshop for students with disabilities
- Mr Reinicke, Mrs Grant, Mrs Blackford, Mrs McLennan, Miss Gill, Mr Henningham, Ms Bendt, Mr Carters, Miss Hall, Mrs Greentree and Mrs Thompson attending a maths project in partnership with Mulgoa Public School

Our teachers also attend professional learning sessions after school each Tuesday afternoon. This fortnight we are looking at our report writing and assessment practices.

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 wonderful week!

Mrs J Thompson
Principal

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**Office News**

**Updated student Information**

If you have recently moved over the school holiday period or have changed your telephone contact numbers, could you advise the school of this new information. It is important that the school has current updated information.

**Money Due**

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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 7 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.

**School Photographs**

School Photographs were take on Thursday 1st May. A big thank you to the students for being patient throughout the busy day and helping the day to run smoothly. Money for photos will be taken by the office up until and including Friday 9th May. Just a reminder; photo money goes directly to the photographer. Correct money needs to be placed in the photo envelope. Please note: EFTPOS cannot be processed by the school for photo payments.

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**Hills Sports High School**

If your year 6 student excels in a particular sport and is interested in attending Hills Sports High School, an information night for parents and students will be held in the Hills Sports High School Assembly Hall on Monday, 12th May at 6.30pm. If you wish to take a look at the prospectus or get a copy of the enrolment form, please see the front office. The cut-off date for applications is 19th May 2014.
Kindergarten Donations
Kindergarten would appreciate any donations of clean plastic bottle tops (e.g. milk container tops, juice container tops etc.) for science lessons. If you have any could you please drop them off outside KC room. Thank you!

Earth Hour 2014
Last Term, Werrington Public School observed Earth Hour by switching off the lights for one hour. The theme for Earth Hour in Australia was ‘Lights out for The Great Barrier Reef’. Some of the students wrote persuasive texts giving reasons why it is beneficial to save energy. Michelle and Brock from 3/4G clearly expressed their points of view. Enjoy reading their arguments!

Does Participating in 'Earth Hour' Make a Difference to the Environment?

By joining in 'Earth Hour', Australia has the chance to change The Great Barrier Reef. The Great Barrier Reef is a beautiful, special and important part of Australia. I believe that turning off all electricity for just one hour will help keep The Great Barrier Reef as beautiful as it is now. Firstly, by switching off our lights, we are saving power and electricity. This is good because we are burning less coal. By burning less coal, we are cooling down the water surrounding The Great Barrier Reef. This enables the plants and coral to keep growing in this area.

Secondly, if we turn off all of our lights for 'Earth Hour', we can save the turtles in The Great Barrier Reef. If we burn less coal, the water will become cooler, allowing more male turtles to hatch. We can't have the water too hot, or all of the turtles will be female. If all of the turtles are female, we can't have any more baby turtles!

We need to tell more people about 'Earth Hour'. If lots of people participate in 'Earth Hour', Australia could save The Great Barrier Reef! The Great Barrier Reef is in trouble. It needs us! So, everyone needs to participate in 'Earth Hour', please!

By Michelle Camilleri

Does partaking in Earth Hour make a difference to our environment?

If everyone partakes in 'Earth Hour' it could be enough to save the Great Barrier Reef; the beautiful, majestic and serene reef. I deeply want to save this spectacular reef with all my heart, so please partake in Earth Hour!

Firstly, partaking in Earth Hour saves electricity. Therefore we burn less coal. With less coal getting burned our waters are colder instead of being warmer. Another reason why 'Earth Hour' is important is our precious turtles. Studies show that male turtles can only be born in cold water. Females can be born in cold and warm water. Finally, we must encourage others to partake in this extremely important event to make The Great Barrier Reef live forever!

By Brock Bradley 3/4G
Welcome back to Term Two, we hope that everyone had a safe, relaxing break!

Once again, the school community stepped up and let their generosity shine through with our Easter raffle. Just over 50 prizes were made and over $700 was raised. A fantastic effort by all. Special thanks to everyone who helped make prizes and sold tickets. Tom Doull did a great job at the Easter Parade and sold an extra $178 worth of tickets. WELL DONE!

Please take a moment to look at the upcoming events section on this page and don’t forget the Mother’s Day Stall which will be held this Thursday 8th May. Gifts cost between $2 to $10 and children will be able to purchase more than one gift. We will have a few items with Grandma and Nana labels available.

Below, please find a slip to place your order for this year’s chocolate drive. If you wish to take part, please return this form to the office by Friday 16th May, as we will need to place the order so we can have delivery back for distribution on Monday 2nd June 2014. Thanks in advance for your support!

This term, Werrington Public School P&C is very proud to be in partnership with Century 21 Urban United at Cambridge Park, as we support the Friday playgroup. If you or someone you know is interested in attending the playgroup please drop by the school hall at 9.15am on any Friday. Everyone in the community is welcome. Children will be provided with craft and morning tea each week.

Kind regards,
Your P&C Committee

Werrington Public School

UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 2

Mother’s Day Stall
Thursday 8th May
Gift costs
$2.00 to $10.00

P&C Chocolate Fundraiser
All money due back
By 20th June 2014

P&C MEETING DATES

Term 2 - 2014
9.15am
Multipurpose classroom
19th May 2014
6.30pm
Admin office staffroom
16th June 2014

P&C Cadbury Fundraiser 2014

Name: ___________________________________________________ Child’s class: ____________
Phone: ___________________________ Signature: _________________________ Date: _______

Yes, I would love to support this fundraiser. I would like to commit to selling the following boxes of chocolates.

___ $1.00 FREDDO Box (48 units per box)
___ $1.00 CARAMELLO KOALA Box (48 units per box)
___ $1.00 Mixed Box (50 units per box)
___ $1.00 Variety Pack (contains Toblerone, Cherry Ripe, Boost, Time out, Crunchie)

Everyone is welcome!
FREE Jumping Joeys
P&C Playgroup

9:15AM to 11.00AM
Werrington Public School,
Heavey street,
Werrington

Every Friday during
school terms
in the school hall:
Come along
with your pre-schooler,
toddler or baby
and have fun

Morning tea is provided

Contact the school
on 9623 7077
Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School

Open Night

Monday
19 May 2014
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Parents considering a high school for their child are invited to experience how Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School may be the best learning environment for your child’s education.

Student performances  school tours
open classrooms  faculty displays  BBQ

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2013-2014 Family Energy Rebate

DON’T MISS THE DEADLINE! Apply before 5pm Friday 13 June 2014

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the costs of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2013 – 2014 the rebate gives:

• A $125 credit against electricity bills for eligible applicants who receive electricity from an electricity retailer.
• A $157.50 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a caravan or mobile home park and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:
• Be eligible for Family Tax Benefit A or B during 2012- 2013 and have received a relevant payment; and
• Be the primary account holder of an electricity retailer, OR a long-term resident of a caravan or mobile park home, whose name appears on the electricity bills supplied by the park operator.

YOU CHOOSE HOW YOU WANT TO APPLY FOR THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE
• ONLINE – it takes a few minutes to submit and processing starts immediately.
• PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post.

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