Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday break with your children. We are all looking forward to a wonderful Term 3, 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.

It is with much sadness that I inform you that, last week, a student in K/1/2B in the support unit passed away as a result of complications arising from his medical condition. Our thoughts are with the family of this student and also with his teachers and classmates. I know you will join with me in offering sympathy to his family. The P & C will be sending flowers on behalf of the parents and students. The school will, of course provide any support or assistance possible.

Education Week and 40th Anniversary
We are celebrating Education Week on Wednesday 30th July. This year also marks 40 years since Werrington Public School opened and we are celebrating this event on the day as well.

The program of events is as follows:

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Parents are welcome to visit their child’s classroom to see their work and look at the classroom displays. They are also invited to a morning tea hosted by the P&C in the meeting room and to look at the school memorabilia in the Whisper Room in the library. Following this, there will be an assembly in the hall. We do hope you can come along to enjoy the day.

Kindergarten 2015
We are already planning our extended transition program for our new Kindy students for 2015. Please make sure you come to the office to put your name down for the transition program as soon as possible. Our transition program is based on best practice for ensuring our students and their parents have a great start to the school year.
Performing Arts Festival
The Cambridge Festival is on next week, with our dance groups (infants, junior and senior) and our choir performing on Monday 28th July and Wednesday 30th July. The combined boys stomp group will also be performing at the festival, with students from the high school and our local primary schools performing in this group. Available tickets are limited and were available via an expression of interest form, which was distributed last term, with a reminder sent again last week. All tickets must be purchased and collected from the office by this Thursday, 24th July. Unsold tickets will be available to those parents who would like additional tickets, on Friday 25th July. If you have any difficulty paying for your tickets by the due date, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Morning Supervision
Just a reminder that morning supervision does not start until 8.40am, which is half an hour before school starts. Children should not be arriving at school before this time. Please check what time your child leaves for school in the morning to ensure they are not in the playground without adult supervision.

School Photographs
Due to printing problems distribution of the school photos have been delayed. As yet, we have not been given a new delivery date, however, we anticipate that this will be quiet soon.

Playgroup
Don’t forget our playgroup, held in the hall every Friday morning. It is free, and open to all babies, toddlers and preschoolers. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends and to help your child socialise.

Nut Allergies
We have children in our school who have life-threatening allergies to nuts. Please help us keep these children safe by not sending foods containing nuts to school with your child. This includes peanut butter, Nutella, muesli bars with nuts, whole nuts and peanuts, or cakes and slices with nuts. Foods labelled “May contain traces of nuts” are fine to send with your child. Please also remind your child to not share their food at school.

Parent Library
We have some excellent information books for parents to borrow from the office. These include:

- Four Essential Skills for Playground Happiness That Every Parent Can Teach and Every Child Can Learn
- Helping Your Child Learn to do Mathematics
- Helping Your Child Learn to Write
- Helping Your Child Learn to Read
- Parents Guide to the NSW Primary Syllabus
- Talking to Kids About Cancer—a Guide for People With Cancer, Their Families and Friends

If you would like to borrow any of these resources, please enquire at the office.

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 Carters and Mrs Thompson at a school leadership conference at the University of NSW
- Mrs Mason and Mrs Thompson at a school readiness evening

Our teachers also attend professional learning sessions after school each Tuesday afternoon. This fortnight we are looking at our Positive Behaviour for Learning processes and our new Science syllabus for 2015.

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 J Thompson
Welcome back to term three. We hope everyone has had a relaxing break!

**August Coin Challenge Fundraiser** - Starts Friday 1st August. Gold & silver coins will be collected in class during the month and the highest fundraising classes in Primary, Infants and the Support Unit will receive a special class party at the end of the term. Profits from this fundraiser will be allocated to projects that will directly support every child at Werrington Public School. Every cent counts! Thank you in advance for your support.

**Cadbury Chocolate fundraiser**—We thank everyone who returned their fundraising chocolate money last term. We still have a few outstanding amounts. For everyone who sold extra boxes or asked for time extensions, your money must be returned by 25th July 2014. We have a few orders for extra boxes, which we will fill once new stock arrives. We appreciate your support and patience!

Don’t forget the free P&C playgroup every Friday in the school hall. Starts 9.15am and runs until 11.15am. Morning tea and craft is provided for the children. Please come along and join in the fun.

Our next P&C meeting will be held at 6.30pm in the office staffroom, 18th August 2014. Remember, if you can’t make it and would like to place something on the agenda, please leave a message for the P&C at the office prior to the meeting. Light refreshments will be provided and everyone is welcome.

Kind regards
P&C committee
On Wednesday 18th of June, the Music Bus students performed their half-yearly concert. It was excellent to see the confidence and enjoyment in all of the students as they performed. This was extremely impressive, as some of the students were performing for the first time. They all seemed to thoroughly enjoy performing and left a lasting impression on the primary grades. Of course this concert would not have been a success without the hard work of Dave Barton and the Music Bus crew. Dave assembles the students every Friday afternoon for their lessons, starting at 2pm and working through until 5:30pm. His dedication and patience with all of our students as enabled them to confidently perform in front of a large audience.

It was an additional bonus to witness the world premiere performance of Werrington Public School's first rock band. The ‘Downtown Trouble Makers,’ are currently a trio, with Joshua Cesta-Incani as our fabulous singer with the moves, Rosabella Tuicuvu as the terrifically talented keyboardist, and the boy with the beats (drums), is none other than Riley Dobbs. With the support of Dave Barton on guitar, the band performed the Black Eyed Peas hit, ‘I’ve got a feelin.’ It was fantastic to see how the students, although nervous at first, slowly came out of their shell and made a lasting impression on their audience. At the end of the performance, Dave had a limited amount of free bus passes, for some trial lessons for our students. Unfortunately, we were inundated with student interest, and a select lucky few students were able to participate in a free demonstration lesson. The Music Bus offers our students a variety of instruments such as keyboard, guitar, drums and some vocal work. If you are interested in enrolling your child in this fantastic program contact the Music Bus directly on: 1300 168 742 or go to their website at http://www.themusicbus.com.au/. Alternatively ask Mrs McLennan, for a pamphlet.
As part of our Active After School Communities (AASC), last term our students were invited to participate in a gala training session at Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre (PVRSC). Garry Everson, the AASC co-ordinator for our region, took the time to set up this meeting, and with the support of the Australian Sports Commission the students were able to attend this event free of charge.

It was fantastic to watch as all of the students that attended were inspired to learn new skills. Jarrod Moore from PVRSC engaged every student and created a new-found passion for a sport that some of these students had not been exposed to. As a teacher, I learnt many new games and ideas that I will be sharing with my students for upcoming sport activities. I highly recommend to all of our parents to make a connection with our local sports stadium and attend one of their many weekend basketball camps on offer. You can find their website at: http://www.penrithsportsstadium.com.au/sports.asp

Even though this was an extremely tiring occasion for some of our younger students, I was proud to see that not one student gave up, or complained of too much exercise. All students had fun and were Werrington Wise at all times.

This event could not have happened without the support of Mrs Thompson, the funding provided by the Australian Sports Commission, and the involvement of Garry Everson. I would also like to thank Ms Fitzgerald, Mrs Bailey and Mrs Marland for attending on the day and offering additional supervision required to keep our children safe.

Mrs McLennan
Sydney West Rugby Union Selection

Congratulations to Miracle Su’a of class 5/6C, who has been selected in the Sydney West Rugby Union Team. This is a magnificent achievement. The team will participate in the NSW PSSA Rugby Union State Championships at Kiama in Week 6. At this carnival, they will compete against 12 other regions, including the combined Catholic and independent teams.

Miracle has been busy training with the team and will continue to do so (two afternoons a week at Pendle Hill High School) right up until the carnival. We wish Miracle and the team all the best at the championships. Well done Miracle.

I would also like to congratulate Lafaele Matakaiongo, also from 5/6C. Lafaele made the 32-man train-on squad for the same team, however, he narrowly missed selection in the final 22. He competed really well and displayed a great attitude. Lafaele was a great ambassador for our school and should be proud of his achievement.

John Carters

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Junior Indoor Soccer

*THE BEST COMPETITION IN THE WEST!*

**STARTING MONDAY 1st September 2014**

- Times from 4:30, 4:55, 5:20, 5:55pm
- 5 A SIDE
- U/6-U/16- Boys and Girls
- $7 per game per child
- Individuals and teams welcome!
- Rego includes a playing shirt and shorts

**ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS:** Weekdays 4pm-6pm from 30TH June 2014

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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

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