Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A lot of things have been happening at Werrington Public School since our last newsletter. Our Kindy students had an exciting visit to Calmsley Hill Farm, milking cows, going on a tractor ride and bringing back handfuls of shorn wool. Our support unit children had a wonderful time at the Northcott athletics carnival, held at the State Sport Centre, participating in races and novelty events alongside students from support units across the Sydney region. Our debating team was successful in making it to the semi-finals of the Penrith Valley debating competition, and our debaters are busily preparing for this, to add to the busy 2 weeks, we have held our privilege days and our Premier’s Spelling Bee school trials, as well as participating in the Backyard League program.

The pace for the next few weeks will be similarly busy! Coming up this week, we have our Book Character Parade, and the Year 2 excursion to Elizabeth Farm. We also have the district athletics carnival and we will start our high school transition program, with students and staff from Cambridge Park High School, visiting our school weekly for the rest of the term. We also have our student artwork being entered into the Penrith Show. If you have some spare time over the weekend, visit the school’s exhibition at Penrith Showground.

Next week, we have the dress rehearsal for the Penrith and Blue Mountains Dance Festival and we have our support unit students participating in the Penrith Eisteddfod.

**Transition to School**
The information packages for the transition to school program were sent out last week. If you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2015 and you do not have your package, please enquire at the office. The transition program kick-starts with enrollment interviews commencing this term. Please phone the office to make an appointment for you and your child.

**ADHD Support Group**
Does your child have ADHD? There is a newly established support group in Penrith that may assist you and your child. If you are interested the contact details are:

Nepean/Penrith ADHD Parent Support Group, Email: adhdnepeanpenrith@gmail.com

**Planning for 2015**
Our school is already planning for 2015. to help us in this, would you please advise the office if your child is not returning to Werrington Public School in 2015? Of course, you do not need to do this if your child is in Year 6!
Interviews
Accompanying this newsletter are the interview request letters for all classes. Please fill in the interview request note as soon as possible and return it to school with your child. If you did not receive an interview request letter, please contact the office. Interviews will be held after school on Tuesday afternoons in Weeks 8, 9 and 10. If you cannot make any of these sessions, please contact your child’s teacher to arrange an alternative time or to arrange a telephone interview.

Attendance
Our NSW education laws require all children to attend school every day, unless they are sick or have another good reason, approved by the principal. Schools are required to record explanations of absences for all students. Please help us keep our red tape to a minimum by phoning the school if your child is absent from school. You may also send an email to the school’s email account: Werrington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

For family holidays during school term, or for absences for reasons other than illness, parents are required to apply for an exemption from school prior to the proposed absence. The Home School Liaison Officer can provide further information regarding school attendance. Please contact the school office if you would like to speak to the Home School Liaison Officer regarding your child’s attendance.

Parent Library
Resources and reading material for parents on a range of educational and behavioural topics are available for loan from the office. Please have a look at the resources available, which are added to on a regular basis.

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 attending a State Rugby event
- Mrs McLennan and Mrs Gill participating in a spelling workshop

Our teachers also attend professional learning sessions after school each Tuesday afternoon. This fortnight we are looking at our specialist intervention program, Language for Learning, and we are also participating in maths workshops with Mulgoa Public School and Cambridge Park Public School.

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

OWL MARKET DAY
HOOT CASH SALES
TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY
MORNINGS
OUTSIDE THE OFFICE
50CENTS PER COUPON
This week students in stage 2 and 3 competed in the Premier’s Spelling Bee. Two students from each stage have been selected to represent the school at regional level. Congratulations to Michelle Camilleri and Jeroonish Rufus in stage 2 and Riley Dobbs and Aaron Sarkis in stage 3.

Werrington Public School will be hosting the regional event on Monday September 8th.

Mrs Janette Buchan
Teacher Librarian

Kindergarten Experiences Farm Life

For their excursion, Kindergarten visited Calmsley Hill City Farm. A wonderful day was had by all. Here are some of the sentences the students wrote about their visit to the farm.

I saw the man shearing the sheep.     By Aleena     I saw a horse and it was bigger than me.     By Ava
We had fun on the tractor ride.      By Zach       At the farm I saw a big emu.        By Tamsyn
I saw the little pigs and they were drinking from their mum.     By Rhianna
Toby and Chile rounded up the sheep.      By Jessinta
I milked the cow and the milk went in the bucket.     By Ethan
The tractor ride was bumpy and I saw the hill.     By Kiri

Mrs Mason & Miss Clark
Kindergarten Teachers
Office News

Skoolbag App
Our School is conducting a trial of the Skoolbag iPhone App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent community. We are trialling the iPhone version for 30 days. If we continue with the App after the trial we will then get the Android version in the Google Play Store. We are asking a small group of parents to install our Skoolbag App. To install it, just look for our school name "Werrington Public School", in the Apple App Store, and install it on your iPhone.

We would like parents of students in all years to try the App so that we can get a variety of evaluations.

If you require further assistance or have any questions please call me or come and see me in the office.

![How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone](image)

Second hand clothing
If your child has grown out of their old school uniforms and you no longer require them, please send them to the school office for spare clothing.

Used Clothing Bin
The school has a clothing bin. This is located behind Mr Reinicke’s room near the staff car par. The following items are suitable for putting into the bin:

- Second hand wearable clothing
- Handbags, backpacks - all bags ‘
- Belts
- Shoes, thongs, sandals
- Jackets, jumpers
- Sheeting , towels, face washers, hand towels
- Children’s clothing

Please do not place these items into the bin:

- Wet, damp or mouldy textiles
- Excessively dirty or stained garments
- Material remnants less than 20cm square
- Pillows or quilts
- Plastic wear, hard toys and books
- Bric a brac, glass or sharp objects

Thank you
Mrs Moses
Are you a Volunteer?

Do you have your WWCC (Working With Children Check)?

As with other states, the NSW Working With Children Check allows parents to volunteer in activities that involve children. Anyone who works face-to-face with a child must have a Working With Children Check clearance (or a completed application in progress), unless they qualify for an exemption. It does not matter whether they are paid, volunteering or self employed.

It’s easy to obtain; just log on to http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/Working-With-Children-Check/apply/-apply click on “Apply for your Check” and follow the prompts. If you don’t have access to a computer we will be happy to arrange access for you to complete your application.

Father’s Day stall - On Thursday 4th September, the P&C will be holding its annual Father’s Day stall. This year gift prices will range from $2 to $10. Children will be able to purchase more than one item.

The August Gold & Silver Coin Challenge Fundraiser - Competition for the end of term class parties have already started. Well done to 1L, who after two weeks, raised $46.10. Keep up the great effort and the infants class party might be yours! Mrs Moses will be sending home weekly updates on behalf of the P&C for you to keep up-to-date with your class totals.

Don’t forget our next P&C meeting, tonight 6.30pm, 18th August 2014, in the office staffroom. Light refreshments will be provided and everyone is welcome!

Kind regards
P&C committee

Are you or someone you know interested in a FREE playgroup?

You’re invited to

Jumping Joeys  P&C Playgroup

9.15am till 11am

Every Friday

School Hall

Craft & morning tea provided for the children

Everyone welcome!
Pro Kennex Junior Tennis Coaching Clinic

For Beginners: from 8 years to 14 years of age

Enrol in the ten (10) weeks course and receive a free Pro Kennex Tennis Racquet

COST: $160 per child
LESSON: Monday to Friday (after school) Saturday and Sunday Mornings
PHONE: (0419) 297 237

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TENNIS COURTS: Werrington and Lapstone

In conjunction with usual coaching program will be the introduction of a specialised coaching service for the 4 to 7 year old age group. These programs are very popular overseas with the thousands of juniors in the U.S.A and Europe beginning tennis through similar programs. The concept of the program is to make the game fit the child. Scaled down nets, courts and racquets are used. By matching the game to the size and ability of this group of children, Little Joey Tennis lets them enjoy tennis from their very first lesson.

Each student enrolled in my program will receive a free Pro Kennex Tennis Racquet and a free hat, which are their own to keep.

The next classes will start on Saturday, 11th October 2014, when school resumes. There are a limited number of places in these classes, so please book early.

This program is only one of the many being offered in my tennis coaching classes. If you have any questions about the Little Joey Program or my regular classes, please give me a call.

Ken Gates Mobile: 0419 297 237

Tennis Courts: Werrington and Lapstone