Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As Term 3 draws to a close, I would like to thank you all for your support of our school and our students over what has been a very busy term! Term 4 is shaping up to be every bit as busy, so please make sure you check the calendar to the side of this newsletter for dates to add to your diary! May I also take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday break with your children. Encourage them to get plenty of rest, and to eat lots of healthy food, in preparation for a very busy Term 4. A little bit of book reading would also be a great way to while away some of the hours and help maintain their school achievement!

Kindergarten 2015

Our transition program starts in Week 1 next term and runs for 9 weeks, in conjunction with Yoornami pre-school. If you have not received your transition invitation, please contact the school office. The transition program kick-starts with enrolment interviews commencing this term. Please phone the office to make an appointment for you and your child.

Planning 2015

We are in the process of planning for our 2015 class structures. If your child will not be returning to Werrington Public School next year (and they are not in Year 6!), please contact the school office. Thanks!

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.

Teacher Leave

Mrs Little has been seconded to an Aboriginal youth internship project for the remainder of the year. Whilst we may see Mrs Little from time to time, she will not be continuing on 1L for the rest of the year. Miss De Guzman will be taking 1L during this time. Congratulations must go to Mrs Little for her selection for this wonderful position, helping adolescent Aboriginal youths find successful and sustainable employment. Mrs Little’s assistant principal role will be managed by Mrs Mason, our Kindy AP. Mrs Mason will be the assistant principal for all Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 classes.
**OWL Market Day**
Our Stage 3 students and teachers have been hard at work planning our exciting OWL Markets to be held on Wednesday. Every child has the opportunity to participate in a range of fun activities or to enjoy some yummy treats. Parents are also invited to come along and enjoy the fun. Please be aware that the children must have pre-purchased Hoot Cash to spend on this day. Hoot Cash may be purchased from outside the office each morning or directly from the office at any time. Funds raised will go towards the Year 6 farewell and gift to the school.

**Term 4**
Our next newsletter will not be released until Week 2 in Term 4, so it is timely to give a few reminders for the first week back of Term 4.

- School resumes for all students on Tuesday 7th October
- The Year 1 excursion is on the second day back—Wednesday 8th October
- Our transition to school program starts on the first Thursday back—9th October

Please also check the dates on the front of the newsletter. Key dates for Term 4 have been included to help you plan around your work commitments.

**Emergency Drill**
On Thursday, we will be having an emergency drill. Do not be alarmed if you hear our siren. If you are in the school at the time of the drill, please follow the directions of the staff.

**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 at Rugby training day
- Mrs Brandies at a reading recovery training day
- Mrs Tucker at an exchange program conference
- Our combined 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 and a fantastic holiday break!

Mrs J Thompson  
Principal

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**Office News**

Due to Owl markets this Wednesday there will **not** be a primary assembly. The next primary assembly will be held on Wednesday 15th October.

**Money Due**

- Year 1 excursion to Australiana Pioneer Village $21.00 Payment Due 17th September
- Stage 3 camp to Narrabeen $260.00 (total cost) - Full payment due 15th September

Thank you,

Mrs Moses
Premier’s Spelling Bee 2014

This week Werrington hosted the Regional final of the Premier’s Spelling Bee.

Our finalists Michelle Camelleri, Jeroonish Rufus, Riley Dobbs and Aaron Sarkis did a fantastic job representing our school making it through a few, very difficult rounds before being eliminated. Jeroonish made it through to the final five of the junior competition.

The helpers on the day from stage three were fantastic ambassadors for our school and many positive comments were made on what a lovely school Werrington is.

Mrs Janette Buchan
Teacher-Librarian

Book Week 2014

Well done to all the students who came dressed as a book character.
There were a great variety of costumes on display, which shows how many books the students at Werrington must read.
The rain held off just long enough for all the classes to show off their costumes.
It was a fun day and a great way to celebrate an enjoyment of reading.

Mrs Janette Buchan
Teacher-Librarian

City of Penrith Eisteddfod

On Friday 29\textsuperscript{th} August, nine of our students represented our school in the Special Presentation section of the City of Penrith Eisteddfod at Penrith South Public School.

They performed both the Hand Jive and Lollypop. The judge was very impressed with their item and his comments were glowing. It was an exciting day for the students as they all received a medal for their performance.

Thanks to all who attended on the day with special thanks to Miss Ella for not only assisting with rehearsals leading up to the event, but also for coming along on the day to support our students.

Congratulations to all the students for representing our school so well. We look forward to sending a group along next year.

Mrs Bridges
2014 Penrith Show

On 30th & 31st August the 171st Penrith show was held. This year we had 122 entries in the Junior Art & Craft School Section with twelve of these entries being from the playgroup. All artwork is judged anonymously and competition was tough with some sections having more than 70 entries.

I’m very pleased to say that our talented students had some amazing results, including one “Best in Show”: Anthony McIntosh, KM. Well done! Every student who had artwork entered has received a merit card and some of the winning artwork is on display in the office foyer.

Well done to the following students on their special prizes.

Mrs Culley 😊

1st Place - Anthony McIntosh, Samuel Culley x 2, Hayley Holloway-Kreig.

2nd Place - Zaki Ghali, Jayden Brown, Cooper Jefford, Brianna Astill.

3rd Place - Rizwahna Fazly, Leon McLean, Pujan Khadka, Annabelle Rogers, Samuel Culley, Rosabella Tuicuvu, Bella Stivala-Sillis.

We hope everyone had a relaxing Father’s Day and that all the dads, pops & carers enjoyed the children’s special purchases as much as we enjoyed helping them shop on the day! Thanks need to go to all our stall helpers. We could not do it without you! Thank you to the school for organising the lovely helper’s morning tea.

We hope you can join us!

Coffee Club
Working Bee
31st October
9.15am
Multipurpose classroom

FREE P&C FAMILY
HALLOWEEN DISCO & MARKET NIGHT
31st October, 2014
5pm till 8pm

Would you like a market stall table on our disco night? We have a few stalls booked for the disco & market night already. If you are interested in a table or know someone that would be please call Kimberley on 0421023321 for more information.

Next P&C meeting - 6.30pm, 20th October 2014 - Office Staffroom. If you would like to place an item on the agenda, please leave a message at the office. We hope that you will join us on the night. Light refreshments are provided.

We would like to wish everyone a very safe and relaxing school holiday. See you all next term!

Kind regards,
P&C committee
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Free Community Seminar for Parents - 16th October 2014


Anxiety disorders are one of the most common types of mental health concern in children and adolescents. If undiagnosed and not treated it can impact on the child’s learn daily functioning and problems in adulthood.

This seminar will identifying different types of anxiety disorders, understanding the symptoms, it’s impact on the individual and their life. As well we will also discussed treatment modalities used in the management of anxiety disorders.

Speaker: Mala Sharma, Psychologist at Delta Clinic

Mala is a Registered Psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia (PBA) and a Board endorsed Supervisor. She holds qualifications in Psychology, Education, Nutrition Research and Counselling. She is a member of the Australian Psychological Society and a member of the Mental Health Professionals Network in the Hills District.

Mala has over 15 years experience working with children and adolescents with mental health problems, & their families. Currently she is in fulltime private practice working with adults and children. Mala is dedicated to providing a multimodal approach to psychological therapy and interventions. She tailors treatments to meet the specific goals and requirements for each client. Mala endeavours to provide a warm, empathic, supportive and nurturing environment to all her clients.

Venue: The Delta Clinic, 248 Old Northern Rd., Castle Hill. Cnr of Cecil Ave., enter on Cecil Avenue. Limited parking available on site.

Date: 16th Oct. 2014
Time: 7pm to 9pm.

If interested please register by email as only limited seating available.
Email: thedeltaclinic@gmail.com
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Free Community Seminar for Parents - 10th October 2014

Topic:

School Refusal: A Really........“stubborn habit” and a “serious” problem.

Overview of Anxiety Disorder / School Refusal, helping parents to make sense of this debilitating condition and understanding the implication, consideration and consequences as well as how best to support their child/adolescent.

Speaker:

David Hong, Director Delta Clinic / Family & Couple Therapist

David Hong is a practicing Family & Couple Therapist with over 36 years experience in mental health service. He is the founder and director of The Delta Clinic since 2010, a private “one stop therapy centre” specializing in Child & Adolescent Mental Health in Sydney, Australia.

David has over 20 years experience working with children and adolescents with serious emotional & behavioural issues, and or mental health problems, & their families. In particular he has developed an innovative and systemic approach to his work with ADHD and the families. He was the Senior Nursing Manager of Redbank House, a specialist mental health tertiary service for Children & Adolescents in Western Sydney and has worked for many years in the Catholic School System as an outreach family therapist and School Counsellor.

Venue: The Delta Clinic, 248 Old Northern Rd., Castle Hill. Cnr of Cecil Ave., enter on Cecil Avenue. Limited parking available on site.
Time: 7pm to 9pm
Date: 10th Oct. 2014

If interested please register by email as only limited seating available.
Email: thedeltaclinic@gmail.com