Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Spring is here! This is a perfect time to look through your child’s summer uniform supplies and replenish items needed before the end of the term. The office staff are always willing to help you with your uniform supplies and will also gratefully accept second-hand items for our clothing pool. Our clothing pool is much depleted with the recent cold and wet weather! And what a wet few weeks it has been! We have had to postpone numerous sporting events several times but hope that they can go ahead this week.

One event that did press on regardless of the weather was the NSW State Rugby Championships, in which we were proudly represented by Miracle Sua as part of the Sydney West team. Great work, Miracle, and thank you to Mr Carters for managing the team in wet and soggy conditions in Kiama!

The rain did not stop the Year 2 students from enjoying their visit to Elizabeth Farm, nor did it stop our Book Character Parade. The debaters also braved the wet drive to Werrington County Public School where they proudly represented our school in a very difficult semi-final debate. We narrowly lost this debate unfortunately, however, our debaters should be congratulated for making it through to this level of the competition.

Our support unit students also proudly represented our school at the Penrith Eisteddfod at Penrith South Public School, performing wonderfully and with much excitement. Our student artwork was very successful at the Penrith Show on the weekend and some of our students were successful in having their artwork selected in the Operation Art competition. Well done, wonderful Werrington students.

Transition to School

The information packages for the transition to school program were sent out earlier this term. 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 enrolment interviews commencing this term. Please phone the office to make an appointment for you and your child.

Interviews

Letters for these were sent home with the last newsletter. If you did not receive an interview request letter, please contact the office or your child’s class teacher.

Active After School Sport

Just a reminder that this week is the last Active After School Sport for Term 3.
**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.

**Werrington Wise Assemblies**
These will be held on Monday 15th September in the hall. The infants assembly starts at 9.30am and the primary assembly starts at 10.15am. Principal’s Awards and Bronze, Silver and Gold medallions will be presented at this assembly. If your child has eligible awards, please hand them into the office by Wednesday 10th September to enable the processing of the awards. I hope you can join us for these assemblies!

**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?

**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 Conduit attending a literacy course
- Mrs Buchan attending a library network meeting
- Mrs Brandies and Mrs Tucker attending a numeracy intervention course
- Mr Carters, Mrs Tucker, Mrs Brandies and Mrs Thompson attending a Positive Behaviour for Learning course
- Mrs Culley, Mrs Robar and Mrs Eisenhuth attending a literacy and numeracy workshop
- Mrs Young attending a speech and language online training course

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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**Do you want to be an Aboriginal Foster Carer?**

Community Services is looking for Aboriginal people willing to become a foster carer. You can be single, married, in a de facto or in a same sex relationship. You can be renting, buying or you may own your home. You can be working or not working.

As an authorised carer of a child or young person, you will receive ongoing support and you may be entitled to a carer allowance to assist you with providing care. Standard Care Allowances are detailed below:

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For more information on becoming a foster carer please don’t hesitate to contact a staff member in the Aboriginal Foster Care Recruitment Team based at the Mt Druitt Community Services Centre on (02) 8887 7400 or you can email to james.conaty@facs.nsw.gov.au
Father’s Day stall  
Thursday 4th September

Gift prices will range between $2 to $10 and children will have the opportunity to purchase more than one item. Any unsold items will be available for purchase outside the office the next morning. We look forward to helping the children with their purchase of that special something for their loved one.

Thank you to Mr Doull! Unfortunately, due to work commitments, our P&C Secretary Mr Doull has stepped down. We would like to thank him for his hard work whilst in this position. Mr Doull has been a very valued member of our team and, even though he has stepped down, we know you will still see his face helping whenever possible. This position and all others will be declared open at our AGM meeting on the 17th November 2014.

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

Would you like to hold a table at our market night? This year, to enhance our support for the school community, we will be holding a market night in conjunction with our FREE Halloween disco. We have 10 undercover table spaces available. If you are interested please call Kimberley ASAP on 0421023321 for more information. Details in regards to the night will follow in a separate note before the end of term.

Gold & Silver Coin Challenge - thank you to everyone who supported this year’s drive. We hope the winning classes enjoy their class party which will be held at the end of term. Well done & congratulations!

Kind regards
P&C committee
It’s official, you’re all invited!

The Operation Art Exhibition is at Amory Gallery, Jamieson Street, Sydney Olympic Park. It will be open to the public from September 7th until the 26th October and it’s free. There will be more than 700 artworks from students all over NSW, and we have three of our very own student’s artworks in the exhibition.

You may remember this picture of our entrants Samantha, Jenna and Alona from an earlier newsletter. Look closely at Jenna’s painting of Harry the Dirty Dog.

Can you spot Harry on the official invitation below?

There were more than 700 official invitations printed and Jenna’s painting of Harry was featured on the slide-in insert. How exciting for you Jenna!

We look forward to hearing how all of the girls go at the official opening!

Another up and coming artist from KM is Mishika Dhungyel. Her artwork of “Pretty Parrot” will be jetting its way to Japan very shortly for the Nagoya Sister City Art Exchange. Artworks from many countries are displayed at this exhibition and I’m sure you will agree that Mishika’s colourful painting will be a stand out.

Congratulations Mishika!

Mrs Watson
Art Co-ordinator
Operation Art

Armory Gallery, Jamieson St
Sydney Olympic Park
6 September – 26 October 2014
Open daily 10am – 4pm

Operation Art is a program which encourages young people to create artworks for children in hospital.

FREE ENTRY