Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Staffing 2015**
This year, staffing remains very stable, but with the addition of 2 extra classes for 2015, bringing our total to 19 classes. There has been some minor shuffling, with Ms Bendt moving to the infants this year, and Mrs Conduit moving onto a mainstream class. Mrs Enese is back from maternity leave and Ms Foxton and Mr Bale join our wonderful teaching team! The complete list of classes and staffing are in a separate note sent out with every child yesterday.

**Contacting Teachers**
As always, the first contact for parents when they have any concerns or questions about their child is the classroom teacher. You may organise to see your child’s class teacher by contacting the office, sending in a note, or having a quick chat with the teacher to find a suitable time.

From time to time, questions or concerns may need to be escalated to the assistant principals. Please contact the assistant principals through the office to make an appointment. The assistant principals are as follows:

- Stage 1 (Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2): Mrs Mason
- Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4): Mrs Grant and Mrs Enese
- Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6): Mrs Greentree
- Support unit: Mr Henningham

Matters that have not been resolved at the classroom teacher or assistant principal level may be escalated to Mr Carters or to me. Please contact the office to make an appointment if this is required.

**Nut Allergies**
As you may be aware, there are children in our school who have a life-threatening allergy to nuts and nut products. Please assist us to keep these children safe at school by not sending in foods that contain nuts to school with your child. Items that are labelled “may contain traces of nuts” are fine to send in. Please also speak with your child about the importance of not sharing food and drink at school.

**Contact Details**
At the start of the year, we always update our contact numbers and details for the classroom teachers. If you have changed your contact numbers, including your emergency contacts, please let the office staff know so we can update your records. There is an information update sheet attached. Thanks!
Reporting to Parents
Our reporting timeline for 2015 is as follows:

- Term 1: Weeks 8, 9, and 10: Parent and teacher interviews
- Term 2: Week 10: Written reports
- Term 3: Weeks 8, 9, and 10: Parent and teacher interviews
- Term 4: Week 11: Written reports

We hope this timeline allows for you to have comprehensive information regarding your child’s progress. Information regarding interviews in Term 1 will be sent home closer to the date.

School Photos
These are very early this year; on Thursday 12th February. Please ensure your child has their photo order sent into the school on or before this date. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please speak to Mrs Moses in the office.

Vision Screening
Mrs Mason has organised for all Kindergarten children to have their vision checked by a trained community nurse at school on Thursday 5th February. Please ensure you have returned the permission note to the school.

Student Absences
Please contact the office by phone or text message (if you have the skoolbag app) or email, if your child is absent from school. Our office staff are following up on all absences, so it is most helpful if you let us know on the day of the absence,

For extended leave such as family holidays, a letter, in advance, to the school is required by law.

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 Buchan attending reading recovery training
- Mr Carters running a behaviour management workshop for temporary teachers
- Mrs Moses and Mrs Thompson attending an anaphylaxis workshop

Our teachers also attend professional learning sessions after school each Tuesday afternoon. This fortnight we are looking at our computer applications and procedures

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
Office News

Notes home
Notes will be sent home on Monday. The following colour coding system is used.

Blue note: Requires your attention and must be returned to Werrington Public School. This may also require a payment for an excursion or activity.
Pink note: This means that the note is for special notice.
Green note: These notes are for the canteen. They are either the canteen price list, meal deals or sweet and treat day orders.
Mauve note: These notes are from the P & C.

On the odd occasion you may receive a note on a totally different colour paper. This could be for something special that is happening at Werrington Public School.

Family Contributions and Technology Levy
The total amount payable is $40.00 per child, $30.00 per child for family contributions and $10.00 per child for technology levy. Accounts will be sent home early next week.

The family contribution will assist in the provision of a variety of classroom and school resources, awards and rewards and is used to improve opportunities for the children. Part of this family contribution has been used to purchase student injury insurance. This is in conjunction with the Federation of Parents and Citizens’ Associations of New South Wales (P & C Federation). The policy is available through insurance brokers, Marsh Pty Ltd, which will provide coverage and benefits to students in our school. Students will receive 24 hour cover 7 days a week for all school based activities.

We will also be continuing the technology levy in 2015. It also assists with the costs associated with the use of a variety of technology such as computers, iPods, iPads and printers, as well as access to educational websites and programs, such as Reading Eggs and Mathletics.

It would be appreciated if all contributions are paid by Friday 27th March 2015. You may pay by cash, cheque or EFTPOS. You may also make a payment arrangement with Mrs Moses to pay the family contribution and technology levy in instalments.

Student Banking
The students at Werrington have the service of student banking through the Commonwealth Bank. Banking day will be Wednesday. Students need to drop their bank book to the office before school and it will usually be returned to them before the end of the day. Information packs have been sent home with children from Kindergarten to Year 2 as the bank did not send us enough packs. If your child is in a primary class and they would like an information pack, they can collect one from the office.

Uniforms
Attached is the current uniform order form. At this early stage in the term, uniforms are available to purchase at any time through the school office. There are a couple of items that are currently on order and we are expecting delivery of the goods shortly.

Skoolbag App
The school has decided to go ahead with the skoolbag app. This app is now available for all devices. Attached is an information sheet on how to download the app. If you have any problems or questions please come and see me.

Mrs Moses
School Manager
UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 1

2015
P&C
MEETING DATES
9.15am
16th February 2015
Multipurpose classroom
6.30pm
16th March 2015
Office Staffroom

We hope you will join us!

Coffee Club Working Bee
9.15am
27th February 2015

FREE
Jumping Joeys
P&C Playgroup
9.15am—11am
School Hall
Fridays

P&C UPDATE

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a relaxing school holiday and that the children are all excited about their return to school.

Welcome to the 2015 Kindergarten students and their families. We look forward to getting to know you all over the coming year and we hope that the children enjoyed their first day at school.

Our P&C meetings will continue to be held in the alternate day/night time format for 2015. We invite you to our first meeting of the year at 9.15am, 16th February in the multipurpose classroom. At this meeting we will be discussing our fundraising efforts over the year. If you have any ideas please come along and join us. Our meetings are very informal and children are welcome. If you cannot attend this meeting and you would like to put an idea forward please call Kimberley on 0421023321.

Our first Coffee Club working bee will be 27th February 9.15. If you can come along and help out we would love to see you there.

Jumping Joeys P&C Playgroup is FREE to all community members. This group meets in the school hall every Friday of the term from 9.15am till 11am. Craft and morning tea is provided for the children every week. Playgroup will start back for the year on Friday 6th February. Everyone within the community is welcome to attend.

Kind regards,
Your P&C Committee
Welcome back to all our students and families, and a very big welcome to all our Kindergarten and new students.

We have put together some simple steps to make using the canteen easy for you and your child.

For busy parents, we have a lunch order box on the counter where you can place the paper bag. Please ensure that you have your child's class on the top right corner, your child's name in the centre and then please write the lunch order under the name. The paper bags can be taken home and brought back the next day. If change is needed, it will be taped to the bag.

Please also note:

- We encourage recess orders, especially hot food and ice blocks, particularly in summer. This saves the children having to spend their time waiting in the canteen lines. Orders must be written on a separate bag. If iceblocks are ordered with lunch, we will stamp the bag. Your child comes to the canteen with their lunch bag to receive their iceblock. When returning their lunch bag for their iceblock come straight to the front of the line - no waiting!
- The new canteen menu is attached to this newsletter, so please check as there have been a couple of price increases.
- Please note: NO credit given.

Extra offers from the canteen:

- Excursion packs, Sports packs
- Crunch & Sip Deal
- Fortnightly Meal deals
- End of term Meal deals
- Birthday cupcake tower

Jody and Sue
Healthy Bitz Catering
Family name: ___________________________________

Child’s given name: ___________________  Class ____________

Change of address: ______________________________________

____________________________________Post Code________

Change of home phone number ________________________

Mother’s work phone number _________________________

Mobile number________________________________________

Father’s work phone number _________________________

Mobile number________________________________________

Emergency contact # 1: ________________________________

Phone number (02) ___________________________________

Mobile number________________________________________

Relationship to student ________________________________

Emergency contact # 2: ________________________________

Phone number (02) ___________________________________

Mobile number________________________________________

Relationship to student ________________________________

Office Use:

Current student information Excel spreadsheet

ERN Principal’s student contact book
Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- School, free push notification alerts
- School events
- School newsletters
- School documents
- School RSS feeds
- School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

**iPhone & iPad Users**

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps"; your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

**Android Users**

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

Don’t forget to like us on Facebook! Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au
Junior Indoor Cricket

**STARTING Thursday 19th MARCH 2015**
- Thursdays and Fridays U/8’s, U/10’s, U/12’s, U/14s and U/16s
- Times from 4:20, 5:10, 6.00 and 6:50pm
- 6 a side
- U/8- U/16- Boys and Girls
- $7 per game per child. A free team shirt when registering!
- Individuals and teams welcome!
- Register any Thursday or Friday 3-6:30pm from January.

**Where to Find Us:**
20 Forthorn Place
St Marys NSW 2760

[info@stmarysindoorsports.com.au](mailto:info@stmarysindoorsports.com.au)

**WHEN YOU PLAY INDOOR CRICKET AT OUR CENTRE $5 FROM YOUR REGO IS DONATED BACK TO YOUR OUTDOOR CLUB!**

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Junior Winter Indoor Soccer

**THE BEST COMPETITION IN THE WEST!**

**STARTING MONDAY 20th April 2015**
- Times from 4:30, 4:55, 5:20 and 5:55pm
- 5 A SIDE
- U/6- U/16- Boys and Girls
- $7 per game per child
- Individuals and teams welcome!

**ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS: January 2015**

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