Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a wonderful start we have had to the school year! The classes are all settled and are working well. When I walk around the school, I see every student productively engaged in wonderful learning activities, with classrooms buzzing with enthusiasm. Even the new Kindergarten students are already engaged in literacy and numeracy groups and attended their very first Werrington Wise assembly last week!

Our school learning support officers have started working in the classrooms, providing additional assistance for children in need, and our special remedial learning programs are up and running. This year, we add an additional program to these: the QuickSmart Numeracy program will target individual students who are experiencing difficulty with their acquisition of number skills.

If you have been out and about around our school, you will have noticed the wonderful improvements to the outdoor spaces in our school—new footpaths, new gardens, new paved areas and new seating. We are certainly very lucky to have Mr Moses, our general assistant, to coordinate these projects. He also completes many of them himself!

**Assemblies**
These are held at 2.15pm on Wednesday afternoons. The primary and infants classes will alternate fortnightly. The dates for the assemblies are always notified in the newsletter, so please check the calendar at the side of this page.

**Morning Supervision**
Just a reminder that morning supervision does not commence until 8.40am. Once our students enter the school grounds, they must abide by the rules of our school, including being in the correct place for morning supervision. For those of you new to our school, students must remain in the COLA areas or on the basketball court. They cannot wait outside their classrooms, even if they are with their parents. Parents are welcome to wait with their children before school, but must wait in the “in-bounds” areas. Thank you for helping our students be “Werrington Wise.”

**Jumping Joeys Playgroup**
Our P&C supported playgroup will continue to be held on Friday mornings this year in the school hall. I encourage our parents with babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers to come along and enjoy some socialising, fun and craft! Please also advise any neighbours or friends with young families, who may be interested. Early access to educational activities is very beneficial to young children!
Head lice
With the warmer months now with us, please be vigilant in checking your child’s head for any sign of lice or eggs. If any lice or eggs are found, please consult your pharmacist or hairdresser for advice.

Scooters and Bikes
Just a reminder that bikes and scooters should be walked through our school playground, for the safety of students, parents and visitors to our school. This rule also applies to toddlers and pre-schoolers. Students who do not follow this safety rule, will lose the privilege of being able to bring their bike or scooter into the school grounds.

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 Brandies, Mrs Eisenhuth, Mrs Culley and Mrs Robar attending numeracy intervention training
- Mrs Kunkel attending an Aboriginal education meeting
- Mrs Buchan attending reading recovery training
- Ms Foxton attending an exchange teacher professional learning day
- Mr Carters conducting a professional learning session for visiting teachers

And I will be absent for 2 days at a principal’s conference!

Our teachers also attend professional learning sessions after school each Tuesday afternoon. This fortnight we are finalising our planning for 2015 and looking at our anaphylaxis 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 great week!

Mrs Thompson
Principal

Pink Stumps Charity Fundraiser

This Friday is Pink Stumps Day! We are stumping up to be part if the Pink Stump Challenge in support of the McGrath Foundation.

We are asking our friends, families and colleagues to help us support our fund raising effort. As part of the day students in years 2 through to year 6 will be participating in a 30 minute cricket session. You are invited to come along and wear something pink to show your support while watching your child participate. There will be a muffin and scone stall first thing in the morning before school, tea and coffee in the canteen and a cake stall at recess. All students are invited to pre-order a sausage sandwich and a can of drink for their lunch on the day. Order forms are available from the office but must be returned with money by Wednesday 18th February.

Attached is a timetable of events for the day.

Hoping you are able to join us for a fun filled day.

Mrs McLennan
Organising Teacher
Sport News

Summer Sport

This summer, Werrington Public School has decided not to participate in the PSSA Cricket competition. This is due to a number of factors, mainly to do with a change in time for Summer PSSA, which would also effect our dancing. At Werrington, we value physical education extremely highly, which is why we will be participating in the Penrith Cup competition (a one off cricket gala day), the Milo Blast Cup (another one off cricket gala day), as well as putting together a structured sport program within the school. PSSA Rugby League and Netball, along with Tennis, will re-commence in Term 2, as in previous years.

Sport Representatives

The sport representative calendar is already upon us. The following students have been invited to represent Werrington Public School at the Penrith Zone trials:

- 11 Years Rugby League: Jirah Liddiard, Kai Cashman and Aleks Komatovic
- Opens Basketball: Kai Cashman
- Girls Football (soccer): Siennah Grgich and Daina Coleman
- Boys Football (soccer): Jaimen Vea, Lachlan Samuels and Saverio Albanese
- Opens Cricket: Bailey Stivala-Sillis, Jordan Liddiard and Jirah Liddiard
- Girls Softball: Breanna Green and Caitlin Doull

I will keep you updated with how the above athletes went, along with future representatives.

Mr Carters
Sport Organiser

Office News

Money and Notes due

Activity
Pink Stumps Sausage sandwich & drink order
Stage 3 Canberra Camp
Book Club
Swimming Carnival
Year 6 Shirt
School contributions

Money & Note due to school
Wednesday 18th February
Wednesday 18th February - expression of interest
note to be returned
Wednesday 18th February
Friday 20th February
Friday 27th March

Uniforms

We have had a couple of uniform items that have been on order with the supplier. Polo shirts should arrive early this week, scrunchies are in stock and the wide-brimmed hat is still on order. I have been advised that they will take approximately 4 more weeks. School dresses are due at any time. Once all uniform orders have been received, any orders that we have will be filled and given to the children.

Thank you,
Mrs Moses
Do you have any good quality school uniforms that your child has grown out of? If you do, please consider donating these items to our school’s second-hand uniform cupboard. Items that are in good order eg; no stains or rip etc are always appreciated. If you would like to donate your old good quality uniforms please give them to the lovely ladies in the office. Thank you!

Have you paid your school fees yet? School fees have remained at $40 for the year and can be paid at the office. This money is always used to directly support the educational needs of the students at Werrington Public School. If you need to organise a payment arrangement please have a chat to Mrs Moses in the office. Thank you!

Information about our Easter raffle will be going home very soon. At our February Coffee Club working bee we will be putting together our raffle ticket books and at our March working bee, we will put together our yummy Easter baskets. If you would like to help at either of the working bees please join us on the day.

Our next P&C meeting will be held at 6.30pm, 16th March in the office staffroom. Please come along and join us on the night. If you can’t make this meeting and you would like something placed on the agenda please call Kimberley on 0421023321.

Don’t forget our 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.

Kind regards
Your P & C Committee
**How you can help raise money for your school!**

At Supa IGA Werrington, we are focused on supporting the local community! We even have a Community Chest program in place to raise money for your school – do you know what this means?

Every shopper that comes through our doors and spends over $50 receives a token that they can contribute to Werrington Public School! At the end of the school year we count the tokens and your school receives a donation based on how many tokens you have vs the other school in our program.

How are the funds created? Each time a product in our weekly catalogue with this logo 🏫 is sold, a percentage of it goes into a fund and is built up over the year. Last year over $15,000 was donated to the schools/charities of Werrington.

We are so proud to support our local schools and the next generation of great minds! We are also a family business who are battling against the big guys and promise to keep funds in the community through our local staff, giveaways and donations.

![Last years Christmas giveaway of a Fridge, Washing Machine, and 2 BBQs!](image)

**Fresh Food Market Update – Produce for a family on a budget!**

Did you know that we select our own produce direct from the markets! This ensures the freshest fruit and vegetables for our customers. Great specials are currently on offer for Washed Potatoes, Gourmet Tomatoes – Great for Salads and potato bake!

Sweet Tooth? Cherries are on their way out, stone fruit such as nectarines will be cheap until the end of February. Grapes are also in season – look for the ones that have a slight yellow colour as they are sweeter! Rockmelons have also started to season and are cutting perfectly, we suggest move away from Watermelon as its on its way out and becoming more expensive.

Keep an eye out for our Mint Fresh Market flyer with great fortnightly specials.

I hope this helps!
David Jeffree,
Supa IGA Werrington Produce Manager

![Tony buying produce for our store at 3am!](image)
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TENNIS FOR 4-7 YEAR OLD CHILDREN

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, 18th April 2015, 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

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
NOW AND ENROL

TENNIS COURTS: Werrington and Lapstone
FREE microchipping day

WHO: Dogs and cats
WHERE: Jamison Park, Jamison Rd, Pendith
WHEN: Saturday 14 March 2015

For more information contact:
1 4732 7543

cats per household.

and all cats are in a cage (limit of four)

Please ensure all dogs are on a lead

animal trainers to answer any questions.

Council’s Companion Animals Officers

With a vet and