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Principal’s Message

Welcome to Term 2 2014.

You will notice we have changed our front page of the newsletter to make the due dates and dates of events as clear as we can. Please remember we have due dates for money which cannot be changed. We had a number of families wishing to pay for Sport In Schools this term, when the closing date was last term. We will adhere to our published dates and hope our front page calendar assists you with this information.

This term as usual will be a busy term, keep up to date with what is happening via our Facebook page, newsletter and on our website. Remember all notes are available on our website.

Last week I was able to attend our rugby league team’s exciting win over Tanilba Bay PS. It was a fantastic match with great support shown by our parents and grandparents. This week I am looking forward to joining stage 1 on our trip to Taronga Zoo. I will try to post Facebook updates through the day for our mums and dads who are unable to attend. Our arrival time back at school will also be updated in the late afternoon to save you waiting at the school for extended periods should we encounter traffic on the M1 coming home.

Please ensure you are waiting in one of our two pick up zones each afternoon. Parents/carers are not to wait outside classrooms or in the COLA. The COLA is only to be used for pick up when it is raining.

As we move into the cooler months I would like to remind all families coloured jackets, beanies of any colour and black track pants are not acceptable. Our P&C have worked hard to establish quality options for our students’ uniforms including the long sleeve polo and popular bomber jackets. Please take some time to check your child’s name and class are written on their uniform clothing. The lost property box will be emptied every two weeks. Clothing in the box will become part of our clothing pool. If you are having difficulty in sourcing uniforms please contact the school. Students wearing coloured clothing may be given school clothes from the uniform pool to wear during the day.

Next week Year 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. It is important that all Year 3 and 5 students attend school and complete the assessments as NAPLAN is designed as an individual diagnostic tool. We use the diagnostic data to help us plan for future learning needs through our school improvement plan. The NAPLAN tests aren’t something that students can truly study for. Instead, NAPLAN is simply a snapshot of the skills each child has developed up to this point in their education. If students are unable to attend, please advise your child’s classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Regards
Philippa Young

REMINDER

Notes only come home on Wednesdays to help you keep track of school events and happenings.

Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability – 2014

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government’s Privacy Policy can be found here: http://education.gov.au/condensed-privacy-policy

Information about the NSW Government’s privacy policies can be found here: http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/

If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection you must put your request in writing to the school before the end of Term 2, 2014. If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection you must put your request in writing to the school before the end of Term 2, 2014. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.

Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website:


If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact the school.
New Office Staff

We have new ‘staff’ in our office at recess and lunch. They are our Year 6 leaders who wish to volunteer for admin roles. The students have been trained in answering the phones, taking messages, dealing with counter enquiries and making public announcements. So far they have done a great job! This initiative gives our students leadership skills and confidence in dealing with the community.

Deputy Principal’s Report

A big welcome back to all students and their families for Term 2.

Cup of the Week

Congratulations to K/1P for winning the Cup of the Week. They were awarded The Cup for always lining up at class and assembly in an organised manner. This week I will be once again looking for the class that is on time, organised and ready to learn.

Walk Safely to School Day

Walk Safely to School Day is on Friday 23rd May and students and families are invited to take part in this event. The aim of Walk Safely to School Day is to promote the healthy benefits of walking, to reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour and to develop vital road-crossing skills that students will need as they mature. Teachers from Wirreanda will also be taking part in the event. Each child who walks to school will receive a sticker and a WoW card. More information will be sent home closer to the day.

Seasons for Growth

Seasons for Growth has resumed this term with Mrs Wilson and Mrs Schieb facilitating the group.

Mother’s Day Stall

Students will have the opportunity to purchase a Mother’s Day gift on Thursday afternoon and Friday. The P&C volunteers will have the gift selection set up in the hall and classes will be given the opportunity to choose a gift during the school day. On Thursday afternoon at 2:45pm Stage 1 students and those students who will be participating in the Hunter Regional Cross Country on Friday will be able to purchase their gifts. The remainder of the school will buy their gifts on Friday. Gifts are priced from $1.00 - $5.00.

Get Lost Mr Scary

Get Lost Mr Scary is an experimental play-based program that helps young children develop skills to cope with fears and worries. The program will be run over seven weekly sessions with selected students in Years 1 and 2 at Wirreanda PS. If your child is displaying signs of separation anxiety, generalised anxiety or specific phobias such as fear of animals, fear of the dark and you feel they would benefit from inclusion in the Get Lost Mr Scary program, please complete the attached form and return it to the school office. The School Counsellor, Doug Reidy, will contact you to discuss your concerns and determine if the program is suitable for your child.

Sue Wilson
Deputy Principal

Stewart House Day 2014 Donation Drive

About Stewart House

Each year 1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. All other costs associated with the childrens' stay are met from charitable donations.

Stewart House needs your support to ensure we can continue to provide important services to children.

During the program children:

- Receive free eye, dental and health screening and treatment.
- Develop self-care and conflict resolutions skills.
- Learn to relax and overcome anxiety.
- Participate in excursions and activities to develop a broader outlook on life.
- Establish friendships and routines in a safe community.
- Increase their self-esteem.

Going home with today’s Whisper is a Stewart House 2014 donation drive envelope. Families are asked to make a $2.00 donation and return the envelope to school no later than Friday 16th May. Your $2.00 donation will put you in the draw to win a $4,000 family holiday.

Wirreanda Whisper Page 3
After Tanilba Bay beat us by a try in the last game we really wanted to return the favour. We got the first 2 tries but unfortunately Tanilba fought back and the halftime score was 12 all. Shortly after the break Wirreanda scored another try but we missed the conversion making the score 16 – 12. Tanilba scored next and they also missed the conversion locking the scores at 16 all. Tanilba pressured us in attack for what seemed like an eternity but we fought deep and the full time siren went with the scores all locked up. We won the toss and chose to receive the kick. On third tackle Sam Gordon took matters into his own hands and scored an impressive 60m try. We were over the moon with the victory and had an all in stacks on pile. We will now face either Raymond Terrace or Clarence Town in Round Two.

Bronze Awards


Silver Awards

Crystal Storey, Lachlan Halliday, Emma Mottram, Ruby van de Wijgaart, Kai Hendry, Kodee Bryant, Jarred Shearer, Darci Armstrong

Gold Awards

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Canteen roster

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Sports News

Rugby League

On Friday 2nd May the Rugby League team walked to Boyd oval to play against Tanilba Bay Public School.
Wallaroo State Forest Fun Run
Sunday May 18th at Wallaroo State Forest
Just 10 km north of Raymond Terrace.
Turn off the Pacific Highway at Nine Mile Creek Rd (at the overhead electronic road advisory sign)
Starting times:
10km – 10am
6km – 12:00
2km – 1:30
The 3 runs follow fire trails through a tranquil forest setting.
Entry fees - $15.00 per adult, $10.00 for 16 yrs & under, $40.00 per family,
$5.00 per additional run.
A free Wallaroo State Forest Fun Run singlet
for the first 40 entries received by May 16. Sizes only guaranteed till May 2
Entries on the day will be accepted up to 30 minutes before each run
Categories include: individual, husband & wife, parent & child, school team
Trophy and medals for the fastest school team in the 2km
Trophies for the winners of each run. Medals for category winners. Lucky draw prizes.
Hosted by Raymond Terrace Athletics Centre
Entry forms available on www.raymondterraceathletics.com.au
Enquiries – Deidre 0418 962 185

Please detach and return to the school office

Get Lost Mr Scary
I am interested in my child
_________________________ of class _____________
participating in the Get Lost Mr Scary program.
Please comment on your concerns and observations of
your child’s fears and worries.
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