



Mount Warrigal Public School

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A quality school developing the individual in a caring community

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Jodi Niedermayer
Principal

NEWSLETTER

17 November 2016

Term 4 WEEK 6 2016

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Community,

Creative Arts Showcase – Congratulations and thank you to all involved!

Last Thursday evening we were able to showcase the many and varied talents of our students and our staff, including choir, dance, drama, percussion instruments, Stop Motion creations, photography and visual arts display and public speaking. Thank you to the great number of families who were able to join us on the night and thank you to the staff for their dedication to our students and our school. Mrs Voysey and Mrs Reys are to be applauded for their vision and coordination of this event. Congratulations!

School Evaluation

Thank you to the parents who joined Steve Galbraith in the Community Room to share your feedback and provide direction for our school. Your time and input are greatly appreciated! Thank you also to the number of families that completed the online Tell Them From Me survey. Families who completed the survey and returned the slip to the office went into the draw to win one of five \$20 vouchers for Oak Flats Bowling Club. Congratulations to Jeni Ugur, Debbie Harris, Stella Bellef, Kylie Harvey and Charne Champion. Prizes can be collected from the office.

‘Apple for the Teacher’ - Congratulations to Mrs Voysey

It was with great excitement that Mrs Voysey was recognised last Thursday morning in Wave FM's radio competition. As many of you are aware, Mrs Voysey was required by the Department of Education (DoE) to donate her prize, of a trip to New York, to the P&C. This is in accordance with our Code of Conduct in regards to gifts or prizes received in the course of an employee's work. I have since received confirmation from senior officers that, on this occasion, the DoE will allow for Mrs Voysey to keep her prize. This is great news for Mrs Voysey and her family!

P&C – Monday 21st November

The final P&C meeting for the year will be held this Monday at 9.30am in the Community Room. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Student Enrolments for 2017

We are currently looking at our student enrolments to assist with our staffing for next year. To support us with our planning, please let us know if you are intending on moving or changing schools next year as this impacts on the number of classes and staffing for 2017.

Kind regards
Jodi Niedermayer

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800
Crime stoppers 1800 333 000

Dates for Your Calender

14 th -25 th November	Swimming scheme at Warilla Swimming Pool
21 st November	FINAL P & C Meeting at 9.30 in Community Room
24 th November	Year 6 'Kids In2Uni'-Wollongong University
29 th November	Lake Illawarra high Information Evening from 6pm
6 th December	Lake Illawarra High School Orientation Day 9am – 2.30pm
9 th December	Breakfast Club finishing for year
11 th December	Sunday- Movie Fundraiser at Warrawong Hoyts to see 'Trolls' for P & C
13 th December	2017 Swimming Carnival – Years 2-5
14 th December	Year 6 Farewell evening at Warilla Bowls & recreation Club
14 th December	End of Year Presentation Day Assembly @ 9.30am



Year Six Graduation Fundraiser - THANK YOU

The Year Six students are holding fundraisers to assist with the costs of their graduation ceremony. We hope that you can join in the Fun!

Our Bouncy Balls Sales have finished now and we would like to thank everyone who purchased a ball.



SRC - i98 Convoy 2016 – Thank You

The SRC are pleased to announce that the generous people of Mt Warrigal have raised \$400 for the i98 Convoy. We would like to acknowledge our preschool friends who have participated in additional fundraising to help us raise this money.

School Leaders 2017

The process to elect school leaders in 2017 has begun. Nominated Year 5 children will present to their Stage 3 peers in week 6 their initial speech telling why they would be the best person to be a school leader. Selected students will present their final speech to the school at our whole school assembly on Monday 28th November at 1.45pm.

1. To be eligible for nomination, it is essential that the nominee –
 - * has achieved a minimum of two Silver Awards or a Gold on our Award System;
 - * demonstrates school spirit;
 - * demonstrates the ability to follow and model positive expectations of behaviour;
 - * participates in a number of school activities;
 - * understands that if elected as one of the final candidates for a leadership position, that they will be a member of the SRC for 2017;
 - * has the ability to speak publicly;
 - * proudly wears school uniform;
 - * works well as a team member and displays initiative.
2. The role of school leaders is to –
 - * provide leadership to the school body;
 - * represent and speak publicly on behalf of the student body at school functions;
 - * represent the school at community functions;
 - * lead school assemblies;
 - * assist staff when coordinating events e.g. Kindergarten Orientation; and
 - * carry out duties as appropriate to their role, when requested by staff.

Selected students will present their final speech to the school at our whole school assembly on Monday 28th November at 1.45pm. You are very welcome to be part of the audience.

Thank you
Wendy Kelly
Assistant Principal



As Christmas approaches and we think of all the gifts we would like to receive it is timely to be thinking of those who could go without.

As a school community we are supporting the organisation called Anglicare as they run a program called Toys 'n' Tucker.

Small gifts and non-perishable food is being collected in the sleigh in the office.

Please join us in supporting this great initiative.

Gifts don't need to be wrapped as all items are gathered and made into hampers.

If you or someone you know may be in need of this help at Christmas you can register to receive a hamper at Anglicare.

Thank you for your support.
Victoria Small
Chaplain

Written by Us (Week 6)

It's Electrifying

Hi, I'm Alli the alligator clip. The *negative* type. Let me tell you all a story...

I was alone. I was hungry. I had always dreamed about what it would be like to gobble up a battery. What can I say? I was a **MEAN**, keen—and starving—**CHOMPING** machine!

One day, I got taken by monstrous, sweaty **hands**! The beasts were pushing me to Betty, the **battery**. This was my chance. I could taste electricity and victory! As I approached my target, I was gurgling, "Argh, **argh**, **argh**!" and snapping, "**Chomp**, **chomp**, **chomp**!" Finally, I was clipped! Hahaha (evil laugh).

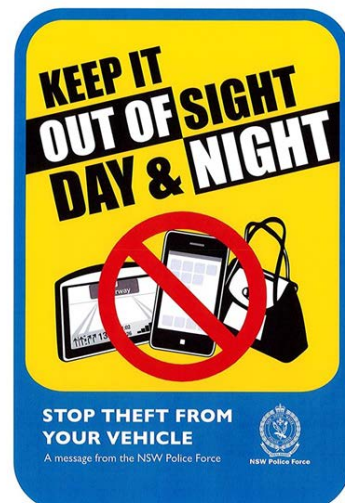
As soon as I connected to my target, I instantly felt pumped! It was energizing and **aweSome**! I could feel the electricity surging, I say surging, through my veins (or **copper** wires). It was **ELECTRIFYING**!

Published by Katarina Mrksic, 5/6M



P & C fundraiser

We have an exciting new fundraiser this Term.... A Family Movie afternoon at Hoyts Warrawong to see 'Trolls', SAVE THE DATE, Sunday, 11th December at 2pm. Money raised will go towards air conditioning in class rooms. Notes with more information on how to buy tickets will go home next week, please also invite family and friends.





Stare Gallery

Check out the artworks of these talented children in our current Stare Gallery.

Jake Blakey KN	Ava Potter KN
Morgan Harris KN	Aria Forbes-Ratliff KG
Lilly De Graaf 1V	Aaron Sloan 2/3L
Emily Andrews 1V	Elizabeth Tangug 2/3L
Shakira Cuzner 3-6E	Chris Steele 3-6E
Micheal champion 3-6E	Haley Tiffin 3-6E
Emily Potts 3-6E	Caleb Bird 3-6E
Thor Dwyer 3/4W	Shae Mann 5/6B
Jordan Spence 3/4W	Shannan Jamieson-Whiteman

Lake Illawarra High School

Message to our Future Students

INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday 29th November 2016

The Principal and teaching staff of Lake Illawarra High School invites Year 6 students and their families to an Information Evening in the School Library from 6pm

ORIENTATION DAY

Tuesday 6th December 2016

Students of Year 6 are invited to view the school on the day and gain an insight into High School life.

Organisational details will be forwarded from your child's Primary School.

Enquiries can be directed to the 2017 Year 7 Adviser:

Ms Shannon McLoughlin – 4296 3844
shannon.mcloughlin2@det.nsw.edu.au

We look forward to your child's involvement in these events.



TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR TERM 1, starting Monday 30th January 2017.
FREE ART GIFT PACK TO ALL MEMBERS PAYING FOR THEIR ENROLMENT BEFORE 16TH December 2016. ALL AGE GROUPS INCLUDED.

DOWNLOAD AN ENROLMENT FORM TODAY OR CALL US IN THE STUDIO 42951042

FREE Aboriginal Family Playgroup



More info- call
42758575

- Come for a Yarn and morning tea @

Northern Suburbs- Bellambi Public School 10-12 Tuesdays

Mt Warrigal Public School 10-12 Wednesday's

Koonawarra Public School 10-12 Thursday's

Port Kembla Community Centre 10-12 Friday's

(During school term only) FREE transport Available



AOC Join us these holidays!

CHEER & DANCE CAMP

These holidays, come and learn all about Pom, Jazz, Hip Hop, Stunting and Tumbling. Play lots of games, make new friends and have loads of fun!
(Like us on Facebook or visit our website for more information.)

TRY OUTS & ENROLMENT DAY

Sunday, 22nd January

Taking enrolments from 9:30am-2:30pm.

Try outs will take place from 10am-2pm.

	DANCE	CHEER
5-9 years	10-11am	11am-12pm
10-12 years	11am-12pm	12-1pm
13 years+	12-1pm	1-2pm

Try outs will be \$5/person per session. But bring this flyer along with you and attend ONE TRY OUT SESSION FOR FREE!

4/150 Industrial Road, Oak Flats



www.academyofcheer.com.au

www.facebook.com/Academyofcheerleading

We Support the White Ribbon Month

FREE SELF-DEFENCE CLASS open to any women on 26/11 (Saturday) at 11am to 12:30pm, at Gracie Barra Shellharbour

-----Spots are limited. Book now! -----

To express our support to stop violence against women we will offer a Free Self Defence class OPEN TO ALL WOMEN in our community.

The class will provide an introduction to basic self-defence techniques and will cover methods to prevent and respond to the most common attacks every woman should know, including rape and sexual assaults.

We hope to help women to develop the mental and physical tools they need to evade, neutralise, and overcome an attacker.

To book, simply send an email to info@gbshellharbour.com.au with your name and phone number. You can also confirm on our Facebook Event Page - <https://www.facebook.com/events/553551171510807/>

- **Where:** Gracie Barra Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Shellharbour
- **Address:** 1/33-37 Durgadin Dr, Albion Park Rail - Shellharbour NSW 2527
- **When:** November 26th (Saturday) at 11am.
 - No previous martial arts experience needed.
 - Wear anything that makes you comfortable.
 - Women's only but you are more than welcome to bring anyone to stick around during the class. We are a family!

----- About Gracie Barra Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

(<http://gbshellharbour.com.au/about-us/about-us/>)

Gracie Barra is one of the biggest and most traditional Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu teams in the World, with more than 500 schools spread across the globe, 21 just in Australia.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS NOT OK

I swear never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women, this is my oath.

LET THE WORLD KNOW WHERE YOU STAND

In support of Australia Campaign to stop violence against women, Gracie Barra is offering free women's self-defence classes this November. Contact your local Gracie Barra school for details.

graciebarra.com/aus whiteribbon.org.au



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Compulsory school attendance

Information for parents



Did you know that if a student misses as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of education?

The compulsory years of schooling

In New South Wales, all children from six years of age are legally required to attend school or be registered for home schooling. After they complete Year 10 and until they turn 17 years of age, students then have the following options. They may also be in:

- full-time further education and training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship);
- full-time, paid employment of an average of 25 hours per week; or
- a combination of both of the above.

Children are expected to attend all school activities, on time. Regular attendance helps your child:

- develop the skills needed to access the world of work and other opportunities
- to learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- make and keep friendships.

What if my child has to be away from school?

If your child has to be absent from school, you must tell the school and provide a reason for your child's absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may be required to:

- send a note to the school, or contact the school via electronic means such as SMS text message, fax or email, or
- telephone the school, or
- visit the school.

A small number of absences may be accepted by the principal. For example, if your child:

- has to go to a special religious ceremony
- is required to attend a serious or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.

What are school Principals responsible for?

Principals help to ensure the safety, welfare and wellbeing of your child. Principals have to keep accurate records of student attendance and the reasons for any absences. Principals are responsible for accepting or not accepting a parent's explanations for their child's absences. Principals may request further information from parents for long or frequent absences, even where they are explained by parents as being due to illness.

When absences are unexplained by parents, or the explanations are not accepted by the principal, the school will work with parents to help address the issue. The main aim is to sort out what is preventing the child from getting to school and putting strategies in place to help. Sometimes, the school will ask support staff and other agencies to assist.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department may take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unacceptable absences from school. Some of the following actions may be undertaken.

■ Attendance meetings and compulsory attendance conferences

Parents (and sometimes their child) can be asked to go to a meeting with school personnel and other regional officers. The aim of the meeting is to help identify strategies to support the child and family. Other agencies may also be invited along to help, if parents agree.

If the school and other regional officers have tried to help improve a child's attendance, without success, parents (and sometimes their child) can be asked to go to a compulsory attendance conference. The conference will be run by a trained conference convenor. The aim of the conference is for the school, parents (and sometimes their child) and other identified agencies ("the parties") to further identify the issues which are impacting on a child's attendance.

The outcome of a compulsory attendance conference is for the parties to agree to undertake certain actions to improve the child's attendance. These actions are written in the form of undertakings.

■ Applications to the Children's Court – A Compulsory Schooling Order

Legal compliance can be sought through an application to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The aim is to assist a family and/or child to address the issues which are preventing satisfactory school attendance but has the added enforcement of a Court's powers.

■ Prosecution in the Local Court

If all attempts by schools and regional support staff fail to improve a student's attendance, action can be taken in the Local Court and the result can be fines up to a maximum of \$11,000.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites

Policy, information and brochures:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/attendance.php>

The school leaving age:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leavingschool/index.php>

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are provided, where possible, for parents/carers who do not speak or understand English well and for Deaf parents/carers who use sign language. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at the telephone number: 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

See the website address:

http://www.immi.gov.au/living-in-australia/help-with-english/help_with_translating/