



# Mount Warrigal Public School

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Jodi Niedermayer  
Principal

## NEWSLETTER

13 December 2016

Term 4 WEEK 10 2016

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Community,

### School Leaders for 2016

Congratulations to all students who were nominated and put themselves forward for the role of School Leader. I am proud of our students' commitment to our school, the resilience shown and the care and support of each other. All of these students will form part of our SRC and are important leaders in our school. **Farewell and Thank You**  
It is with mixed emotions that our school farewells some very loved and respected staff members.

Mrs. Samantha Neaves has received a transfer to Wollongong Public School, after 20 years of commitment to MWPS!! It is warming to walk into Mrs. Neaves' classroom and see the love of learning she creates every day. Mrs. Neaves is one of the most hard-working, dedicated and caring teachers and is an absolute loss to our school. Wollongong Public School is extremely fortunate to have secured an exceptional teacher and leader. I know Mrs. Neaves will be missed by staff, students and parents and carers, but we wish her continued success at her new school.

In addition, 2 other teachers will be leaving us - Mrs. Shannon Fairbairn has also received a transfer and will begin at Balarang Public School at the beginning of 2017. Mrs. Fairbairn stepped in to teach 1/2P at the beginning of Term 2 and has worked hard to provide engaging learning, with such care and concern for each member of the class. Mr. Michael Marsh has also accepted a position at Thomas Acres Public School and will be leaving us at the end of this year. Mr. Marsh's dedication has been shown in 5/6M and in other roles such as co-leading our PBL committee. His sense of humour, commitment to students and 'dance moves' will be missed. We wish Mr. Marsh and Mrs. Fairbairn the very best and thank them for their contributions to MWPS!

Although not leaving us for good, Ms. Ellen will be taking a year's leave next year. We wish Ms. Ellem an amazing break and thank you for your dedication to our support unit and whole school. I know you will be missed, particularly by 3-6E, but we look forward to welcoming you back in 2018.

Furthermore, Mrs. Anne Thomas, our School Counselor, has been appointed to other schools and so will be leaving MWPS at the end of this term. Anne has worked closely with many of our students and families and we thank her for her dedication and care she has shown our school community. We wish you the very best, Mrs. Thomas!

At tomorrow's Presentation Day assembly our out-going 2016 School Leaders will assist with the announcement and induction of our 2017 School Leaders. We look forward to the announcement of who will be our two School Leaders and two Assistant School Leaders.

Congratulations and thank you to our 2016 School Leaders, Maja Mrksic and Cameron Potter. It has been extremely rewarding to see these two students grow in confidence. Maja and Cameron, you have represented our school extremely well and have done yourselves, your family and our school proud.

### Mega School Furniture Sale – starts tomorrow!!

Our school has purchased new furniture for our students. This furniture will be arriving in the holidays but prior to this, we need to remove and sell all the old furniture. Student desks, chairs, office swivel chairs, etc. will be sold under the Cola for only a few dollars. Sale starts on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, after our presentation assembly, and will continue on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. All furniture must be paid for at time of purchase and must be collected by Friday.

### Student Numbers for 2017 – Important!!

Our student numbers for 2017 are very uncertain. The Department of Education staffs a school based on the number of enrolments using a particular formula. At this stage we are only a couple of students away from losing a class for 2017. I strongly urge all parents/carers who will or may be moving their child to another school next year to let the office know ASAP. Also, if you, or anyone you know, have not yet completed and returned enrolment forms for children starting in 2017, please do so. We appreciate your cooperation with this. Having firm numbers will reduce the disruption for students at the beginning of the year, allowing students to enter their permanent class sooner.

## Preschool Enrolments

We still have a number of places available for children wishing to attend our preschool in 2017. If you, or anyone you know, have children who will begin school in 2018, please contact the office for enrolment forms and information.

## Final School Day

The final day for the year for students will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The staff will return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December to complete mandatory training and professional development. The school will officially be closed on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

## First Day Back – 2017

Students will return to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. Due to uncertainty in students numbers, it is unlikely the students in our mainstream classes will begin in their 2017 classes on this day, however, it is anticipated that the transition to these classes will occur in the first week. Students will remain in groupings similar to this year.

## Best Wishes and Stay Safe

I know our hard working and dedicated staff members are all looking forward to the upcoming break and I am sure you are as well. I wish you all a happy and safe festive season and look forward to a successful 2017.

Kind regards  
Jodi Niedermayer

**Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800**  
**Crime stoppers 1800 333 000**

## Presentation Day

This year our Presentation Day will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December in our School Hall commencing at 9.30am. Our assembly will include a performance from our School Dance Troupe, presentation of Class awards, School Service awards, Sporting awards and Presentation to School Leaders for 2017.

Parents of students receiving class Awards or any special awards were notified by mail or by class teachers.

School Service awards are presented to; School Leaders, SRC members, Library Monitors and Gardening and Equipment Monitors.

At the conclusion of our assembly, staff will provide a Thank you morning tea for parents. This will be held in the Community Room.

## Dates for Your Calender

14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Farewell evening at Warilla Bowls & Recreation Club
14 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Year Presentation Day Assembly @ 9.30am
15 <sup>th</sup> December	K-2 Excursion to Foreshore
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Stage 2 Party Day <b>(at school)</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day at school for students 2016
30 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	First day for students 2017



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## Anti-Bullying Program – Gracie Barra Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Shellharbour

Last week students were fortunate to participate in an anti-bullying program, presented by Gracie Barra Shellharbour. All students were taught strategies in dealing with bullying behaviour and the importance of telling others.

Strategies included:

**Catch it, trash it, say something nice to yourself;**  
**Standing up for yourself and raising awareness – telling adults.**

Thank you to coaches Marcus, Luke and Ella for a fantastic two days of learning and fun.  
gbshellharbour.com.au [info@gbshellharbour.com.au](mailto:info@gbshellharbour.com.au)

## Toys and Tucker Appeal

Thank all those who kindly made donations for the Toys and Tucker appeal to help those who may otherwise go without at Christmas.

Anglicare were very happy to accept our huge range of goodies.

Merry Christmas and have a safe and happy holiday break.

**Victoria Small**  
Chaplain

## Library News

Please check with your child that all Library books have been returned so that we can start our Library afresh for 2017. Congratulations to Summer Cornobej from 4/5GW for achieving the Silver Award level in the Mt Warrigal Reading Olympics. Summer had to read four Roald Dahl books and answer some very tricky questions on each book to achieve this award!!

Congratulations to Thor Dwyer from 3/4W for winning the book prize draw for the Bronze Award readers.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to all the wonderful community members and parents that have helped in the Library throughout 2016.

Have a wonderful safe joyous holiday everyone!!

### Summer Fun

at Shellharbour City Pools

**Pool Open days**  
Warilla Pool | Dec 19  
Albion Park Pool | Jan 6  
Oak Flats Pool | Jan 13


**Inflatable dates**  
Warilla Pool | Dec 10, 28 | Jan 18, 20 | Feb 11 | March 4, 25  
Oak Flats Pool | Dec 17, 23 | Jan 11, 13 | Feb 4, 25, 18  
Albion Park Pool | Dec 3, 21, 30 | Jan 4, 25, 27 | Feb 18 | March 11

**Learn to Swim Summer Intensives**  
Warilla Pool | Commencing Jan 3rd  
Albion Park Pool | Commencing Jan 3rd  
Oak Flats Pool | Commencing Jan 3rd  
Contact the Learn to Swim Coordinator on 0400 563 407  
or [learntoswim@shellharbour.nsw.gov.au](mailto:learntoswim@shellharbour.nsw.gov.au)

**Aqua Aerobics**  
Oak Flats Pool  
Tuesdays 11 am to 12pm  
Thursdays 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm  
Friday 8 am to 9 am  
Albion Park Pool  
Wednesdays 7.00 am to 8.00 am

**Inflatable pool birthday parties**  
Available at Oak Flats pool  
Contact Jo at Councils works depot on 4221 6202

Albion Park Pool | 4256 3744  
Oak Flats Pool | 4256 1362  
Warilla Pool | 4296 2141  
[www.shellharbour.nsw.gov.au](http://www.shellharbour.nsw.gov.au)



## A Christmas to Remember

*Come and join us for a Christmas lunch like no other on December 25, 2016, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Warilla/Barrack Point Surf Club*

*Full Christmas Buffet served promptly at 11:00 am*  
*Visit from Santa & Elf*  
*A present for every child under 12*  
*Hampers & Door prizes*

*This is a FREE event organised by The DENNY Foundation.*  
*Major sponsors Warilla/Barrack Point Surf Club, The Shellharbour Club, and proudly supported by local businesses.*

Please R.S.V.P. by December 13<sup>th</sup> 2016  
(02) 4297 2220 or [admin@dennyfoundation.org](mailto:admin@dennyfoundation.org)  
Number of attendees to this event is limited to 150.  
Note: Photostaken at this event may be used in the media.

**Please note that this is an alcohol-free event**







**FREE fun program for kids to become healthier, fitter and happier!**

Go4Fun® is a healthy lifestyle program to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children. The program is for 7-13 year olds who are above their healthy weight. Sessions run for two hours and include games, activities, tips on healthy food, label reading and portion sizes plus much more!

**Programs will be running in Wollongong and Berkeley during Term 1, 2017.**

**To book please call 1800 780 900 or visit [www.go4fun.com.au](http://www.go4fun.com.au)**

## **BRETT & Michelle Edwards Tennis Coaching**

**Warilla Bowls & Recreation Club**

**9am to 12 noon**

**(Jason Avenue, Warilla)**

**School Holiday Tennis Camp**

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wed 4<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**All standards welcome**

**There will be games & prizes, a Ball machine and we have a special family Rate.**

**All enquires/bookings: Brett & Michelle Edwards**

**0403 289 974 or 0413 064 298**

## **KIDS DAY OUT 2017**

**Dapto Ribbonwood Centre, Wednesday 18 January 10am - 2pm**

**IF you LOVE a great book, it's the ONLY place to BE...  
& it's FREE...IN the SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!  
FUN Activities 4 pre-SCHOOL, INFANTS & PRIMARY KIDS**



**Laugh out loud with stand up comedian Oliver Phommavanh**  
author of 'Thai-rific', 'Con-nerd', 'Punchlines', 'Thai-no-mite' and 'Stuff Happens: Ethan'. As a comedian, Oliver has appeared on stage, and on national TV and radio.

**Explore the world of writing with A.L. Tait**  
author of 'The Mapmaker Chronicles'. This exciting adventure series is about a race to map the world and a boy who discovers more than he ever imagined.



**Learn about publishing with Di Bates**  
author of over 120 children's book and publisher at About Kids Books. Their latest book, 'All of Us Together', is written by CBCA multi-awarding-winning author Bill Condon for children aged 8 to 12 years.

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