



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

5 April 2017

Term 1 WEEK 11 2017

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Community,

ATTENDANCE

This term we will again recognise and reward students with excellent attendance. Students with an attendance rate of 95-100% this term will receive an attendance award and be invited to participate in a reward afternoon, which will be held early Term 2 due to the many events in these last few weeks. Students who have had several days absence due to illness will be eligible as long as the school has received a medical certificate or note from parents. If your child misses out for Term 1, each student has the opportunity to start fresh in Term 2. We hope to see even more students being recognised for positive attendance than last year.

EASTER HAT PARADE

This years Easter Hat Parade will be held on Friday 7th April, in our school hall, commencing at 11.45am. Students in Years K-2 will be making Easter Hats at school for the parade and students from Years 3-6 are invited along to cheer on their buddies. Looking forward to seeing lots of family and friends on the day.

STAFFING CHANGES

Next term we welcome Mrs Tina Duffield who will be joining our school as a Deputy Principal supporting whole school leadership and management, as well as a strong focus of Instructional Leadership to support the teaching and learning of literacy and numeracy in Years 3-6. In addition, our school Chaplain position was advertised with, Bec Tanidis successful at gaining this position. Bec will also start at the beginning of next term and will be a great addition at supporting staff, students and our community. I know our school community will warmly welcome both Bec and Tina to our school.

STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL

Every year Stewart House benefits financially from collections of clothing in schools. The Smith Family generously provides bags and undertakes the collection and pays Stewart House for each kilogram received. About \$25,000 is raised each year from this collection. Bags are being sent home this week for the collection of clothing in good condition. The holidays provide a good time to clean out old clothes for this great cause. We ask that clothing bags are returned to our school for collection before Monday 1st May (Week 2, Term 2).

ANZAC SERVICE

On the first day back (for students), Wednesday 26th April, our school will be holding an ANZAC service in the school hall at 12.30pm. We invite our whole school community to be a part of this service. Parents, carers and members of our local community are invited to join us in remembering the heroism, bravery and sacrifice of everyday Australians who fought for our country.

OPPORTUNITY CLASS – Parents of students in Year 4

The Department of Education offers a small number of Opportunity Classes (OC) at some schools. Opportunity Classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2018, you need to apply soon. Please speak with your child's teacher if you are interested in applying, visit www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement or see the office staff for more information.

STUDENT RETURN WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL

I would like to wish all our staff, students and families a relaxing and safe holiday period and Easter. We look forward to welcoming back our students on Wednesday 26th April, the day after ANZAC day.

SKOOLBAG APP

Already 148 people have downloaded the Mt Warrigal SkoolBag app! I encourage all parents who have a 'smart' phone to download the app. Please note, when searching for the app, please search using the abbreviation for Mount, i.e. Mt Warrigal. You will notice our school logo. This is a quick and easy way to receive communication regarding our school, including newsletters.

Reading Levels

Our teachers receive a lot of professional learning in assessing student needs and providing appropriate teaching and learning at individual levels. Parents may notice that their child's reading 'level' changes as they acquire additional reading skills. The level of the text is only one area considered as students learn to read. As the reading levels increase, students will not move through the levels as quickly as they may have in younger years. This is because the emphasis of learning is developing a greater understanding of more complex texts. For this to happen, it is important that students are provided with a wider range of texts and genres to enhance and support developing comprehension skills.

Parents may also notice that the 'level' text provided for home reading is lower than what the student is reading in class. Home reading books allow for students to master skills already learnt, develop fluency and a love of reading. The 'instructional reading level' read in class provides opportunities for the teacher to explicitly teach additional reading and comprehension skills necessary to become increasingly proficient. If you have any questions about books being sent home or your child's progress, please don't hesitate to talk to your child's teacher.

PAPER NEWSLETTERS

As of next term, we will send paper newsletters home to those parents who request it. As a parent, I see firsthand the benefit of having the newsletter in digital form, however, please don't hesitate to request a paper newsletter if you'd prefer. Our school will continue to provide paper copies of other notes, such as permission notes. Please complete the slip below if you still would like to receive the newsletter in paper form.



Paper Newsletter

Please continue to send a paper newsletter home.

Child's name/s: _____

Child's class/s: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Kind regards
Jodi Niedermayer

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800
Crime stoppers 1800 333 000



Stewart House School Clothing Appeal 2017

Today we have sent home with all students a collection bag; if you have any clothing you would like to dispose of, they can be placed into this bag and returned back to our school office before the 1st May.

The collection of these bags helps the Stewart House Appeal who helps students in need.

International Competition and Assessments for School

If your child is in Years 2- 6 and would like to participate in one or more of the ICAS assessments, please complete the registration form and return payment to school by Thursday 6th April.



Respect LOOK, LISTEN



Skoolbag

Smartphone school to parent communication

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)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



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.



Google play

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Dates for Your Calender

7 th April	EASTER HAT PARADE-commencing at 11.45am in School Hall-Raffle drawn
7 th April	Last day of Term 1
24 th April	Staff Development Day
25 th April	ANZAC Day
26 th April	ANZAC service at 12.30pm in school hall
26 th April	Students return to school Term 2
28 th April	Stewart House collection bag collection day
5 th May	Mid-South Cross Country @ Blackbutt Reserve
9 th to 11 th May	NAPLAN
12 th May	Mother's Day Raffle

Canberra Excursion 2017

Please enjoy the excursion through the eyes of two of our students.

[A Trip To Canberra Is A Valuable Learning Experience](#)

A lot of kids think Canberra is boring and the only fun thing to do is Questacon. Well with that said there were three things that the class did. The War Memorial, Questacon and Parliament House. So are you looking for a day out that is two hours and forty minutes away? Then this is the place for you.

The War Memorial was the first place we went. When we got in we watched a video about showing respect and remembering the people who fought in the war and died. After looking at a lot of the names on the walls we went into the tomb of the unknown soldier (you have to be silent when you go in there). When you're inside you look up you see really cool stuff in the walls and the roof. The War Memorial was a big history lesson about World War One and a lot of feelings.

Finally the fun part Questacon. There are seven rooms to have fun in and let your energy out. I know some of the rooms names the fun zone, the shed, Earthworks and the Q Zone. we looked at this robot that can repeat movie lines and show emotions. Most of the kids went into the Earth quake area. It feels so cool. Well that's it for Questacon.

On the way to parliament house for questioning time but to get to it you have to go past old parliament house. It has beautiful gardens and it is ninety years old. When we got to parliament house we had to go up a lot of stairs and rooms to get to the house of representatives. Question time was mostly about the people killed in England but there is different topics depending on what day you go. Honestly it was pretty good.

In conclusion a trip to Canberra would be a fun history and respect lesson to parents, carers and kids. Don't forget a lot of the things you will see.

Written by Seth Brown Year 5 /6 Blue

[A school excursion to Canberra is a valuable learning experience?](#)

Canberra was a great excursion because we went to War Memorial, Questacon and Parliament house! On the bus ride to Canberra was very cool! When your almost at Canberra you see large windmills. There are 56 windmills. It was awesome! So you should definatly visit Canberra. On the way to Canberra is a very intresting bus ride. After three hours on the bus we finally got to the War Momoral. We went to the wall of remembrance. The tour guy told us that on the wall there is 68 000 names! Only on one wall!

At the war momoral the tour guy took us to the special room and told us about a soldier and below his photo there were actually no badges because his family kept them but the solders beside his photo has badges! So i highly recommend you should vist the war momoral.

We left the war momoral and we went to Questacon! At Questacon we went into the different rooms and on most of the games theres information box so you learn while you play games! In a room theres a Earth Quake simulator and you build a tower with different types of earth quakes! So you can learn that in different earth quakes a building can fall or collapse! Quesracon is a great learning experience!

We left Questacon and went to Parliament house for question time. All of stage three had to go through security two times! We went to question time and saw the opposition leader and prime minister!At question time the prime minister and the opposition leader debate for what changes in the country. Parliament house is a great and valuable learning experience because you can hear unsual wordswhich can be very important.

We all left the Parliament house and got on the bus and started the journey back to school. In the bus at 5:00 the sky was so nice! I think that a school excursion to canberra is the best learning experience! So i highly recommend that you should go vist canberra! Canberra was very intresting and fun!



Parenting children with a Disability

Support and information for issues related to parenting a child with a disability.

It explores:

- Expectations verses reality
- Dealing with feelings
- Behavior management strategies
- Communication skills
- Self-esteem
- Teaching children to care for themselves
- Routine, rules and boundaries
- Coping strategies and resources available

Where: Mount Warrigal Public School, 2 Hogarth Avenue

When: 3 Mondays 10am-2.00pm

1st, 8th and 15th of May 2017

BOOKINGS and enquiries please phone: 42 966 266

*Morning tea and lunch will be provided

For more info go to www.catholiccare.dow.org.au

CatholicCare's Family Support Program is funded by The Australian Government



SHELLHARBOUR SKATE PARK IS GETTING AN UPGRADE

CONVIC ARE ON BOARD AND THEY WANT YOUR INPUT!

**CONCEPT DESIGN
REVIEW WORKSHOP**

DATE:
THURSDAY 27/04/2017

TIME:
6.30pm

LOCATION:
Stockland Shellharbour,
Community Room

CONVIC  Shellharbour
CITY COUNCIL

**FOOTBALL SOUTH COAST
WIN NETWORK**

**APRIL
SCHOOL HOLIDAY
CLINICS**

Mon 10 April -
Thurs 13 April
&
Tues 18 April -
Fri 21 April

\$95
includes
Training
Jersey

Week 1
Wollongong
Thirroul
Balgownie
Albion Park

Week 2
Futsal - Fairy Meadow
Dapto
Helensburgh

**PROGRAM FOR GIRLS & BOYS
AGED 5 - 12 YEARS**

Clinics for:
Outfield Players - 4 days
Goal Keepers - 4 days
(Available Week 2 @ Dapto)
Futsal Players - 3 days
(Futsal clinic \$70)

**HAVE FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS,
DEVELOP AND LEARN
NEW FOOTBALL SKILLS.**

www.footballsouthcoast.com
or call 42856929
for more details

Free School Holiday Activities



SUNDAY 9 - TUESDAY 11 APRIL
THE EARLY START DISCOVERY SPACE BRINGS 'RIG-A-MAJIG'

11am - 2pm Upper Crown Street Mall
Recommended for children aged 3 - 13 years

LET YOUR BRAIN PLAY!
Build a contraption, create something that can lift things, or perhaps design a structure taller than you. Playing with Rigamajig engages children and parents to think three dimensionally, create physically and work collaboratively.
www.wollongongcitycentre.com.au



WEDNESDAY 12 & THURSDAY 13 APRIL
WOLLONGONG'S SCIENCE CENTRE & PLANETARIUM BRINGS 'A TASTE OF SCIENCE'

11am - 2pm Upper Crown Street Mall
Look for the shipping container
Recommended for children aged 10 years and under

Learn something new over the school holidays with a selection of hands-on science experiments, demonstrations and activities. Ever wondered what happens to a marshmallow in space? This and many other questions will be answered!
www.wollongongcitycentre.com.au



MORE FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN 17 - 20 APRIL
PETTING ZOO PLUS CIRCUS WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS

11am - 2pm each day
Crown Street Mall Amphitheatre
Children can enjoy free fun and learn some incredible tricks in the City with Circus workshops
Bring your family to come and hold, pat and feed the animals at Crown Street Mall's petting zoo!

Proudly presented by
Rotary
Club of the Year

Easter Family Fun Day

At Wollongong Botanic Garden

SATURDAY 15 APRIL 10AM TO 2PM

**FREE
EVENT**

easter egg hunts

fun family games

chocolate prizes!



egg & spoon races sack races 3-legged races wheelbarrow races and more!

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MERCURY

BRETT & MICHELLE EDWARDS TENNIS COACHING

WARILLA BOWLS & REC CLUB 9.00am – 12noon
(Jason Ave, Warilla)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP

Tues 11th, Wed 12th & Thurs 13th April 2017
9.00am-12 noon. All standards welcome.

- Games & prizes
- Fun activities
- Special family rates apply

All enquiries/bookings: Brett & Michelle Edwards
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