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NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 6 2019

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Community,

ASSEMBLY

What another great assembly we had this week with two performances, a great drumming performance from K/1D and the 3/4D dancers. I know the audience always feel the performances are a real highlight at each assembly. Congratulations to these students and Mrs Donovan and Mrs Dejong.

Our last regular assembly will take place Monday, 2 December. At this assembly the final 2019 Gold Badges will be handed out. Teachers have been putting in their nominations and parents will receive a letter shortly informing them.

P&C MEETING - AGM

Last week the P&C held their AGM. At this meeting all positions were declared vacant and the new committee were voted in. Firstly, I would like to thank the executive committee of the last 12 months - Michelle, Brenda, Tracey, Chantel, Louise and Debbie. It has been a pleasure working alongside the P&C and appreciate their commitment to our school and our students. Thank you also to all members who do what they can to support and contribute to make all the great things happen.

Congratulations to the new committee:

President – Melanie Stockfeld

Vice -president – Michelle Williams & Brenda Fletcher

Secretary – Chantel Bryant

Treasurer – Mandy Mongta

The final P&C meeting for the year will be held on Monday 9 December, starting at 1.30 in the community room. If you have never been to a P&C meeting, come along to find out more about the school and what the P&C does for our school.

2020 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS & ORIENTATION

We are still accepting enrolments for students starting Kindergarten in 2020. If you or anyone you know is seeking enrolment for 2020, please call into the school office to collect an enrolment form. For more information, please contact the office. It's not too late to enrol.

TOILET UPGRADE

I am pleased to announce that our primary boys and girls toilets, located under the big cola, are being completely refurbished. This is exciting news for our students as these toilets have been out of action for some time. Some of our primary SRC were a part of the consultation process, helping to pick tiles and partitions. This comes at a significant cost but gratefully supported by The Department of Education. We hope that these new facilities will encourage our students to take care of them.

PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND

In more exciting news, our preschool playground is being redesigned and landscaped, again as a joint project between the school and The Department of Education's infrastructure unit. This will be turning our playground from a dust bowl, into a great learning space complete with a dry creek bed, mud kitchen, enhanced sandpit, larger bike track, soft fall area and real grass!

SOCIAL MEDIA

It has come to our attention that many Mount Warrigal students have an active Instagram account, and other social media platforms. It is important that parents remember the legal age for children to hold an Instagram account is 13. This age restriction is reflective of the developmental appropriateness for children. As we know, children are still learning to interact, socialise and deal with conflict in an appropriate and mature way face to face. Take these developing social skills to an online platform and this most often results in a misuse of social media, display of poor social skills and sometimes bullying behaviour.

Protecting children on social media can present many challenges for parents and can sometimes cause conflict, especially when your child believes they are the only person 'in the world' not on social media. Let me assure you, this is not the case, however we understand that peer pressure plays a significant role.

If you choose to allow your child to join social media or use any online applications, you will also want to protect their safety as well as help support and teach them by communicating some clear boundaries. These may include:

- Content — Images and videos that children are allowed or not allowed to see (e.g. prohibiting adult images or videos). Check your child's content restrictions on their device.
- Time — Windows of time when kids are allowed to use their devices (e.g. all devices away by 7pm), and limit of time online (e.g. 1 hour a day). You could even have a time of the evening when the internet/modem is turned off.
- Context — Places and situations where your children are not allowed to use devices (e.g. in the car, at family meals, before school).
- Supervision – Have children use devices in common spaces (e.g. in the kitchen, no devices in bedrooms) and monitor online activity (e.g. regularly review activity, know your child's passwords, etc.)
- Boundaries – Ensure your children know that use of devices is a privilege and not a right. They should know that if they choose not to follow the boundaries you have put in place, they may lose this privilege.

Unfortunately, due to social media use happening out of school hours and somewhat out of our control, it can be extremely challenging for the school to support. However, issues out of school often impact on a child here at school. If your child is experiencing difficulty in this area, please speak with your child's classroom teacher so we can support where possible. Our teachers teach ethical and appropriate use of ICT and we have had our Police Youth Liaison Officer present to our Stage 3 students about their responsibilities of online use and keeping safe. We will continue to support here at school.

LIBRARY BOOKS AND HOMEREADERS

We are coming to the end of the year and our school will be undertaking a library stock take. Students are required to return all books. Please have a good look at home for any lost books. If books cannot be found or have been damaged we ask that parents pay a fee of \$10 to contribute to the replacement of these books. Each book can be quite costly, often averaging between \$30-\$40, sometimes more. Each year our school needs to replace thousands of dollars worth of books. By contributing \$10, you are not only helping to replace these books for other children to enjoy but also help to teach our students to care for these resources. We thank you for your support.

IS YOUR CHILD FEELING WORRIED?

On occasions your child may feel worried or concerned about an upcoming event. They could feel worried about presenting a speech, performing at assembly, going on an excursion, going to high school, worried about their learning or any number of things. If so, we encourage parents/carers to contact their child's teacher to discuss. We regularly make accommodations for students to support them. This could be having a quiet space for them,

sending additional support to an excursion, a different role in the assembly performance or modifications to their learning.

END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS – SAVE THE DATE

On Monday 16th of December, our school will be having our end of year Christmas celebrations. This involves students in K-6 having a party day and finishing off the day with a community Christmas carol afternoon. We invite all families and students to come along and enjoy some class performances and a sing-a-long on Monday afternoon, from 3.30-5.30pm.

2019 PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

Our end of year presentation assembly will be held on Thursday 12th December from 9.30am. You are warmly invited to attend this end of year celebration assembly.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

The Year 6 Farewell will be held on Thursday 12th December. Students have received their invitation, including details of times and costs. Thanks to the hard work of our Stage 3 students and generosity of our community, the fundraising from the mini-fair has enabled for the costs of the year 6 Farewell to be heavily subsidized. If there are any parents of Year 6 students who would like to be involved in organising the farewell, please contact your child's teacher.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

This year, our Year 6 students will be joining Warilla North Public School (WNPS) students in an extended two and a half week high school transition visit to Lake Illawarra High School, accompanied by MWPS staff. This project was designed and trailed by Warilla North and Lake Illawarra High School (LIHS) last year. It was a huge success and saw Year 6 Warilla North students settling beautifully into high school at the beginning of this year. It is an exciting opportunity that all Year 6 students are expected to attend, even if they are not planning to attend LIHS. This transition will take place from Monday 25 November through to and including Wednesday 11th December 2019 (Week 7 to mid-week 9). Information has been sent home to families. If you have any questions, please call to speak with your child's teacher.

2020 PLANNING


The time has come for our school to start considering class structures for 2020. This requires a clear understanding of the number of students anticipated for 2019. If you and your family will be relocating, hence moving schools for 2020, please contact the office on 42 966 266 so it can be noted. It is crucial that we know this information, as it directly impacts on the number of classes we have and therefore the number of staff required. In addition, if you have any concerns about classes for 2020 please put these in writing and forward to myself. Class teachers cannot be determined at this stage, due to the uncertainty of enrolments, however if your child experiences anxiety, we can put steps in place to support you and your child.

Kind regards
Jodi Niedermayer

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800
Crimestoppers 1800 333 000

Dates for Your Calendar

22nd November	Stage 1 & K-3M Science Space Excursion
25th November	Swimming Carnival
25th Nov – 11th Dec	High School Transition visit to LIHS
2nd Dec – 13th Dec	Swim Scheme (Participating students only)
9th December	P&C Meeting @ 1:30pm in the Community Room
11th December	Year 5 at High School
12th December	Presentation Day
12th December	Year 6 Farewell
18th December	Last day of term 4
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28th January	Staff Development Day (Students DO NOT attend)
29th January	Students first day of Term 1



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P&C NEWS – NOVEMBER 2019

COLOUR EXPLOSION:

WOW, what an awesome day we had at the School Run4Fun Colour Explosion!! Thank you to each and every one of you who supported the fundraiser – we couldn't have done it without you. Prizes and participation certificates are on the way so watch out for these shortly. Thanks again for your support.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE / CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

The school will be holding an exciting Christmas concert afternoon, on Monday, 16th December after school. The P&C will be running a BBQ and cake stall, selling sausage sandwiches, drinks and a variety of delicious goodies. We will also be drawing out the winners for our annual Christmas raffle. There are lots of fantastic prizes to be won, including restaurant vouchers, scuba diving, fruit & veg tray, and lots of vouchers for fun family and kid's activities. Raffle tickets will be sent home with your child in the next couple of weeks.

CANTEEN NEWS:

We are trialing some new menu ideas, so keep a look out for our specials and promotions on Facebook and displayed at the canteen.

Thank you to all our wonderful P&C volunteers that are continuing to help run the canteen every day.

THE LOOSE CHANGE CHALLENGE:

The Loose Change Challenge continues in Term 4, students can bring in spare change and place it in the jar in their classroom (with parents' permission of course). Highest fundraising class will win a prize!!

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK:

Anyone that volunteers for the P&C is required to have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC) number. Please take a copy of your WWCC number with 100 points of ID to the school office and complete Appendix 5 form, you can access this here https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/associated-documents/WWCC-Appendix-5-Declaration-for-volunteers-and-non-child-related-contractors_FINAL.pdf. You can apply via Office of the Children's Guardian website, <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>.

NEXT P&C MEETING: MONDAY, 9TH DECEMBER AT 1:30PM:

We welcome new members from our Mt Warrigal school community, and encourage everyone to come along to a meeting, where you can find out more about the fantastic and rewarding work the P&C does to support the school, and benefit the kids. You can become a financial member by paying the small annual membership fee of 50 cents at the meeting.

Any queries, please email the P&C at mountwarrigalpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au.





ABOUT

Join us for Nan Tien's 2019 Community Day on Saturday the 30th of November, an event celebrating the union of friends and family and the coming together of the local community. Enjoy an array of **FREE** activities for children and adults alike, including Tea Appreciation, Jumping Castle, Family Drumming Workshop, Lion Dance, Meditation, Family Blessing and more! To join us, simply fill in the Registration Form below (*you'll also receive a free vegetarian meal for lunch, including spring rolls!*)

FREE LUNCH

Register below to receive lunch **FREE** at Nan Tien's Community Day! Vouchers for your free, vegetarian meal, must be collected from the Information Centre on Level 3 of the Temple on the day of the event between 9.30am and 10am.

How effective is the vaccine?

HPV vaccination is a safe and reliable way to protect young people from getting a range of HPV related cancers and diseases. Females should also participate in cervical screening for best protection against cervical cancer.

Almost all HPV infections that cause abnormal cells and cancer can be prevented by the HPV vaccine.

Studies have shown that the vaccine is proving very effective in Australia. There has been a big decrease in HPV infections, pre-cancers of the cervix and genital warts.

The vaccine works best when given at a younger age and before exposure to HPV.

How safe is the vaccine?

HPV vaccines used in Australia are very safe. All HPV vaccines available in Australia have been thoroughly tested and 270 million doses have been given around the world.

The vaccine has been provided through school based programs in Australia since 2007 for females and 2013 for males. In Australia, as in other countries, there is ongoing monitoring of vaccine safety.

Some people might experience mild side effects from the vaccine. These can include:

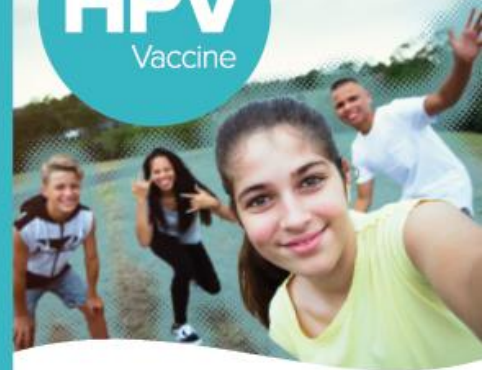
- ✓ soreness, swelling and redness at the injection site
- ✓ mild temperature
- ✓ feeling faint and fainting.

Like other vaccines, a very small number of people can have an allergic reaction shortly after getting the vaccine. Vaccination providers are prepared to manage these types of reactions.

See your GP if you are worried about your child's reaction.

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Helping to protect young people from a range of cancers and diseases caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV)

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