



# Mount Warrigal Public School

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A quality school developing the individual in a caring community

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## NEWSLETTER

13 February 2020

Term 1 Week 3 2020

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Community,

### Water Damage & Flooding

As you are aware much of our local area experienced substantial rain over the weekend. Unfortunately our school experienced some minor water damage in the preschool and significant flooding throughout the administration block. Due to this, we have relocated our entire administration team and senior executive to the staffroom block. This will mean that all sick bay, first aid, medication, late arrivals/partial attendance and regular office services will take place from the staffroom until the appropriate restoration work is complete. We appreciate your understanding and patience while we work to re-establish all services.

### Student Representative Council

Today students will be nominating themselves or others for the School Representative Council (SRC). Voting will take place and two students from each class will be elected by their peers to represent them at SRC meetings this year. These elected leaders will be acknowledged at the assembly on Monday 17th February, 2020.

### Breakfast Club

This year we are lucky enough to be able to offer free breakfast to our students and community 4 days a week – Monday to Thursday, from 8.15 – 8.55am. This is a great way for students to have a healthy breakfast while socialising with their peers. Students will see the Breakfast Club flag out, indicating it's open.

### School Upgrades

We have been fortunate to have a number of upgrades to our school site. The preschool playground and the primary students' toilet block is not far from being completed. The infants girls' toilet, although not able to be completely refurbished, will still be undergoing a minor makeover. The petitions between the toilets will be replaced with work due to begin Monday 17 February. Part of this work will be the removal of material containing asbestos. This material will only be removed after school hours and testing will be completed to ensure there are no safety concerns. Please see the information letter in this newsletter for further information.

### Drop and Kiss Zone

Parents and carers are reminded that the no parking area on Hogarth Ave, in front of the school, is a No Parking Zone throughout the times 8.30-9.30am and 2.30-3.30pm. The 'kiss and drop' zone is to support students' safety and help manage congestion in our busy street at peak times. Some key information about 'Kiss and Drop' includes:

- Stand only for 2-3 minutes, no parking
- Stay within 3 metres of the car
- Fill the kiss and drop area to the front first
- Have bags with children ready to exit the car
- Children should always exit on the kerb side
- Leave once children have exited the car

### Communication with Staff

At MWPS we greatly value families and staff working together to support our students. We encourage open communication between home and school and invite you to speak with your child's teacher regularly. It's important for us to be kept informed if there are any matters that may be impacting on your child at school. As

first option, parents and carers are encouraged to speak with their child's teacher before and after school. Please be mindful that often at this time teachers are busy preparing for lessons or have other commitments, like meetings. If this is the case please make an appointment to discuss any issues at a mutually convenient time. Your child's teacher is always the first person to talk to, however, if for some reason you would like further support, the Assistant Principal responsible for each stage may also be of assistance. Please feel free to contact the office to arrange a time to meet.

### **Reporting to the Office**

During school hours, from 9.00 - 2.45pm, all visitors to our school are reminded to first sign in at the office before heading to a classroom, the community room, canteen, etc. Our school prioritises student safety and it is important that we are aware of who is on our school site at all times. It is also important for visitor safety, in case of an emergency where everyone needs to be accounted for. If you are signing your child out early, the administration staff will provide you with a slip that needs to be presented to the teacher.

### **Attendance**

Our school begins at 9.00am and concludes at 2.45pm. Having your child at school on time supports them to start the day settled to ensure they don't miss vital instructions or messages. It also minimises interruptions to the learning of others. Parents are asked to please make medical appointments outside of school time. Sometimes this is unavoidable and students may arrive late or need to be picked up early. It is requested that if children are late to school a parent/carer is to accompany the child to the school office. As per DoE guidelines, unjustifiable explanations include sleeping in, missing the bus, waiting for a parent or sibling, shopping, etc. These examples are required to be marked as unjustified on the school attendance register.

### **Assemblies**

Our first assembly for 2020 will be held Monday 17 February at 2pm. All families are welcome to join us in the school hall. This first assembly will be a jam packed one with K-4D presenting a class item, SRC and leadership badges being presented and Swimming carnival ribbons presented.

### **High School Students**

As always, it's a pleasure for our staff to see the familiar faces of our previous students as they visit after high school. We encourage all students to come back, share with us their experiences and maintain the positive relationships built at Mount Warrigal PS. We ask that all students wait near the front gate until the bell rings before collecting family members or approaching staff, ensuring that classes and learning is not disrupted.

### **SkoolBag App and Facebook**

As you may be aware, our school uses Facebook and SkoolBag App as a way to more effectively and efficiently communicate with our community. I encourage all parents who have a 'smart' phone to download the Skoolbag app by searching Mt Warrigal Public School. Paper copies of the newsletter are still available by request. If you would prefer a paper copy of the newsletter, please request at the office.

### **Permission to Publish**

Upon enrolment, parents/carers provide permission for their child to be published on a variety of forums, including newsletter, social media and media. If at any time you would like to change you're your permission, advice must be provided in writing to the office so records can be changed.

### **Meeting Place – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families**

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and community members are invited to our Meeting Place, held in the Culture Room each Wednesday at 1.30-2.45. Each week Vicky, our Aboriginal Education Worker, will be available to have a yarn and in Weeks 3, 6 and 9 of each school term staff members of our Aboriginal Education committee will also attend to work together with our community.

### **Lake Illawarra High School Expo Night – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Lake Illawarra High School is hosting their annual expo night on Wednesday 19th February at 5pm. The expo night will give you the opportunity to observe demonstration lessons and speak with staff regarding your child's future schooling. All future students, their families and members of the community are invited to attend.

**Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800**

**Crimestoppers 1800 333 000**

## Dates for Your Calendar

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| <b>13<sup>th</sup> February</b> | Cook, Chat and Chill 9am-12pm in the Community Room      |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> February</b> | School Assembly at 2pm in the Hall – K-4D Presenting     |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> February</b> | Lake Illawarra High School Expo Night at 5pm             |
| <b>21<sup>st</sup> February</b> | District Swimming Carnival (Selected Students only)      |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>     | School Assembly at 2pm in the Hall                       |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> March</b>     | Aboriginal Education Committee in Culture Room 1.30-2.45 |
| <b>5<sup>nd</sup> March</b>     | Lake Leaders Network Meeting                             |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup> March</b>    | School Assembly at 2pm in the Hall                       |



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|  <p><b>PRESCHOOL</b></p> | <p>We currently have <b><u>vacancies for 2020</u></b> preschool year. Age: 4-5years old.</p> <p><b><u>We service all local schools. Low cost preschool</u></b></p> <p>Hours of operation: 8:45am – 2:45pm</p> <p>The preschool has an <u>EXCEEDING</u> accreditation rating.</p> <p>We are a STEM accredited preschool.</p> <p>Please phone either the preschool on 42977314 or the school office on 42966266 to enquire about applications.</p> |
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# Mt Warrigal Public School

## Works notification

11 February 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Upcoming planned maintenance works at Mt Warrigal Public School will require the removal of asbestos containing material. Testing conducted by an independent hygienist has confirmed that the material is bonded asbestos, which means it is attached to other material such as cement or vinyl and cannot be crumbled by light pressure.

This material will be removed in accordance with the Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan and SafeWork NSW regulations. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos removalists, and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

The material is scheduled to be removed on Monday 17 February 2020. No asbestos containing material will be removed during school hours.

Testing will be completed to ensure the site has been fully remediated. We will keep you informed if further material is found which requires removal.

The health, safety, and well-being of the school and the local community is our highest priority. Please be assured that the removal of this material will not pose a risk to the local community.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

**For more information contact:**

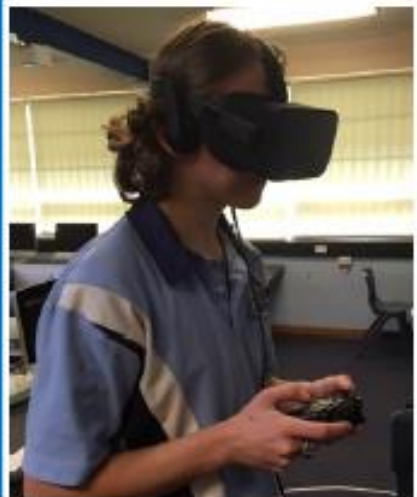
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# LAKE ILLAWARRA HIGH SCHOOL EXPO NIGHT 2020

ALL FUTURE STUDENTS, THEIR  
FAMILIES AND MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMUNITY ARE WELCOME TO  
ATTEND OUR EXPO NIGHT ON

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> February  
From 5:00pm**

This Expo night will give  
you the opportunity to  
observe demonstration  
lessons and to speak to  
staff regarding your  
child's future schooling.



## Our Key Features

**Academics** – Our school offers placements in a dedicated top class in each of our junior years, however, all students have the opportunity to engage in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) or Project Based Learning (PBL) lessons. We also offer placements in a dedicated literacy class in years 7 and 8.

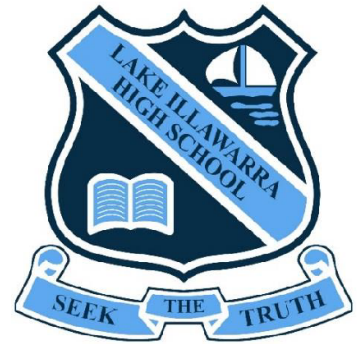
**Technology** - Our students consistently use technology in creative and innovative ways, preparing them for the world beyond school. This includes coding, robotics, using virtual and augmented reality, learning through games-based technology and creating websites, films and e-portfolios.

**Wellbeing** - The wellbeing of all students at LIHS is seen as critical to their development as young people and is supported through a broad range of programs and initiatives. This includes our 'Wellbeing Hub' which brings school, family, community services together, to support our students.

**Student Leadership** - The development of students' leadership skills is a major focus at LIHS. Formal leadership opportunities for students are offered at school, such as School Captain, Student Representative Council, Sports Committee and Peer Support. Students in our leadership teams are regularly seen in our community supporting local initiatives.

**Sport** - All students at LIHS enjoy the opportunity to participate in a broad range of sports in outstanding facilities. Our school is regularly awarded zone champion in athletics, swimming and cross country and our sporting teams and individual participants are regularly selected to represent at a zone, regional, state and national levels.

**Aboriginal Education** - Partnerships with Aboriginal elders resulted in a number of mentoring sessions between elders and our students. Our Aboriginal students have also worked with tutors from AIME who have linked our students with the University of Wollongong. Lake Illawarra High School is 1 of only 2 schools selected in the Illawarra to host a Clontarf Academy. This means we have 2 Full time, locally based Clontarf staff mentors to counsel young Aboriginal male students on a range of behavioural and lifestyle issues, while the school caters for their educational needs.



**Lake Illawarra High School is a proud public school with a strong focus on ensuring all students maximise their potential by providing a safe and caring environment balanced with a robust curriculum.**

**All staff support life-long learning and a consistent and fair approach that promotes a positive future for every student. We provide opportunities for our students to become responsible citizens who care for and respect themselves, each other and the community, and who can adapt to adversity and the challenges of a changing world.**

**At Lake Illawarra High School, we offer a broad and inclusive curriculum with a range of leadership, sporting and cultural experiences for students. Parents and Carers enjoy positive relationships with teachers here and we highly value their views as we work together in the development of their child.**



# COOK • CHILL • CHAT

MEET NEW PEOPLE WHILE LEARNING HEALTHY  
& BUDGET-FRIENDLY TIPS & TRICKS



**FREE CHILD MINDING AVAILABLE  
(BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL)**

**Date:** Starting Thurs, 13 Feb 2020 for 12 weeks  
with break during school holidays

**Time:** 9.00am - 12 noon (lunch included)

**Cost:** FREE

**Place:** Community Hub at Mount Warrigal P.S.

To book your spot, call Sharlene on **XXX** or

Helen on 4283 8111



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# Resourceful Adolescent Parent Program

The Resourceful Adolescent Parent Program is a free three session workshop exploring how parents can foster a positive and supportive relationship with their teenager.

Topics include parent stress, adolescent development, parent & teen attachment, improving communication, responding to difficult emotions and managing conflict.

The program will be held at the office of Southern Youth and Family Services, located at 33 Pioneer drive Oak Flats (parking available at train station across the road)

**Dates** Tuesdays 18/2, 25/2, 3/3 10am till 12:30pm

**Contact** Charo on 0412 999 965 (bookings essential)

This program is facilitated by family counsellors from Southern Youth and Family Services



Southern Youth and Family Services