



Mount Warrigal Public School

'Aim Higher'

A quality school developing the individual in a caring community.

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"At Mount Warrigal Public School, we acknowledge the Aboriginal people and Elders, both past and present, who hold the memories and respect the traditional ways of the Dharawal people. We respect their connection to the surrounding environment, the mountains, lake and the sea."



Ms Lyndall Holden
Principal

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Community

As we move into the end of Term 1, I cannot believe that the last 11 weeks have gone by so quickly. The end of last week has been challenging with the rain. Our office block has been flooded and we have had to relocate the office to the staffroom block temporarily until the clean-up has been completed. You can find Megan and Bronwyn next to my office just before the staffroom. This term has been very busy with lots of learning opportunities for our students. Stage 3 has been on camp, and this was a wonderful experience for our students. Thank you to the teachers that gave up family time to ensure our students were afforded the opportunity.

Thank you, teachers, for your dedication to the students and their families. You have given our students many wonderful experiences in class through quality programs and engaging lessons.

Thank you to our small but MIGHTY P&C for supporting our school, you have done a marvellous job with fundraising this term already. The Easter raffle was a huge hit and below are the winners of the prizes from our Easter Hat Parade Day. Congratulations to all who won!! If you are interested in joining our P&C it is not too late, more hands make light work, so please join.

Easter Raffle winners!!

Christine	Scarlotte	Brock (Preschool)	Flynn	Brisan	Sarah	Cater	Ari
R. Blood	Ari	Brock	Roylan	Ruby	Logan	Conner	Tyson

Office Relocation

Due to the recent flooding our office staff will be temporarily relocated to the office in E Block. E block is located at the front of the school in the K-2 section of the school. The office is the second door closest to the mural entrance. Hopefully the clean-up works can be done quickly without too much disruption to our daily workflow.

Boonerah Point Awards

Due to the hall being painted with our ANZAC mural and the flooding (photocopied not working), we have decided to postpone our first set of awards. This assembly will happen in the first or second week of Term 2. I can't wait to celebrate with the students as this award means they have demonstrated the value of 'Care' for themselves and others throughout Term 1.

AEDC Data

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) data is a national census conducted every 3 years across Australia. This census helps our government agencies decide where to place services and gives a greater picture of community needs for Early Childhood Services. This year the census is due to be collected for Kindergarten students in Term 2. Mrs Fernandez and Miss Alwert will complete the census data throughout the term. AEDC results for individual students are not reported and individual students cannot be identified. If you do not want your child to participate, please see your child's class teacher. Kindergarten students will receive a note to explain this information in greater detail.

Staff Development Day Term 2

The Department of Education has gazetted Term 2's Staff Development Day to be dedicated to Professional Learning for staff on the New Curriculum. As an Executive Team we have decided to use the day to focus on Literacy and Numeracy precursors, The teaching and Learning Cycle, Effective Pedagogy for the new English Syllabus 3-6, The Writing Revolution and Supporting students with disability in the curriculum. As a staff we are looking forward to diving deeper into our understanding of the new curriculum and how we can best support outcomes for students moving forward. The office staff will be onsite to assist with enrolments, uniform purchase or general enquires.

Twilight Sessions for Staff

Staff participated in their first Twilight Session for this year on Tuesday 9th April. The session focused on Aboriginal Education and was facilitated by Kylie Captain. Kylie Captain has authored several books and the Stage 3 students participated in a workshop called the Dream Big Program. The program involved promoting positive sense of belonging, respect and collaboration through Aboriginal cultural connection principles. The next Twilight content has not been decided yet and will be in Term 3 at this stage.

Return to School Term 2

Teachers return on Monday 29 April and students will return on Tuesday 30 April. Term 2 is a 10-week Term.

Home Reading Workshop

Mr Soames and the K-2 team has conducted a Reading at Home workshop this week. The workshop covered tips and strategies for parents and carers to assist children to read when at home. Our K-2 teachers did a wonderful job upskilling our parents with strategies to help their children read. We will provide additional workshops throughout the year on a range of topics.

Holiday Safety

As the holidays are just around the corner, please stay safe. This means wear your helmet when riding your bikes children. Watch out for cars on the road, and practise safe bike riding. I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy end of Term 1 holidays. See you at the end of April!!

Warm Regards

Ms Holden

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Dates for Your Calendar

Wednesday Weekly	Learning Club in Library 3-4pm
Tuesday Weekly	Come and YARN with Vicki & school staff in our Culture Room-10am – 11am
Tuesday (Trial), Thursday & Friday	Lunch orders accepted from 8.30am
Every Day	Breakfast Club from 8:30am
12th April	Last day for students Term 1
30 April (Tuesday)	First day for students Term 2
30th April	P&C Meeting at 11.45am in Community Room
3rd May	Whole School Cross Country (in school grounds)
9th May	Mother's Day Stall by P&C
10th May	Extra Day for Mother's Day Stall by P&C



Parent Portal: Set up your parent portal account

School Bytes provides a parent portal to help your school communicate with you. Your school may use the parent portal for various things, including online permission notes, attendance, and payments, which can be accessed via a secure link. The School Bytes parent portal enables you to view all your children in one portal and process payments for multiple siblings in one transaction.

IMPORTANT: To ensure that the registration process works smoothly and you can link your account to your child(ren), make sure that you use the same email address that you have provided to the school or if using a different email address, an SMS verification code will be sent to the mobile phone number on record for you at the school.

To set up your parent portal, follow the steps below:

Detailed steps

1. See attached flyer for QR Code to register OR

Open the parent portal link – <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>

2. Select the create a new account link.

3. Enter your first name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.

4. Enter your last name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.

5. Enter the email address that you use for school communication.

6. Enter a password.

7. Confirm the password.

8. Select create account.

An email will be sent to the email address nominated so that you can verify your access to the email address.

Once you have created your account, log in to the School Bytes parent portal.

If you have another student attending our school please follow instructions on next page.

