



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

Welcome to Week 6 Term 3, this week marks the middle of our third term at school for 2024. I can't believe how quick time flies when you are having fun! School Photo Day is next Wednesday 4th September. Students need to wear full school uniform on the day. If your child needs a fresh uniform, please call into or ring our office staff to organise. Good luck to our Southern Stars performers, who will be dancing their way onto the WEC stage this weekend. Sparkle and have a great time boys and girls, I can't wait to see the performance on Saturday.

We have a few announcements to make firstly Miss McIntosh has married her long-term partner! Congratulations and our well wishes go to you and your family. We also are announcing that the now Mrs Baker is also expecting her second baby in January 2025! We wish you all the best and can't wait to meet your bundle of joy!! We will also farewell Mrs Fernandez at the end of this term, we can't wait to meet your bundle of joy sometime in Term 4!

Respectful Communication at School

At Mt Warrigal Public School, we value open and respectful communication and collaboration between the school and our community. To ensure our staff can focus on providing our students the best possible learning experiences, I want to establish clear expectations for how and when we communicate.

The School Community Charter

The [School Community Charter](#) sets out expectations for parents when communicating with public schools:

- **Communicating** with our staff respectfully, in a positive and constructive manner.
- **Work with us** in partnership to promote student learning and achievement.
- **Listen** to our suggestions provided to you in our professional judgement.

Our staff pride themselves in communicating with respect and upholding the expectations in School Community Charter. We expect to be treated in the same way. Please ensure that all communication with school staff is conducted in a respectful and constructive manner. Open and respectful communication cultivates a positive school environment for everyone and is essential for our dedicated staff to help our students to achieve their best.

Kindergarten 2025 Expo

Lake Illawarra High School are holding a combined Kindergarten Expo for our local schools. Our Community of local Schools are all participating together to showcase Public Education and what our local schools can offer you. If you have or know of families who are enrolling for Kindergarten 2025 please pass on this information to them. We would love to see you there!

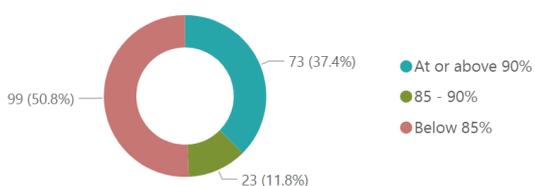
Tuesday 3rd September, from 5.30pm and 6.30pm in the School library at Lake Illawarra High School

Attendance

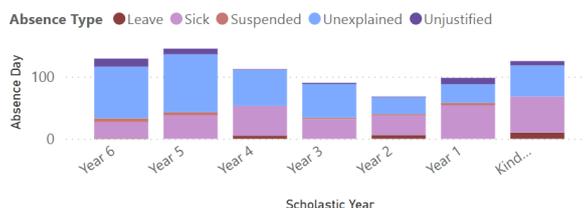
Attendance is still a focus across our state for all schools. We have dipped in our attendance data from Term 1. We acknowledge that there has been a lot of sickness during the colder months, however, now our weather is heating up we should see an improvement. Good attendance at school in primary school, leads to sustained academic achievement and attendance in the high school years and through to successful employment. It is vital we start a good attendance pattern in our Preschool and Kindergarten students that coming to school each day is an important part of their daily routine. Classes and individual students are monitored regularly, and parent meetings are held to discuss ways to support better attendance. Our rolls are regularly reviewed by our Home School Liaison Officer from District Office, and it is their role to follow up with families who are experiencing difficulties with getting children to school regularly. The picture below displays our attendance data for this half of the term. It is evident as a school we have a long way to go to improve our school as a whole in regard to attendance. As a school we need to improve our unjustified absences, meaning that either the reasons for an absence can't be supported or our parents and carers are not providing reasonable reasons as to why their children are absent.

School Attendance Level

Attendance Level



Absences by Cohort, Absence Type



Assemblies

Just a reminder that our fortnightly assemblies will be held Friday at 2:00pm. During our fortnightly assemblies we will have our usual awards and other messages for students. Our Behaviour Awards that students are working towards each term will be given out at our Spotlight Assemblies at the end of each term as well as showcasing of Stage items. Please see the calendar in this newsletter for dates.

Athletics

Congratulations to all students who attended our Zone Athletics Carnival earlier this Term. We have a few students advancing to the next stage of competition in various fields. We wish you all the best in your respective events and can't wait for you to represent our school and district at the next carnival. The next carnival is held in Canberra!! Travel well and give it your best!

KF

As you are aware Mrs Fernandez is expecting her first child in the first weeks of Term 4. Miss Bunt our APCI will be going on KF for the remainder of the school year for 2024. She is very experienced, and the children already know her. Miss Bunt and Mrs Fernandez will be working closely together over the next few weeks to ensure a smooth hand over. If you have any concerns, please let me know, so we can work through this.

Learning Conversations

Teachers will be holding learning conversations in Week 10 this term. If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher, please don't hesitate to reach out and make an appointment. Next week, requests for an appointment slips will be sent home for you to complete and return to the class teacher. The learning conversations will not be as formal as first term and teachers can make appointments that mutually suit you and them.

Front of School Parking on Hogarth Avenue

We have a number of parents fined of late for incorrect parking. We have also had a number of neighbours call the school to let me know that parents from our school are parking across driveways. Please ensure you park properly and are being respectful to our neighbours. I am sure you would not like people parking across your driveway. Please ensure you take notice of the 'kiss and drop' parking area at the front of the school.

Drop off Morning

It is quite alarming that families are dropping students at the front or back gate well before our school gates open at 8:30am. This is a dangerous practice to be dropping children off outside of the school as there is no supervision for students. Our school gates open at 8:30am unless there is an excursion that requires supervision before 8:30am. Please ensure you have arrangements made for care of your child before 8:30am if you require this. We have before and after school providers that can offer care at reasonable rates to our families. I have been monitoring this for some weeks now and I will need to call individual families to discuss what supports are in place for children before school.

P & C Colour Run

Our P&C are holding their annual Colour Run event on the last of Term 3, Friday 27th September. We can't wait to have fun and raise lots of money for our school. Last year we raised approx. \$6000, I wonder if we can break this record!! This is a fabulous day and our Community are welcome to watch the fun and cheer on the children as they make their way through the colour explosion. There will be a BBQ fundraiser as well as many other treats to purchase on the day. If you can please support this initiative from our small but mighty P&C. If you would like to help the P&C or jump onto the committee, please see Debbie in the canteen or ring our office to express your interest.

Warm Regards

Ms Holden

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 **Crimestoppers** 1800 333 000 **School Security** 1300 880 021

Dates for Your Calendar

Tuesday Weekly	Come and YARN with Vicki & school staff in our Culture Room-10am – 11am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	Lunch orders accepted from 8.30am
Every Day	Breakfast Club from 8:30am
FRIDAY - Even Weeks	Whole School Assembly starting at 12.30pm-1.40pm
Friday 30 th August	Southern Stars Performance
Tuesday 3 rd September	Kinder EXPO at Lake Illawarra High School from 5.30pm
Wednesday 4 th September	Whole School Photo Day
Monday & Tuesday 9-10 th September	K-2 Excursion to Shellharbour Civic Centre
Thursday 12 th September	Kindergarten 2025 Parent/Carer Information Session 4.30-5.30pm Important information & meet the teachers
Friday 13 th September	School Assembly @ 2pm
Tuesday 17 th September	Kindergarten 2025 – Teddy Bears Picnic 9.30 – 10.30am Parents are invited to bring morning tea, their favourite teddy & join our 2025 Year 6 Buddies for a picnic
Wednesday 18 th September	Soccer Gala Day at Lake Illawarra Public School for Stage 1
Tuesday 24 September	SPOTLIGHT ASSEMBLY -Whole school from 11.40am to 1.40pm
Friday 27 th September	P & C Colour Run
27 th September	Last day of Term 3
14 th October	Day 1 Term 4 – Students return



KINDERGARTEN 2025

Enrolments are now open!
Contact the school office or via our website




Meet the Principal & School Tour
From Wednesday 31st July
Call the school to arrange a time

Parent/Carer Information Session
Thursday 12th September - 4:30 - 5:30pm
Important information and a chance to meet the teachers

Teddy Bears Picnic
Tuesday 17th September - 9:30 - 10:30am
Parents/Carers and Kindy 2025 are invited to bring some morning tea, their favourite teddy and join our 2025 Year 6 buddies for a picnic.

Orientation Sessions - 9:00 - 10:00am
1 - Wednesday 23rd October
2 - Wednesday 30th October
3 - Wednesday 6th November

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Your child needs to be enrolled to attend the sessions. Call the office or click 'enrolment' on the school website today! We look forward to welcoming your child and family to our school.



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FOR ALL GIRLS & BOYS AGED 3+
FRED FINCH PARK, BERKELEY
SATURDAY AUGUST 31st, 2024
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Cricket Blast for kids 5-10 years old

Junior Cricket for kids aged 10+

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 20TH - 10AM TO 2PM

LITTLE BIG RIGS
SYDNEY

CLIMB IN THE TRUCKS

FACE PAINTING

SPIDERMAN &
OTHER CHARACTERS

BBQ!

BALLOON
TWISTING

\$5, \$10, \$20
TRUCK RIDES

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