



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

This Term has gone so fast! I cannot believe we are on the eve of our first set of holidays for 2025! I must say the Term overall has been fairly settled across all classrooms. There has been lots of learning happening which has been pleasing to see. Our new bathroom, kitchen and storage areas in the Support Unit are well under construction. This is a fabulous investment in our school, and we look forward to students being able to use them very shortly. The build is due to finish close to mid-way through Term 2.

Shade Shelter over the Park

The P&C and I have been working closely together to raise funds for a shade cloth construction over the 'Park' in the top playground. This construction is not cheap, however, will be a fabulous investment in our school. It will mean the equipment will not be as hot when the students play on the equipment during summer. It will also help with the longevity of the equipment. We hope to get this project under way before the end of the year.

NAPLAN

Naplan has been completed for another year. The assessment feedback does take some time to come back to the school. As soon as we get the advice, we will distribute this information to the parents and carers of the students who sat the assessments. Well done boys and girls on a fabulous effort, everyone did their best and we are proud of your efforts.

Staff Development Days Term 2

The Department of Education has set down two Staff Development Days at the beginning of next Term. Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th. Students return on Wednesday 30th April. Teachers will be engaging in Classroom Mastery and High Potential Gifted Education across the two days. As a school we are looking forward to learning about routines, strategies for engagement and the domains of HPGE and how we can best cater for our diverse students.

Healthy Deadly Kids

During this Term we have the pleasure of working with Healthy Deadly Kid program. The program was a great way to up skill our Stage 3 students on the importance of being healthy and building respectful relationship with others. To finish the program, we hosted some of the players from the Hawks NBL team. The Hawks recently won the NBL national title winning the grand final by beating Melbourne! The Stage 3 students really loved the program.

Learning Conversations

Week 10 was our Learning Conversation week. If you missed this, please reach out to your child's class teacher, I am sure they will accommodate your request for a Learning Conversation interview or will be able to make a phone call to discuss how your child has settled into the class and how they are travelling with their learning and social development this year. If you would like an appointment, please call the office or reach out on School Bytes.

Parent Survey

Thank you to those parents who took the time to fill in the parent survey at Learning Conversations. Overall, we had 39 survey responses. This information will help plan for events, communication styles and opportunities and generally see where we can make improvements to our school. Improving our school year on year is an important aspect of where we would like to head as a staff for the students here at Mount Warrigal!

Spotlight Assembly

The Spotlight Assembly is a wonderful way to celebrate the students who have demonstrated our first Disposition of 'Care' throughout the Term with their Boonerah Point Award. At this assembly Stages 2 and 3 will be performing items they have been practicing all Term 1. Congratulations to all students who received their awards well done and keep up the great work and 'Care' for yourself and others around you.

Attendance

This Term we have started strong with our attendance data. The graph on the side demonstrates our improved attendance rate. If you are planning a holiday during school time, this leave needs to be approved by the Principal. The office staff can provide you with the form to fill out and the requirements needed when applying. It is also important that when your child is away, we have an explained absence that can be justified according to the reasonable absences that the Department of Education's stipulates. Unfortunately, some absences may be explained, however, they will remain unjustified as they didn't meet the criteria. Things like I stayed at home because it was my birthday is unfortunately an unjustified absence. At the end of this newsletter there is an explanation of justified and unjustified reasons for absences.

Attendance Awards

The students who have achieved 90 or above attendance will be recognised and rewarded during week 11. To achieve this rate of attendance the student has had less than 5 days away for the term. If you are at school 90% or more means you are not missing vital instruction in English and Numeracy.

Communication

This is just a friendly reminder that your first port of call for communication is your child's class teacher. Often, I may not have all the information and will have to defer back to the class teacher for more information. If you are not satisfied with the communication or outcomes from your child's class teacher, then reach out to the Stage AP, they will be able to meet with you to discuss your concerns and help to get a smooth resolution.

Playtime for the Morning Bell

As part of our routine building and general supervision, we are asking that students leave their bags at their class lines in the middle quad and then make their way to the top grassed area in the morning for playtime. Breakfast Club is also open 5 days per week which is located in the top grassed area. Of late we have had a number of behaviour incidence which could be avoided when we all are playing within a supervised area. Students will be practicing this during Week 11 with their teachers and the expectation on Day 1 Term 2 is that we all know the routine moving forward.

We wish you all a safe holiday and for those who celebrate Easter we hope this time is a wonderful celebration for you. Looking forward to seeing you all after the break.

Warm Regards

Ms Holden

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

Dates for Your Calendar

Every Day	Breakfast Club from 8:30am
9 th April	Cross Country 11.40am – 1pm
10 th April	ANZAC Day Service from 9.15am
11 th April	Easter Hat Parade from 3-5pm
11 th April	Last Day of Term 1
Wednesday 30 th April	1st Day Term 2 for students
9 th May	Assembly at 2pm



The poster features a yellow background with a basketball hoop graphic on the left. The text 'ASSIST ALL HOOPS' is prominently displayed in large, bold, purple letters. Below this, the event details are listed: 'TIME: 2:00PM - 3:00PM', 'WHERE: SHELLHARBOUR CITY STADIUM', 'AGES: ALL AGES', 'COST: FREE', and 'DATE: 17TH APRIL 2025'. A red button with the text 'SIGN UP NOW' and the website 'WWW.BNSW.COM.AU' is positioned on the right. At the bottom, there are logos for the Australian Government, Sport Inclusion AUSTRALIA, and BASKETBALL NSW. A photograph of a group of people, including children and adults, is shown on the right side of the poster, some wearing 'ASSIST ALL HOOPS' t-shirts.

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April School Holiday Clinics

MYIMBARR COMMUNITY PARK, WATTLE ROAD FLINDERS

Join our Coaches and get ready for your school carnivals.

Below session are available to anyone 7 years and above, you don't need to be a registered athlete

WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL 2025

WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL 2025.

10am-11am - High Jump or Javelin

11-12pm - Running (Sprints and Distance) or Shot Put

12-1pm - Long and Triple Jump or Discus

Cost \$15 Per Session or \$30 for all session on the day

To register please visit

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/lakeillawarra/events/list>

For further enquire contact Kevin on 0417048148