Principals Message

Welcome back

I am so happy to have been appointed to Mt Warrigal Public School. The school has excellent facilities in a wonderful setting. The children are delightful and speak politely to me.

Most of all, I feel blessed to be working with a dedicated team of professional teachers and support staff. I feel like I have won staff lotto.

I look forward to working with all parents and carers to provide a quality education for your children, in a safe happy environment.

Even though I am only "new" myself, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families.

Regards
Graham Johnson

Student Assistance

There are times when we ask parents/care givers to pay for things at school. I am well aware that there are hard times for all people (including school principals).

No child should ever miss out on an educational experience because of funding. We do not have an unlimited amount of money given to our school. We can however allow people to pay off accounts over time. In certain circumstances we can also reduce payments.

If you are having difficulty making any payments to our school, please contact me at school.

All such requests will be treated with the strictest confidence.
Graham Johnson
Principal

Family School/Connect

A warm welcome back to all families. I wish to invite Parents, Grand parents, and carers to the first of many.

Morning Teas

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2014

Mount Warrigal Public School is now taking Kindergarten enrolments for next year. Please contact the school office for enrolment forms.

Ring The School Watch Number If You See Suspicious Activity In The School On 1300 880 021
Come along and enjoy a cuppa and a chat in the Community Room at 9:15am on Tuesday 12th February 2013.

Sharlene Gauci
Family/School Connect Coordinator

**Swimming Carnival**

Our school swimming carnival will take place on Monday 11th February at Warilla Pool. Children must be at school by 8:15am if they are walking down with the teachers.

The carnival will run from 9-11am. If you are able to assist with time keeping on the day that would be great. We look forward to a wonderful day. Wet weather back up is Monday, 18th February.

**District Swimming Carnival**

The district carnival will take place at Warilla pool on Friday, 22nd February (wet weather back up is Monday, 25th). Please note that there is a change this year: there will be no finals. All events will go on times.

Thanks Mrs Pomery

**Whole School Assembly**

The whole school assembly has changed days and times this year. The whole school assembly will be on Mondays at 1.50pm in the school hall. Parents are invited to attend.

**Car Park**

Just a reminder to parents dropping their children off or picking them up, by car, to observe the NO STOPPING and NO STANDING signs in front of the school. The ranger drops by unannounced and the fines for breaking the rules are quite large. The signs are in place for the safety of all our children. Please ensure that you do not stop on the crossing or in the illegal areas.

In the interests of student safety, we ask that the staff car park only be used by Mt Warrigal PS staff members. A number of our staff members work between a few schools and frequently need to move their cars. Parents are asked not to park in the car park as it poses a risk to student safety with the amount of traffic entering and exiting the park at varying times.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn**

Congratulations to all our supporting families who participated in the Woollies Earn and Learn last year. The gear we ordered has arrived and is being distributed to the classes this week. We were able to order art/craft equipment and educational games to the value of over $3,000. WELL DONE!!

**Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club has started up again this year, in the same room as last year. It is run on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This is a great program and we thank the Warilla North Community Centre for its implementation. Our students greatly benefit from this program as a well-fed and healthy body and mind ensures that our student’s learning is enhanced.

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Arrival and departure to and from school
A reminder that students are not expected to arrive prior to 8:30 in the mornings unless they are attending the Breakfast Club on the allocated days. Teachers are not on duty until 8:30 in the morning and therefore there is no supervision for students.
At the end of the day the bell rings at 2:45. Parents are reminded that the waiting points for students, is not outside classrooms as this is disruptive to class teachers and students. Please wait for your children either under the Infants COLA, the middle quadrangle or under the main Primary COLA.
Thank you for your support.

*IMPORTANT MESSAGE*
The Disabled Access Driveway into the school is for STAFF and STUDENTS attending the EARLY INTERVENTION UNIT ONLY. It is not to be used at anytime by unauthorised persons!

**WHAT’S COMING UP**

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Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts
Audition Application for Year 7 2014
Any parent interested in their child auditioning for Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts Year 7 2014 can access an application form from Mt Warriagal school office. Applications have to be returned to Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts by FRIDAY 8TH March, 2013.

Are you considering Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts as your choice of secondary school? If so, come and meet us at Expo Evening. You will see that we offer a first class comprehensive education as well as excellent opportunities in the performing arts.

Date: Thursday 28 February 2013
Time: 5.30-7.00pm
We look forward to meeting you. Principal’s address at 5.30 in WHSPAC.

Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts
Academic Excellence : Excellence in the Performing Arts : Quality Teaching
Outstanding sporting opportunities : Brilliant HSC results : High Expectations

School opening time
- 08.30 is the arrival time for students UNLESS other arrangements have been made.
- Students who are attending the Breakfast Club must come no earlier than 08.15 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- All students must sit in Middle Quad when they arrive at school, until the Duty Teacher arrives.
**Community News**

Parent Line NSW-
Help for Parents 24/7 Tel. (02) 8968 1102 or www.parentline.org.au or email: info@parentline.org.au.

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**At Mount Warrigal we all support the policy of**

**NO HAT, NO PLAY**

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