Dear Parents and Carers

Mr Johnson’s Retirement
We congratulate Mr Johnson on his retirement and wish him and his family many happy years to come. Mr Johnson has had a long career with the Department of Education and Communities. He has been a teacher and Principal for forty years! The students at our school will miss his happy demeanour and I’m sure his guitar!

Meet the Teacher
As in past years we will have our Meet the Teacher information sessions. Please refer to the note that has already been sent home detailing the scheduled class times. This is an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and hear about the expectations, planned excursions and requirements for the year ahead.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
Our school is active in the PBL approach. Please see the attached information about Positive Behaviour for Learning. This process focuses on improving the school’s ability to teach and support positive behaviour for all students.

Staffing/Classes
Congratulations to Miss McKay who was the successful candidate in the merit selection process for the position of permanent classroom teacher (Special Ed) at our school.

Our student numbers currently remain stable but we are close to gaining another teacher. If this occurs we will have to reorganise our classes. The numbers of children determine the number of teachers we have at the school. This is unfortunately not taken by the number of children in each year group but the total K-6. Class size restrictions will also determine what classes we can form.

P&C
The first Parents and Citizens meeting was held on Monday 16th February in the Community Room. These meetings are a great way to meet other parents and community members and to talk about what is happening at the school. The next meeting will on Monday 16th March at 9.30 also in the Community Room.

Have a great week.
Mrs Wendy Kelly
Principal (relieving)

Principals Message

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KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2016
Mount Warrigal Public School is now taking Kindergarten enrolments for next year. Please contact the school office for enrolment forms.

OUR SCHOOL
SUPPORTS THE
NO HAT
NO PLAY
POLICY

SCHOOL VISITOR BADGES
DON’T FORGET TO SIGN IN AND COLLECT A BADGE IF YOU ARE HELPING AT THE SCHOOL.

Term Dates 2015
Term 1
28/01/15 – 02/04/15
Term 2
22/04/15 – 26/06/15
Term 3
14/07/15 – 18/08/15
Term 4
06/10/15 – 16/12/15

Newsletter Date
18 February 2015
Term 1, Week 4
MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have gained their MERIT AWARDS this week

KR – Tyrone Knowles, Shae Fitzgerald, Emily Andrews
KL – Ty Wicks, Tyler Jones, Mia Paplauskas
SIG – Nathan Mathias, Miah Feeney, Jaida Simon
SIP – Michah Wood, Eda Otman, Madison Braithwaite
JSH – Madison Perks
MSM – Izabella Votava
SSE – Alex Page
S1/2P – Lachlan McAuley, Adem Kilinc, Janae Hamilton
S2F – Dakoda Morgan, Preston-Jay Humphreys, Jordan Spence
S2NP – Tyson Dean, Beau Perrin, Chantelle Griffiths
S3W – Dylan Hawkins-King, Courtney Strachan, Declan Hilton
S3KV – Cameron Potter, Maja Mrksic, Lucas Smith

Parking is not available for parents in the school grounds other than for emergencies.

NOTICE
It is an offence for a person to apply or volunteer for any activity involving contact with children or youth if such a person has been convicted under the NSW Child Protection Act 1998.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
The Voluntary School Contributions for Mount Warrigal Public School are set at the following amounts for single children or families. A family is defined as two or more children.
Single children: $20
Families: $30

P & C News

School Banking has started back! We will bank on Wednesdays. Please hand bank books to class teachers who will send these to be banked by the P & C. We will also be having a sign up morning on Tuesday 24th February from 8.30am in our canteen. If you would like to open an account please bring your child’s Birth Certificate and ID for parent. We can also offer Banking for younger siblings not yet at school.
Thank you
Dani McManus
P & C President

Learning Club
Mr Richard Zamora, from the Smith Family, is holding the homework/learning centre at our school on Wednesday afternoons, from 3.00p.m. to 4.00p.m.
Mr Zamora has dropped off expression of interest forms at our front office. If you are interested, please collect one from the front office.

School Library Bags Are Cool!!!
- You will receive Reward Points when you use your Library bags.
- Library Bags Protect our books as they can be expensive to replace.
- You can purchase new Library Bags from our canteen for $2.50 each.
Self Care

This term we have free activities that will help you take time out for yourself...
Relaxation, Yoga, Hand Massage, Pampering, and Journaling
Morning Tea
We are in your school every Thursday morning Family School Connect Room
9am to 11am
Please feel free to bring your younger children and a friend!
Contact Sharlene 0457447960 or Lynne 0408258605

Walking Group

There is nothing like a walk to enjoy the fresh air
So come along and join us!
Please feel free to bring a friend, children are welcome
Meet each Monday at the school front gate
9am
Contact Sharlene 0457447960

OPEN NIGHT

Are you considering the High School that best meets your child’s needs, if so,
Lake Illawarra High School invites you to our Open Night. This is an opportunity for you to discover our wonderful school and all that we offer.
There will also be a sausage sizzle.

Date: Thursday 5th March 2015
Time: 3.30pm until 5.15pm

Ph: 4296 3844
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LAKE ILLAWARRA
Sydney Swans
Junior AFL Clinic
Where: Kully Bay
(Northcliffe Dr Warrawong)
When: Feb 23rd @ 4pm
Cost: FREE
To help celebrate our 40th year in the game Port Kembla AFC will be hosting some Swans superstars who will be running an AFL clinic for all juniors.
Written By Us – S1/2P

S1/2P have been reading a novel called Wally the Water Dragon. It has been a fantastic read that gave us lots of information and fun facts about Water Dragons. We found out where they like to live, the foods they eat, what they look like and who their predators are. Here are some paragraphs from some great writers in our class.

Water Dragons are omnivorous. They like eating crabs, flowers, frogs and insects. They camouflage into rocks. Water Dragons have enemies. There enemy is called a predator and it is something that kills water dragons. Their enemies are dogs, cats and birds.

By Reggie Kennedy

Water Dragons live with butterflies, geckos, millipedes and small lizards. Water Dragons are extremely dangerous so don’t go near them or they can bite you. Water dragons will move slowly and then they will pounce on its prey.

By Katie Brown
Free Program for Mums, Dads & Carers

This program promotes positive, respectful parent and child relationships.

After this program parents will be better equipped to:

- Understand the origin and nature of their parenting style
- Understand the messages they give and receive from their child
- Identify and respond to the needs of their child
- Build a positive, respectful relationship with their child
- Source information to support their parenting

Date: Tuesday 24th February – 31st March
Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm
Location: Mt Warrigal School, Hogarth Ave Mt Warrigal

Limited Free Childminding is available

Bookings: Family Service Illawarra 42555333 Lynne 0408258605

Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services under the Families & Communities Program

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Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu / Self Defense For Kids

23a Sunset Avenue, Warilla

Junior Kids (4.5 - 8 yrs old)
- Wednesdays - 4pm
- Saturdays - 10am

Senior Kids (8+ yrs old)
- Mondays - 4pm
- Wednesdays - 4:40pm
- Fridays - 4pm

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, the ultimate grappling art for kids! Like wrestling and Judo, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu teaches the use of “technique over strength.” Kids, no matter how big or small, learn how to use their size to their advantage to counter all kinds of punches, kicks, and holds.

Contact: Craig Sinclair
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