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**'WORKING TOGETHER'**

## NEWSLETTER

## 2015 Term 1 Week 6

### TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	International Woman's Day Regional Swimming Carnival
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Assembly- Parliament induction, 2pm in the hall Stage 2 Killalea overnight excursion
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	P&C AGM - 6pm in the staff room
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	School Cross-Country
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	School photos

Dear parents, carers, students and community members,

### **Positive Action Slips and the You Can Do It Program**

I have been inundated this past week with students bringing me well earned Positive Action Slips! This is a fantastic change and recognition of the efforts that our students make to do their best and demonstrate our You Can Do It - 5 Keys to School Success. During 2014, we began a transition process to incorporate our merit award and Action Slip system into our You Can Do It philosophy. We now have 'levels' that all students can achieve throughout the year by consistently demonstrating Confidence, Organisation, Resilience, Persistence and Getting Along skills. These levels are Bronze, Silver and Gold with Year 6 students able to receive a school medallion if they have shown consistency each year to achieve the Gold level award. Bronze awards will be handed out in a special You Can Do It Assembly in Term 2, Silver in Term 3 and Gold in Term 4. School medallions will become a feature of our End of Year Award ceremony. Please discuss this at home with your child and encourage them to strive to do their best! I am certainly proud of those students who have already visited me during 2015. Well done!

### **International Women's Day – Stage 3**

This Friday, all of our Stage 3 girls will attend a special morning tea to Celebrate International Women's Day. At this morning tea, we will be joined by guest speaker, Michelle Brooke – Deputy Principal at Warilla High School. International Women's Day is celebrated on 8th March each year. It is a day to celebrate the contribution women have made across the world to their communities and the progress that has been made for equality. It is a time to raise awareness about the unjust treatment that many women and children are still facing around the world and in Australia. International Women's Day was first declared in 1910 with the first event held in 1911. The United Nations International Women's Day 2013 theme is Inspiring Change. This year UN Women Australia has chosen a focus of Ending Poverty for Women and Girls. Recognition of International Women's Day supports the promotion of respectful relationships in schools. We look forward to this special event!

### **Mid South District PSSA Representatives**

Congratulations to the following children who have qualified to represent at District level at the forthcoming Southern Illawarra Zone trials:

Tayn T (AFL & Rugby League)  
Matty W (AFL & Rugby League)  
Ruby M (Girls Soccer)  
Sebastien C (Boys Soccer)  
Jack S (Boys Soccer)  
Noah P (Rugby League)  
Jake D (Rugby League)  
Denzel W (Rugby League)

Good luck! Mr Ellsmore

### **Park & Play at Barrack Heights PS**

Our school has an exciting new activity for all students brought to you by Family Services Illawarra. **FREE** weekly play sessions are being held on Tuesday afternoons between 3.00 – 4.30pm in our school playground. The play sessions are safe and supported by friendly, trained staff. Play is fun, but most importantly, it helps children learn about the world and each other. The Park & Play sessions will also provide lots of ideas for fun play activities that students can recreate at home. If your child is interested in attending our new Park & Play program, please sign and return the permission note attached to this newsletter to the front office. Places are limited (to 20 students per Term), so it will go on a first come, first in basis.

### **The TELL THEM FROM ME Student Survey**

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 27 February**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

### **Positive Behaviour – Tips for Parents**

Try these tips to encourage the behaviour you want in your child.

**1. Children do as you do.** Your child watches you to get clues on how to behave in the world. You're his/her role model, so use your own behaviour to guide theirs. What you do is often much more important than what you say. If you want your child to say 'please', say it yourself. If you don't want your child to raise their voice, speak quietly and gently yourself.

Sarah Rudling  
Principal

**Kids Helpline** 1800 55 1800  
**Crimestoppers** 1800 333 000

### **Term 1 Week 5 YOU CAN DO IT Awards**

TEACHER	NAME	YCDI AWARD REASON	CODE
Ms Holloway	Jeremy F	Excellent classroom behaviour	G
	Sahara W	Excellent classroom behaviour	G
Ms Scott	Hayley B	Confidence in Parliament activities	C
	Paige H-N	Confidence in homework	C
Miss Gardiner	Mladen M	Excellence in writing	P
	Levi J	Persistence in writing	
Miss Bunt	Shylow M	Showing greater confidence to have a go at new tasks.	C
	Sean D	Rising to all challenges in the classroom. Excellent persistence.	P
Mrs Harris	Lleyton C	Being a fabulous student	G
	Brandon C	Persistence and organisation in reading	P,O
Ms Dunn	Maddison S	Working with persistence	P
	Jeremy G	Displaying improved confidence	C
Miss Parsons	Emma S	Being a kind and compassionate classmate	G
	Dalibor B	Always producing quality work	P

Miss Prior	Julie K Jaylon W	Displaying confidence when reading Trying his best when counting	C P
Miss Wheeler	Terry C Trisha V	Working with great persistence in class Great effort in Mathematics	P P

### **CODE**

What 'key' does your award relate to this week?

O= Organisation (Orange)

G= Getting along (Green)

C= Confidence (Yellow)

P= Persistence (Purple)

R= Resilience (Red)

### **P&C News**

The P&C are holding an Easter Raffle, and funds raised will assist in providing the School Stream App. The App is a valuable resource to make communication between the school and the community so much easier and in real time, wherever you are, whenever you need it.

Tickets are \$1 each, books are being distributed to all students this week, and additional books are available for collection from the office. Prizes will be drawn at the school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015. We ask that all books (whether sold or not) and money be returned to the school by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 by placing in the secure collection box inside the Administration block. Please write your family or child's name and class on the ticket book cover in the space provided, as there is a \$30 Smiggle voucher prize for the child who raises the most money.

We are again asking for donations of Easter eggs to contribute to the prize hampers. These can be left with volunteers from the P&C who will be outside the canteen over the next few weeks.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th March 2015 at 6pm in the staffroom, commencing with our AGM to elect the P&C Executive Committee for the 2015 year, followed by our usual monthly meeting. Our meetings are a great way to be involved and informed about our children's education and welfare, and to hear more about what is happening in & around our school. We would love to see you there!

**Narelle Adams**

*P&C Treasurer*

### **Book Fair Week 6**

We are very excited to be getting a delivery of new books soon to set up our Book Fair. All students will have a chance to visit the Fair on Monday, 2nd March and we invite EVERYONE to come on down for a browse and a cuppa on Monday, 2nd and Tuesday, 3rd March from 3pm. Books start from \$4, and all purchases help to buy fantastic resources for the library. Hope to see you there!

Julie Debnam

### **Barrack Heights Learning Club**

The Smith Family's – Barrack Heights Learning Club will run every Thursday during the school term from 3.00pm -4.00pm, commencing Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February in Mrs Miller's room (next to last year's community room).

Free tutoring is provided as well as activities for students in year K – 6.

Please Contact Richard at The Smith Family on 42970833 if interested as places are limited

Richard Zamora, Program Coordinator, Learning For Life

The Smith Family

### **School Stream App**

Our school P&C has kindly donated and set up a new App available on your Smart Phones called **School Stream**. The App will allow you to access the school newsletter from your phone/device along with class notes, notifications, canteen price lists, our schools' Information Booklet and much more. The App will make communication between the school and families so much easier and we will also save on our printing costs. Detailed instructions on how to download the App are included in the newsletter.

### **A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health**

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also

important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

## **ENROL NOW FOR 2016**

**Come and see what Warilla High School has to offer!**

## **EDUCATION EXPO & 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Past and prospective students of Warilla High School,  
are invited to attend our Education Expo on

**Tuesday 10th March from 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm**

- 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm: Visit various faculty displays , open classrooms and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary historical display
- 6.00 pm -6.30 pm: brief information session in the school auditorium. Meet the 2016 Student Advisor, School Leaders and hear from the Principal, Mr John Hambly
- Light refreshments available




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[www.warilla-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.warilla-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)  
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**Our school now has a free app to deliver school information, instantly and directly to your smartphone.**

#### How to get the School Stream app on your mobile device

1. From your mobile device go to the **App Store (iPhone/iPad)** or **Play Store (Android)**, search for **School Stream** and download the app to your phone.
2. Make sure you agree to **push notifications**
3. Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, **type your school name into the search** then select your school. For more detailed instructions go to **[schoolstream.com.au/download](http://schoolstream.com.au/download)**
4. Are your children attending different schools? Tap the school selector,  select add a school, type the school name\* into the search then add. Jump between your children's schools by touching the school name/logo in the top blue bar, or switch schools from the slide-in menu.

\*Any additional schools will need to be licensed users of School Stream to appear in the app.

#### Choose what notifications you receive

1. Open the School Stream app on your mobile device
2. From the slide-in menu, go to Settings
3. Under Edit/Alerts select My Schools and select your School to open the Notifications page
4. Toggle notifications on or off individually (e.g. Alerts, Events, Newsletters, etc.)
5. When you have finished, use the Back button to return to the Settings page, then select Done to return to your School

Return at any time to change the notifications you receive.

#### Don't have a smartphone?

If you don't have access to a smartphone and require information to be delivered via traditional methods (printed notices, email and SMS), please fill out the form below and submit it to the office.

**Family name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Students Name	Class

Please indicate the reason:

- ☐ I don't have access to a smartphone (e.g. iPhone, Android, etc.)
- ☐ I prefer not to receive information from the school on my smartphone
- ☐ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_



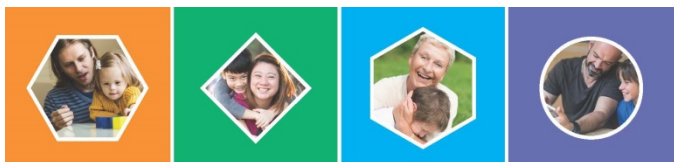


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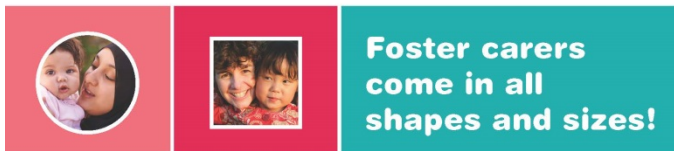
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