



Newsletter

18th February 2019 Term 1 Week 4



Principal's Report

Student success

We had a fantastic swimming carnival recently with our students showing great determination in the pool and wonderful sportsmanship cheering on their team mates. We have 31 students who have qualified to attend the zone swimming carnival this Thursday and Friday. Congratulations to all students on a wonderful day.

Milkshake Monday is back!

Today I enjoyed a milkshake with one student from every class in the school. The students were nominated by their teacher for following our school expectations. Milkshake Monday will be a regular event throughout this year to recognise students that have been respectful, safe and active learners. Juice will be available for students who do not drink milk.

Parent Information Sessions

It was pleasing to see such a large number of parents at our Parent Information Sessions last week. It is important for parents and teachers to work together to provide the best opportunities for our students and these information sessions are a great way for parents to connect with their child's teacher early in the year. If you were unable to attend the session, please see your child's class teacher for any handouts shared on the day.

External Validation

This year, our school has been selected to complete the Department's External Validation process. This process allows the school to collect, analyse and evaluate data to determine how our school is progressing. The staff will be working on our submission over the coming months. A team will then visit our school to discuss and validate our submission. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate the things we are doing well and to determine directions for the future.

School photos

Our school photos will be taken on Tuesday 5th March. Payment envelopes have been sent home and need to be returned to school on photo day. Credit card payments are available online at www.msp.com.au. If paying by cash, please enclose correct money in the envelope provided by MSP as no change can be given.

Students need to be in full school summer uniform, including black shoes for the photos. This may be the school dress or skirt for girls (with unisex polo) and shorts and unisex polo for boys. We also have the unisex option of shorts and polo for girls as another option.

Family envelopes are available from the school office upon request.

Parking

Please be aware of parking restrictions around the school. We have had several recent reports of parents parking in the No Stopping zones and across the school crossings. Let's work together to keep our students safe and park safely.

Upcoming Events

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| Wed 20 Feb | Student Leadership Day (Student Executive) |
| Thurs 21 & Fri 22 Feb | Zone Swimming |
| Tue 5 March | School Photos |
| Mon 11 March | Young Leaders Day (Yr 6) |
| Mon-Wed 18-20 March | Hunter Life Education (K-6) (Notes home this week) |



PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

This year Warners Bay Public School has introduced a new system to encourage positive behaviours from all students.

We have begun two types of positive reinforcement this year.



'Gotchas' are a reward given to children who have demonstrated positive behaviour, especially behaviour that reflects our PBL focus for the week.

They write their name on it and place the 'Gotcha' in a rewards box. 6 students are drawn out of the box at each assembly and receive a prize. When each stage collects enough 'Gotchas' in their box they will be rewarded with a Stage fun day!



Students will receive a merit certificate at the Stage fortnightly assembly relating to our Safe, Respectful and Active Learner expectations. Students need to keep their certificates safe and when they have received 3 PBL awards, in a calendar year, they can bring in their certificates to their class teacher and receive a BRONZE 'Millsy' award at the next PBL assembly.



When students receive 2 more PBL awards (equalling 5 in total) in a calendar year they will receive a SILVER 'Millsy' award and 2 more PBL awards (equalling 7 in total) in a calendar year they will receive a GOLD 'Millsy' award. Students can receive awards from teachers other than their class teachers. This system will begin every calendar year.

Term Invoice & payments

Payment for the term invoice is due on March 1st 2019. Please ensure payments are made by the due date or contact the office to discuss this matter in confidence if you are having difficulty making payment and require a payment plan.

Canteen

We are now offering an online ordering system for those who are interesting in using this service. An information leaflet has been sent home with students and information can be obtained from their website at: www.ultimateschools.com.au If this cashless option seems like it might suit you and your family, registration can be made via the website. Alternatively, if you would rather send in orders with lunch bag and money that is fine too. If you have any questions regarding this system and can't find the answers on the website, please feel free to come and see us in the Canteen.

Nikki & Emme
The Right Bite

Uniform Shop

We will be short staffed in weeks 9, 10 & 11 of Term 1 for the Uniform Shop. We open on Thursday mornings from 9:00am-10:00am and would appreciate anyone who can spare some time to volunteer. Please let the office know if you are available on 48 488129.

Many thanks, Jeanette

Overdue Notes

Please ensure that you have returned your notes that were sent out in week 1 with students. These include the Emergency Contacts form (green note) and Permission to Publish (blue note). We also require up to date Asthma Plans for all students that are affected by Asthma. Please return these notes promptly so that we are holding current contact information and medical details. Additional forms are available from the office foyer if required.

Lego

WBPS is looking to start a Lego group once a week in the library at lunch time. This will be a calm, quiet activity for the children. Students will learn to work together over the term on a major project. Building techniques will also be learned throughout small activities.

We are currently building a Lego resource for the group and any donations would be greatly appreciated. Once received, we will advise of a time and day that the group will meet so watch this space...



Amazing Leadership Opportunities and Experiences for Year 6 at WBPS

In the first few weeks of the school year, Year 6 students have already and will in the future, take part in some incredible leadership experiences. Over the past 2 weeks they have smiled their way through supporting our new Kindergarten students in their successful transition to primary school. Their patient and respectful behaviour has been highly commendable. I know the new Kinder students and our wonderful Kindergarten teachers have genuinely appreciated their support. As of Week 4, they will be stepping back, in order to let their Kindergarten buddies move on to play with their new class friends. Well done Year 6 – you have been amazing! This is not the last that Kinder will see of Year 6 though, as we have plans to do reading activities with them and to create Easter Hats together later in the term.

Also coming up are the following Year 6 leadership experiences:

- 1) Our student Executive team has been invited to attend the **2019 Lake Macquarie North Student Leadership Day** to be held at Biddabah PS on Wednesday 20th February. The 12 x S.E. members will accompany Ms Patrick to this special day. 16 schools in our LMN area have elected to send their executive teams and will take part in a range of activities from listening to guest speakers to writing and public speaking challenges. There will also be a secret but as yet unexplained major activity linked to developing co-operation skills. Look out for a student report on the day in an upcoming newsletter.
- 2) On Monday 11th March, all interested Year 6 students will travel to Sydney Convention Centre to attend the highly successful and long running **National Young Leaders Day**. These events occur are co-ordinated by the Halogen group and take place right across the nation. Students and staff will depart at 6am and spend the day listening to a wide range of amazing guest speakers from all walks of life who have gone on to make a difference in our world.

If you are keen to find a list of the speakers we will hear this year, go to the National Young Leaders Day site and look up the Sydney event. If your Year 6 child is still wanting to secure a spot on the leadership coach, they need to return their permission slip and money within the coming fortnight. On our return, a group of Year 6 students will create a report to be published in a following newsletter.

So keep up the hard work Year 6- you are really stepping up with pride to be wonderful leaders at WBPS.
Ms Patrick and Ms Jones

OSHC

With 2019 in full swing, our OSHC has grown numerically, particularly with our new kindy children. We welcome you wonderful families to Camp Australia. To facilitate growth we have some new staff. Pam Connell remains Coordinator working across the week with Kyson Brown, Bayley Halyburton, Scott Gunster, Braedon O'Brien and we welcome Peter Kimball, Georgia Anderson and Sophie Jenkins.

Just a reminder parents that children must be signed in or out of OSHC as this is a legal requirement. Thank you to those families who have reviewed and signed off a hard copy of enrolments. If you are yet to do so, please approach staff for completing. For safety and security reasons, the Jones Ave entrance is the only entrance open for pick ups after 4pm.

Construction resources have been the most popular this year. Not only does it stimulate the imagination but generates a design process that children use language to describe purpose, functionality and the thinking behind their creation.

Kindest regards,
Pam Connell



Sabre a reminder of lake's history

A rare, 200 year old military sabre that once belonged to one of the pioneers of European settlement in Lake Macquarie has gone on display for the first time. The Pattern 1796 light cavalry sabre was once owned by Jonathan Warner, after whom Warners Bay was named. He settled in what is now known as Warners Bay, establishing a farm and orange orchard on the hill above the present day Warners Bay Public School.

The sabre, an epaulette worn by Warner was part of his military uniform, letters he wrote during his time in Lake Macquarie, and a historical photo of Warner's home, known as Biddaba, are on display until March at Speers Point Library.

Stage 1 students will be studying local history this term and parents/carers may be interested in taking their children along to see these interesting items from the history of our area.

Greg Powell



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