



Newsletter



Monday 17th February 2020

Term 1 Week 4

Principal's Report

Student success

Congratulations to all of our swimmers who competed at our swimming carnival recently. We have several students representing us at the zone carnival this Friday and we wish them well. Good Luck to Liam B, Charlotte C, Layla P, Miley B, Charlotte S, Liam R, Austin A, Ruby D, Nathan P, Max B, Jorja G, Jack M, Cooper S, Sienna H, Ella P, Isaac P, Nicholas A, Abbey M, Cooper R, Olivia S, Barney S, Hope W, Izaac H, Cameron W.

Eight senior students, Sophie E, Ricky B, Phoebe P, Charlotte B, Jessica B, Sarah K, Elihza G and Marli G, represented our school last week at the debating workshop held at Valentine PS. All students represented our school with pride and learnt a lot on the day. Well done!

Parent Info Sessions

Our parent information sessions were held last week and gave teachers an opportunity to share information about their class and grade activities. It was great to see so many parents come and meet their child's new teacher for the year! If you were unable to attend, please see your child's class teacher for a handout or further information.

Swimming Carnival/ Fun Day

What a wet, but enjoyable day at our swimming carnival! A massive thank you to the teachers and parents who came along and stood in the rain to run the carnival – we really appreciate your efforts! Our students also showed their dedication and perseverance throughout the day, braving the weather to compete. We will now hold a fun swimming carnival day so all Year 3 – 6 students can go along to enjoy the pool on Wednesday 26th February at Speers Point Pool. We are looking forward to a sunny day at the pool!

Student Leaders' Day

Our student executive will be attending a Leadership day with other Lake Macquarie North schools at Biddabah PS this Wednesday. Leaders will engage in several activities to develop their leadership skills and think about how they can help our school as student leaders.

Yarning Circle

We are looking forward to our first yarning circle of the year. This is a great opportunity for our indigenous community to engage with the school and develop Personalised Learning Plans for their students. The yarning circle will be held on Monday 24th February at 2.30pm.

Communication

To make it as easy as possible for parents to find information, we ensure we send our communication out through the same channels every time. Below is a list of where you find the information you are looking for.

Notes, important notices and urgent updates – **Skoolbag**

Promotions and photos of what has been happening in the school – **Facebook**

A summary of what is happening in the school – **Newsletter**

Please download the **Skoolbag** app and set up notifications so you can receive any important information.

Upcoming Events	
Thurs/Friday 20th/21st Feb	Zone Swimming Carnival
Mon 24th Feb	Yarning Circle
Tue 25th Feb	Burger Day (Canteen)
Wed 26th Feb	Mini Swimming Carnival (School Canteen Closed)
Fri 28th Feb	Term Invoice Due
Mon 2nd March	Young Leaders Day (Y6)
Tue 3rd March	School Photo Day
Thur 5th March	P&C Disco
Tue 17th March	Total Excursion (Year 2)
Wed 18th Mar	Total Excursion (Year 1)



Issues and Concerns

During the year, you may have a concern regarding your child or something that is happening within the school. For most concerns, issues should be addressed with the classroom teacher in the first instance.

If this is not appropriate or the issue extends beyond the classroom you can contact our assistant principals, Mrs Burr for Stage 1, Mrs Simmons for Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten), Ms Hamilton for Stage 2, Ms Patrick for Stage 3 and Mrs Osborne for the support unit for assistance. Where you need additional support, or for more significant issues, please contact the office and make an appointment to see me.

The teachers and staff at Warners Bay are all here to support your child and to help them achieve their potential. We can't resolve an issue if we don't know that it is occurring. Please encourage your child to talk to their teacher about issues that they have. It is much easier to resolve concerns at a class level.

We also love to hear good news stories and feedback when things are going well for your child.

Parking in Kiss and Drop Zone

A reminder to parents that parking in the Kiss and Drop Zone is not allowed. Cars may stay in the zone for no longer than two minutes and parents must not leave the vicinity of the car. As Mills St is a very narrow street, it is important to follow these rules for the safety of our students and community members. It is also not acceptable to park across a residents driveway blocking access. There are fines for such offences and LMCC have issued a copy of the road rules in school zones as a reminder for parents and carers (see attached).

Update Details at our Office

If you have changed phone number, address or you need to provide your new car registration or licence (for those who are transporting students on school excursions) to our office, please visit the school office between 8.30am and 3.30pm to update your details.

Welcome New P & C Executive

Thank you to our outgoing P & C executive for all that you did in our school in 2019. We appreciate you giving up your time to provide great opportunities and experiences for our students. I would like to welcome the new P & C executive who were elected at our last meeting.

President – Cody

Vice President - Nicole

Treasurer – Amber

Fundraising Committee – Carmen, Amanda, Nicole, Linda, Katrina, Lisa, Teegan (staff representative)

Uniform Shop Coordinator – Jeanette

The position of secretary is still open. Please contact Cody if you can help out in the role.

Thank you to everyone who has taken on a role, we appreciate your assistance.

Kind regards,

Deb Hall
Principal



School photos

Our school photos will be taken on Tuesday 3rd 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. The options for girls are:

- School dress
- Skirt with unisex polo
- Shorts with unisex polo

Boys are to wear unisex polo and shorts.

Family envelopes are available from the school office upon request.

Canteen News

Tuesday 25th February is Burger Day. Orders are due in this Friday (21st Feb). Due to the Swimming Carnival taking place the following day, Wednesday 26th March, please note that the canteen will be closed on this day.

Disco

P&C are holding a disco in the school on Thursday 5th March. Notes are being sent home with students today with further details.

Library News

Welcome back to 2020!

There are some changes in the library this year, beginning with classes being held in classrooms at the moment. All students will still be able to borrow on their library day though. As communicated at the end of last year, all students will require a library bag this year to borrow from the library in an effort to address missing and damaged books.

There is also a change in the number of books students can borrow as follows:

Kindergarten & Year 1	1 book
Year 2	2 books
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	3 books

Library lessons in 2020 will have a technology focus with Term 1 learning about cyber safety. Students are encouraged to discuss what we are learning in our lessons and we will predominantly use resources from the eSafety Commissioner and will be age-appropriate. Please contact me if you have any concerns about what we are learning.

The school will again participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge in 2020. Entries have not yet opened and I will communicate with you further once they do but I encourage all students in years 3 – 6 to keep a record of books they are currently reading to be added to their reading log. Books which are part of the challenge can be found on the Premier's Reading Challenge website. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will read their books as part of library and class lessons whilst years 3 – 6 have the responsibility of keeping their own records. I will be assisting the older years in recording and logging their reading at different times during the year.

Events to look out for in 2020 include our annual book parade and author visit during Book Week in Term 3 and our Book Fair which will be held in Term 4 this year due to building work around the school. Information will be shared closer to these events.

Happy Reading

Mrs Freund

Teacher-Librarian



Swimming Carnival

Thank you to all of our wonderful students, staff and parents who attended our very wet swimming carnival. Our students had a wonderful time and competed like true champions in the challenging conditions. We wouldn't have had such a successful day with the help of our parent volunteers putting their hands up for time keeping and running up and down the side of the pool in the torrential rain.

Our zone qualifiers have been notified and we wish them all the best as they compete this Thursday and Friday at Charlestown Pool.

We are looking forward to our Mini-Carnival Fun day for years 3-6 coming up on Wednesday 26th February. Notes have gone home and are due back this Friday. This day will consist of a range of traditional events such as freestyle, butterfly, backstroke and breaststroke as well as a wide variety of novelty relays and races. Students can score points for their house in all events.

Place ribbons and Age Champions will be announced at the next assembly on Wednesday of week 6 starting at 10:15am. Assembly will be a one of on the Wednesday of this week for primary as the Tuesday is school photo day.



Reminders for Year 6

Please remember to fill in and return the **Transition to Year 7- 2021 form** to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Please do not put it in the office shute. Data from forms has to be entered on our DoE system by Friday 20th March and Ms Patrick has to drop the forms to the relevant high schools on that date. Please try to be early with returning them. Many thanks to families who have already returned them promptly.

Young Leaders Day is Monday 2nd March (Week 6) and is coming up quickly. Please remember to pay your money through the office and return your note. It is a fabulous day, and if your child wants to do a little investigation into the speakers on the day, they can easily access a profile about them through the Young Leaders Day site on the internet – (make sure to click on the Sydney venue/date). We are hoping all of Year 6 will attend, as it is a great opportunity for all students to be leaders- not just those who are fortunate to wear a badge.

Ms Patrick – Stage 3 Assistant Principal

Office reminders

If you have not already done so, could you please return your General Permissions (Green note) and your Emergency Contacts (orange note) to the office. If your child suffers from Asthma or any other medical condition, please ensure that the office holds and up-to-date Asthma Plan or other relevant information so that we can provide the best possible care for your child.



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) at Warners Bay Public School

What is Positive Behaviour for Learning?

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is an evidence based whole school framework comprised of organisational systems and intervention practices to meet the learning and wellbeing needs of all students. PBL aims to be a positive, proactive and preventative measure to problem behaviour, creating success for all students.

The framework assists schools to improve social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes for children and young people and is implemented in the context of various state and national reforms.

PBL refers to a system of school-wide processes for everyone, everywhere and every time. These processes and individualised instruction are designed to promote and maintain positive behaviour, while preventing and decreasing problem behaviour.

Expected behaviours are taught directly and systematically through social skills lessons, adjusted to suit each stage, and the referral of our behaviour matrix and reteaching of behaviours when necessary.

The PBL Framework assists school teams to:

- Provide a continuum of learning and wellbeing support for every student.
- Evaluate the implementation and practices of the support.
- Use data to guide decision making about how to improve or sustain implementation, when to identify additional interventions for students who require more support to be successful; and how to monitor those supports to promote success.

Defining Expected Behaviours - School Expectations

The three overall school expectations were developed with input from students, staff and the community. After this process, the matrix was developed by the PBL team, in consultation with executive staff, teachers, SLSOs and support staff. It encourages positive behaviour for learning and should be used to teach the expected behaviours across Warners Bay Public School.

The Matrix aligns the Warners Bay Public Schools' three expectations of being a **Safe**, **Respectful**, **Active Learner** to each of the areas of the school. The matrix explicitly states the expected behaviour for the school area and is presented positively, stating a replacement behaviour for students.

Guitar Groups

Guitars brought to school for Guitar Groups on Friday can be taken directly to the Oosh rooms for storage between 8:40am-9:05am on a Friday morning. Ms Morton will be at the Oosh Room during this time to receive them.

If you arrive after the bell, you will be required to take them to your classroom for storage until your lesson time.



Oosh

What a massive start to term 1 2020. A wonderful smiley welcome to our Camp Australia new families, our sweet new kindy children and our loyal returning families. My staff have enjoyed getting to know almost 30 new children; some were siblings who enjoyed play at pickup but most are first-timers. I trust your children have felt supported, safe and had fun uniting with old friends or making new ones. What I love most about OSHC is the diversity of ages and mingling of interest activities not just hanging with peers.

Increased enrolments means fully booked capacity of 60 children, especially Tues/Wed/Thur afternoons, and cannot accept walk-ins. If a child is not on our booking list via Camp Australia online booking system, we will escort the child to the school office, who will contact parents to make alternate pick-up arrangements. Safety is always our no.1 criteria.

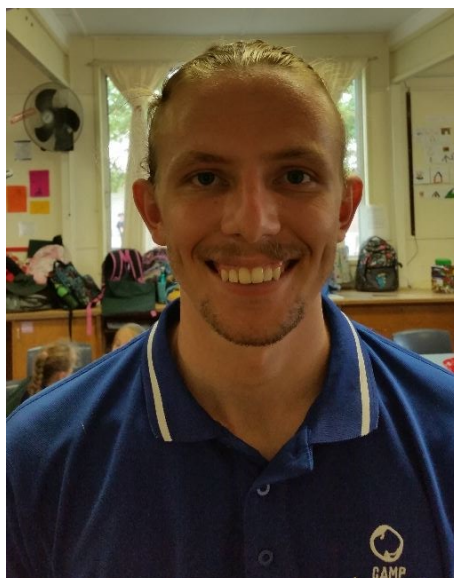
For new kindies, we will continue to escort to kindy play area in the mornings and pickup and bring to OSHC in the afternoons. Please always feel free to speak out if you need an adjustment made for your child's transition from school, or any feedback from a session. As children feel safe and get use to routine, we have permanently opened a new space utilizing 4H classroom to accommodate our increase as well as Cola and depending staffing levels, the basketball court. Children are free to move between available spaces provided they let us know, and children's movements communicated amongst staff at all times.

Our theme for the term is 'What makes you laugh?'. There is lots of display of jokes, fun drawings, and a bowl of jokes at sign-in desk for parents to take away and cheer up their work colleagues. Next week a parent survey will begin, learning 'What makes families laugh?'. If funny family photo is available, please bring in to share.

New play stations introduced, including a dinosaur forest, shopkins and crafts; Bayley Halyburton (photo) and Munesu Kazuva (photo) returned for another year; and new casual staff introduced including Amelia McLean (a pottery teacher), Lauren Scott and Michele Bretherick (photo).

We are always open to parent's suggestions for activities and interests of their children. We remain a technology free service to give children a balance of being free spirited, creative and physically active. "

Kind regards,
Pam Connell



Safety

around schools

Road rules in school zones

Pedestrian crossings

You cannot stop within 20 metres before a pedestrian crossing or 10 metres after a pedestrian crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.

Minimum penalty: \$439 and two demerit points

Double parking

You may not stop on the road alongside to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.

Minimum penalty: \$330 and two demerit points

Parking on a verge

You cannot stop or park on a verge area (footpath, nature strip, dividing strip or kerb).

Minimum penalty: \$183 and two demerit points

Slow down

Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.

Kiss and ride

Some schools have 'kiss and ride' or 'drop-off and pick-up zones' for children in 'No Parking' zones. If your school has a program in place, remember to always drop off or pick up your child from the designated zone and follow the school's procedures. You can stop in a kiss and ride area for two minutes only to pick up passengers and you must stay within three metres of the vehicle.

If your school does not have a 'kiss and ride' program in place please use the 'No Parking' zone to drop off and pick up passengers.

PARKING RESTRICTION SIGNS



You cannot stop here

A driver must not stop in a no stopping zone.

Minimum penalty: \$330 and two demerit points



You cannot stop here

You are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

Minimum penalty: \$330 and two demerit points



You can stop here for two minutes only

You have no more than two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers or goods and the driver must stay within three metres of the vehicle.

Minimum penalty: \$183 and two demerit points



You cannot stop here

Unless a current Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS) permit is displayed.

Minimum penalty: \$561 and one demerit point



2020 Netball Registrations

Online registrations are now open, please email cardiffnetballclub@gmail.com for more information or contact Katie on 0412781739

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