I hope everyone survived the rain at the weekend!

Unfortunately, because of the rain, our K-2 children could not attend the Warrawong library on Monday but it has been rescheduled for this Monday.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents that all messages for teachers MUST be communicated through the office. This is particularly important when it is raining.

Teachers are very busy in the morning preparing for the day’s lessons and when it is raining they have to do this while also supervising their students.

Messages will be passed on to the class teacher. Late lunches and notes must also come to the front office to be passed on to students by staff.

I need to also clarify that when it is raining children are told to stay under cover. If children come home wet it is because they have not followed the teacher’s instructions.

Parents may need to remind children to stay under cover when it rains and to provide wet weather gear.

Next week is our school public speaking final. Thank you to parents who have helped their children prepare and practice for this event.

Winners of this event will represent the school at the Grand Final September 4. More details are in this newsletter.

Next week is Literacy and Numeracy week and we will have a special presentation at Assembly next week to mark this event.

Thanks also to the parents who sent in lots of 5c pieces for our Book Week competition. Kindergarten had the longest line of silver coins at the launch on Thursday.

Children now have 2 weeks to collect as many more coins as they can to see who wins. Children will be able to purchase new reading books for their class with their coins.

If you can help at our Bunnings BBQ don’t forget to sign up!

Dorothy Cass
LUNCHES AND OTHER REMINDERS

Lunches

Please let us know via the office if you will be bringing up lunch for your child.

Lunch must be left at the office so that your child can pick it up from there. It needs to be at school before 1 p.m.

If children do not have lunch we can provide a vegemite sandwich. We will let parents know if this is the case and there is a small cost to cover expenses.

We have had concerns in the past with parents putting lunches directly into their child’s school bags so we expect them to be left at the office please.

Messages

Parents should not be in the playground at play times.

I have had issues with community members just walking through the school at playtimes and we therefore needed to establish this procedure for everyone to ensure the safety of staff and children.

All parents/visitors MUST go directly to the office with any messages, payments notes etc. or any other items for their child.

The office is available from 8:30 a.m. If Mrs Smith is here before this time she is taking advantage of the opportunity to do some office work without interruptions.

Out of bounds

Parents should not be in classrooms unless they have permission from the teacher or principal.

Class teachers should not be approached in their classrooms unless parents have made an appointment via the office.

All corridors are out of bounds for children and parents during school hours.

Staff will collect early leavers and bring them to the office.

Leave a message at the office about lost items but please don’t go looking through the children’s’ tubs.

Preschoolers

Preschool children must stay with their parents and are not allowed to use our play equipment or sand pit. This is because we are not legally responsible for children unless they are enrolled at our school so parents must make sure that they are properly supervised at all times.

PEER SUPPORT

We had some wonderful math’s activities on Wednesday led by our stage 3 students.

This was in honour of next week, which is Literacy and Numeracy week.

Parents who attend Assembly next Wednesday will be able to view the slide show of this event.

BOOK WEEK - LIBRARY VISIT

K-2 children will be going to the Warrawong Library on Monday, August 25 weather permitting.

Stage 2 will be attending on Thursday.

Let’s hope we have good weather next week.
Which class will win the competition? The final count is on Thursday September 4.

Keep bringing in lot of 5c coins any time between now and then!

P&C REPORT

Hi everyone, I hope you’ve had a great week.

Just a reminder that voting for the $5,000 CUA Community Care Grant ends on Sunday, so please, if you haven’t voted, do it now! We are in the running to win this, currently there is just one other school in front of us. If we can get as many friends/ family members and neighbours to vote as well, we can hopefully win this and create an awesome outdoor learning environment!

We still need volunteers for the Bunnings BBQ next Sunday, the 31st of August. The last barbecue raised over $800 and that money has gone directly to helping your children. If you can spare even an hour, please let me know ASAP. It would be a shame to have to cancel this BBQ due to a lack of volunteers.

By now, all children should have brought home a sponsorship form for our School Fun Run, which will be held in 2 weeks, on Friday 5th September. Please help your kids to get as many sponsors as possible. Not only do they get a prize for themselves, our school will be using the money to buy more computer equipment for the school.

Keep an eye out for information on a fundraising Pie Drive that is happening very soon! We will be using Queen St Bakery at Warilla for this, and pies will be delivered just in time for the upcoming school holidays.

Thanks so much for all your support - Renee Stewart

CAPTAIN’S REPORT

We have had a lot of things going on lately. The 5 cent challenge, library visit, speeches and lots more!

Don’t forget to go hunting on the weekend for 5 cent pieces.

Today is Daffodil Day. It is a very important day for cancer awareness. Stage 3 have been learning about this important day.

Congratulations to our Public Speaking finalists! Don’t forget to practice, practice, practice.

From Caieta and Tahni.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Parents are invited to the school final if their children are one of the finalists.

A note has gone home to these parents.

This event will be held in the Stage 3 room starting at 9:30a.m.

There are 3 guest judges who will determine who will represent the school at the Grand Final at Lake Illawarra H.S. on September 4.

Good luck to all children as they prepare for this event.
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rainy Day Activities
Keeping kids active and occupied on wet days can be challenging. Use some of these ideas to keep your children occupied on rainy days:
* Build an indoor cubby house with sheets and chairs or cardboard boxes
* Play hide and seek
* Basket softball – how many times can you throw a foam ball into a washing basket
* Have a dance competition
* Make play dough

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