Dear Parents / Carers,

School Vision

I discussed with those parents present at yesterday’s P&C Meeting the school planning process that the staff are all engaged with at present. Over the next few weeks I will share the strategic directions that we are implementing at Warnervale.

Vision Statement:
Warnervale Public School fosters a love of learning through excellence in educational practice supported by positive respectful partnerships.

Information Session

I hope all those who attended our 2015 Information Session yesterday morning found it informative and useful. Topics covered: Important information To All Parents / Approaching the School, Communication – website, Wordabout, app, Interviews, National Curriculum: English / Maths / Spelling program, Assemblies, Homework, Technology: Acceptable Use Agreement, Sport/Carnivals, Assessment and Reporting: Interviews, Students Reports, NAPLAN, WELFARE: Go for Gold, You Can Do It, Planning Room, Canteen: Fruit break, Nut Awareness, Book packs/Class packs, Excursions / Incursions / Performances / Overnight Excursions and Camps, Parent Helpers, Workplace Health and Safety.

A summary of information presented has been posted on the website which covers all points that were discussed.

Uniforms

I realise that many of you have been waiting for uniform stock to arrive in store. Lowes have assured me all stock is now in store. In the foyer you will find some samples of our updated school hats, shirts, shorts and skorts as well as our two new jackets and school bags. As with any changes to uniform there is always a 2 year phasing in period.

Morning Routines—Kindergarten

We are really impressed with the way the children have readily adapted to their new environment. They are settled, eager to learn and learning their routines. It is very important that you leave the children in the mornings under the large shade sail and wait in that area in the afternoons. This will help them to become independent. It is also important that you do not come down to the classrooms, as this is often very unsettling to the students. There is a lot of movement outside classrooms at the start of the day and the walkways need to be clear for students to move to their classrooms.

3 pm Safety—Pathway to classrooms

It is vital we maintain strict levels of safety, not just on the surrounding roads but also in the school grounds themselves. Classrooms are located a fair distance from the main administration and quadrangle areas. In the afternoons parents are requested to wait in the COLA / asphalt area, basketball court or outside the gate on Warnervale Rd for their children. NO waiting is permitted outside classrooms. Please DO NOT wait on the pathway or the classroom steps of the demountable classrooms. The main pathway is very crowded with waiting parents, pre -schoolers and prams and I am concerned that an accident may occur. This is a safety requirement as all children will be leaving from the same main pathway. The pathway needs to be clear at all times to allow access.

Assemblies

Our assemblies will be held on Mondays at 2.20 pm. Next week we will hold a 3—6 assembly, the following week a K—2 assembly. The assembly roster will be on the website for you to plan your attendance. Assemblies are the one formal occasion each week where we congratulate and recognise the achievements of students. We ask that you support us by ensuring that toddlers are well supervised and we also ask that you turn mobile phones off and remain seated for the duration of the assembly.

Regards,
Ms Jill Carter
Principal

DATES:
Friday February 13
   Book club due
Monday February 16
   Assembly 3—6 2 .20 pm
Friday February 20
   Swimming Carnival
Schools Spectacular 2015

Schools Spectacular auditions will commence this week. Students in Years 4-6 with dance experience are invited to try out. Please note there will be financial costs involved as well train travel to Sydney for rehearsals and performances. Students will be expected to attend all practices in and out of school time.

Try outs will commence on Thursday at lunchtime. Students need to wear sports uniform. Please see Ms Howick or Mrs Peacock with any queries.

Change of details

We have had a number of families move over the Christmas holiday period. If you are one of those families can you please ensure that you notify the office of your new details, including address, telephone numbers or maybe your emergency contact people have changed also.

This will also affect students and their bus passes so please ensure you inform us ASAP.

Why not use the school app tiqbiz to do this! So easy: just click on the Change of Details eform. This eform is available from the ‘Whole’ screen. Instructions for using the app are here.

ICAS Assessments

2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools provide an external assessment situation for students from Years 2 to 6 in the areas of Computer Skills, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics. Students have received a copy of the note outlining the competitions. Please note that the prices were incorrectly advertised.

The correct amounts are as follows:

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All students who have paid to date have been charged at the correct pricing.

Please consider entering your child in these worthwhile competitions particularly if you are considering an academic class placement in future years.

Ms Davies

Swimming Carnival @ Mingara

Our annual Swimming Carnival will take place on Friday 20th February at Mingara. We would love to see parents / grandparents come along and cheer on their children. Permission notes will be coming home today.

Congratulations to TRYathletes from Warnervale Public School!

2 students from Warnervale Public School took part in the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon at the Peninsula Leisure Centre in Woy Woy on 8 February 2015. Congratulations!

Interrelate School Services Presents “When kids ask “the” questions ……..

Please put this date in your diary—Tuesday 17th March in the School Hall.

Session 1: Where did I come from?
(6.15pm—1 hour session, years 3-6)

Session 2: Preparing for puberty
(7.15pm—1 hour session, years 5-6; years 3-4 at parent’s discretion. Further information will be coming home in the coming weeks.

Front Office Money Collection

The front office each morning can be a very busy place. It would be very much appreciated if the collection of money could be processed through the class teacher by sending payments in a clearly marked envelope with child’s name, class and activity written on the front of the envelope.

If payment needs to be made at the front office it can only be received up to 12pm Monday to Thursdays. There will be no EFTPOS receipting on Fridays.

Thank you for your assistance in this, we appreciate your support.

School Banking

Our school banking day is a Monday. Children are to give their bank books to their classroom teacher. Please ensure that you complete the deposit slip with the student’s name and please ensure you include your money.

Book Club

All Book Club orders are due on Friday 13. Please ensure that you include the correct money and your child’s name is clearly written on the order form. Please also allow at least 10 working days from this date for delivery of books from Scholastic. All orders will be delivered to students in there classroom.