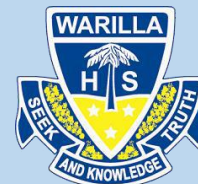


Warilla High School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

As I mentioned in our last Newsletter, planning for 2015 is well underway with 3 key areas being identified as priorities for us. These are:

- *The 21st Century Learner*
- *Quality Systems and Practices*
- *Excellence for All.*

These 3 strategic priorities will see curriculum differentiation, quality teaching practice, reasonable adjustments to facilitate student learning, equality of opportunity and systems and practices that reflect best practice specifically targeted in an orchestrated and systematic manner.

To assist with these anticipated outcomes, communication with parents will be significantly enhanced through an E-Diary initiative made possible by the generosity of the Parents and Citizens Association. Information will be sent home shortly outlining this project and how parents will be included in information sent to students about a range of activities- including homework and assessment tasks. It will also be a means of direct communication with teachers - something that every school aspires to.

Along with our foray into the electronic diary set up, you will also receive information about the **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)** protocol. As you would be aware, the federal government has ceased the so-called Digital Education Revolution and will no longer fund laptops for students. This necessitates students bringing a device to school that has a range of capabilities to assist in the learning regimes set in place. The nature and type of device you should be considering for a 15 **JULY 2015** start will be outlined in the communication you will receive.

These two considerations will be central in our strategic planning around the *21st Century Learner* and will assist us in promoting teaching and learning practice that reflects creativity and innovation. More information about this will be forthcoming.

Last week I led a team of Executive staff from across the Illawarra to meet with colleagues in rural and remote NSW to develop links to improve Teacher Professional Learning and access to curriculum networks. I am amazed with the work of colleagues who practice their craft many hundreds of miles from a major city or town. I am hopeful that the connections we have made will make for student and staff exchanges to experience our respective environments - both at home and school.

Recently, there have been a number of assemblies to celebrate student achievement as we move into the final few weeks of term. Our major Presentation Assembly is scheduled for 9 December and as always, I know it will showcase the wide variety of skills and talent that makes Warilla High School the wonderful learning environment that it is.

Finally, we also had the distinct pleasure of hosting the Year 12 Formal which was held at the Chifley Hotel in central Wollongong. This represented the culmination of 13 years of schooling and it was a most fitting farewell for a wonderful cohort of students. These kids represented themselves, their families and school with distinction and I eagerly await the HSC results which I am confident will also reflect the commitment and hard work these guys have shown.

My very best wishes to the class of 2014. In the words of legendary Rugby League coach, Jack Gibson:

"You played strong and done fine."

With my kind regards
John Hambly
Principal

Our School's Core Values:

Care for your environment
Embrace honesty
Respect others and value yourself
Seek knowledge

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Deputies Report

- Our annual HSC Launch Evening will be held on Monday 24th November from 6:00pm in the school hall. All Year 11 parents/caregivers and students are invited to attend. On the evening vital information will be provided on BOSTES requirements, school policies and procedures, Welfare programs and Careers advice.
- On Tuesday 25th November the Year 6 into 7 Information Evening will be held in the school hall from 6:30am. This evening allows our incoming Year 7 cohort and their parents/caregivers to gain valuable insights from various staff on how the transition into high school can be best managed.
- Unfortunately due to the Junior Boys toilets being vandalised last week we have had to take the disappointing action of closing the Junior Boys toilets during class time. The toilets are remaining open during breaks but students need to get a permission note from their teacher and report to Mr Stanizzo if they need to access the toilets during lesson time.
- A reminder that any student who rides their bike to school must be wearing a helmet otherwise their bike will be secured and parents/caregivers will be contacted to pick the bike up. It is pleasing that the majority of students are already complying with the school policy on this subject.
- Invitations will be sent out via mail in the next week to parents/caregivers of students who are receiving awards at the 49th Annual School presentation Night which will be held on Tuesday 9th December from 6:30am in the school hall.

Deputy Principals

Mr Stanizzo & Ms Brook & Ms Raison

Make Online Payments

As of the 21st July it will be possible for Parents can now make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either Visa or MasterCard credit/debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting [\\$ Make a payment](#)

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called "other", this is to cover items not covered in the previous heading. 'Other' can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the [\\$ Make a payment](#) you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner and these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the office staff on 02 4296 3055 or alternately email, warilla-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

The Office Staff

Coming Events

Week 8B

24 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSC Launch Evening 6.00pm-7.00pm in the Hall – Mr Stanizzo Flipout Nowra Excursion – 8.30am - 2.30pm - Support 1 - Ms Lloyd & Ms Hutchison
25 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 into 7 Parent Information Evening – 6.00pm – 7.30pm
26 Nov 26-28 Nov 26-28 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Students – Flagstaff Vocational Pathway Program 11.30am - 1.30pm Year 7 Camp – Miss Lever Year 10 Leadership Camp - Mrs Unicomb
28 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> S4 Support Unit Students – Shoalhaven Zoo – Mr Holland & Ms Hutchison 8.45am - 2.30pm

Week 9A

3 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 PASS Excursion to Killalea – Mr Roskell, Mrs Beaumont & Mr Harrison Year 11 History Extension and Society & Culture State Library – Mr Raftery
4 – 5 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAPA LAWN MURAL – Ms Brewer
5 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Killalea Year 8 Outdoor Education Day - Mr Murray Koori Awards Day – all Aboriginal students – BBQ lunch in Aboriginal Area

Week 10B

8 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 – Killalea PASS Outdoor Education Day - Mr Murray Rehearsal for School Presentation Night
9 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Presentation Night – 6.30pm – 8.30pm Edge Workshops Shellharbour TAFE
10 Dec 11-16 Dec Thursday, Friday, Monday Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRC Transition Day Year 11 students will undertake their HSC Assessment Tasks Years 7,8,9 & 10 Skills Week. All students are to wear PE Uniform or School Uniform

Week 11A

16 Dec Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills Weeks ends Reports issued to students in Years 7,8,9 & 10 during Session 3 - 1.00pm at the following venues at school by Year Advisors and Teacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year - 7 SCG Year - 8 Canteen Area Year - 9 Hall Year - 10 Covered area D Block
17 Dec Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day for students Students will have normal lessons
18 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Development Day
19 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Development Day

Return dates for 2015

27 January – Staff

28 January – Year 7, Year 11 & Year 12

29 January – Year 8, Year 9 & Year 10

Sport

Congratulations to Dylan Rodgers and Kiara Meredith who are currently competing in the National Surfing Championships in Western Australia. We look forward to hearing about their adventure.

Congratulations to Montannah Murray who completed in the Coolangatta Gold 34 km race and came 3rd in her division, well done.

Denise Clune

Head Teacher PDHPE

Science Fair

On the 5th of November, 2014 eight Year 9 students went to the University of Wollongong to participate in the BHP Billiton Coal Science Fair. The aim of our trip was to represent Warilla High School at the BHP Billiton Coal Science Fair. Our hypothesis was that the Year 9 Science students would astound the judges with their excellent scientific knowledge and fabulous conversation skills. The materials needed to be successful were Rebecca Farrell, Kayleigh Falconer, Caitlyn Millner, Sophie Ryan, Melanie Johnston, Keoni Tilley, Dimitri Kominos, Callum Lobzin, 8 projects, 1 teacher and a lot of school spirit.

We were told to do our best, have fun and most importantly, REMEMBER OUR VARIABLES! We gained more knowledge from this day by way of other school's projects and from the Fact of Fiction show (note: Light sabres could be real...). We also bonded as a group and enjoyed a tasty Subway lunch. The Mayor of Wollongong gave us feedback on our projects and commended us on our efforts. The other judges were very impressed with our projects and the way that we presented as a group. We enjoyed a day of scientific knowledge and the tasty Subway lunch provided for us.

Thankyou to our parents and Mrs Cobbin for helping us to excel in the Science Fair. We would also like to thank Subway for providing a delicious (and free) lunch on the day and Wollongong University for hosting us and eight hundred other students.

Caitlyn Millner
Student Year 9

Warilla High School Attendance

During the last two terms, a growing number of students have been coming late to school, that is after the bell rings for the end of roll call, without a note from a parent or caregiver.

Warilla High School is required under the **Education Act 2009**, to record and report on all absences (whole day or partial day absences). This includes students who are "a few minutes late". Parents are responsible under the act to explain the absences of their children from school with either a note or a verbal notification in person or on the telephone.

Listed below is a table of justified and unjustified absences as determined by the NSW DEC.

<u>Justified Reasons</u>	<u>Unjustified Reasons</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor's/dentist appointment – must provide evidence, such as a doctor's certificate or letter. • Appointment with other health care professional or similar service – must provide evidence, such as an appointment card or letter. • Special family circumstances – note/verbal explanation must be provided. • Bus delayed – school will check to verify. • Interview with Principal, Deputy Principal, Counsellor or other school personnel – staff involved must inform the front office. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sleeping in / alarm not working • Missed the bus • Traffic / road works • Walked to school • Waiting for parent • Minding sibling • Shopping • Other similar reasons

Please Note: A note from a parent or verbal explanation from parent who drops student at school for any reason listed above as "unjustified" **DOES NOT** make the reason "justified".

Any late arrivals to school without this notification will be recorded as a partial absence and **will be reported** as an '*Unexplained Partial Absence*' on the student's report card and on the official record of student attendance.

Late Arrival Change of Procedures – Students arriving late between 8:30 a.m. and 9:15 am are to report to the side window of the library. Any late arrivals after 9:15 am are to report to the front office. Students who are late should bring a note from a parent or caregiver.

Your cooperation with our obligations under the DEC Attendance Guidelines is greatly appreciated.

Craig Harrison
Head Teacher Engagement & Retention

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Welfare

eSmart

Warilla High School is proud to announce that we are the first high school in the Illawarra to become eSmart accredited! To celebrate this wonderful achievement we will be holding an eSmart launch early in 2015.

As part of our continuing eSmart action, we will be providing cyber tips to students at our weekly assemblies and these tips will be included both in our newsletters and on the school website under the eSmart section.

This weeks cyber tip.....

Did you know that when you change your profile picture on Facebook that it automatically defaults back to being public? Make sure when you are changing your profile picture that you go back into settings to make it private again!

On behalf of the welfare team I would like to wish all students and their families a safe and Merry Christmas!

Isobel Georges
Student Support Officer

School Buses 2015

Premier Illawarra would like to inform all parents and students that the 2015 school year will commence under our new contractual arrangements with Transport for NSW.

The most significant factor of the new contract is our obligation to maintain On Time Running (OTR) in accordance with our Key Performance Indicators (KPI).

As the OTR applies to all services, including school services, Premier Illawarra will be working closely with all schools to ensure that services are scheduled correctly and depart as per the schedule.

To avoid penalties and possible cancellation of contract our services will be departing schools at precisely the times agreed. If for some reason students are not loaded onto the buses by the designated time it will be required to depart without them.

Premier Illawarra has met with schools in the area and are working closely in relation to the following issues:-

- School departure times – to ensure that students are afforded sufficient time to relocate to the bus stop in the afternoon
- Sports specials (sport excursions) – to ensure that sports buses under our control arrive back at school prior to the designated departure of the schools services.

Premier Illawarra understand the unique issues involved with the transportation of school children and are working to ensure the specific problems relating to placing strict OTR regulations on school services do not result in inconvenience to both parents and students.

Regards,

Management
Premier Illawarra

Warilla High School Bike Helmet Safety Policy

While riding a bicycle it is required by law to wear a (Australian Standard Approved) helmet securely fitted and fastened to your head.

Warilla High School has an obligation to enforce this law for the safety of their students when riding a bicycle to or from school.

Governed by Work Health & Safety, Duty of Care and NSW Law, Warilla High School cannot allow a student to ride a bicycle to or from the school premises without a helmet.

Therefore if a student arrives at school without wearing a helmet then the school will be required to secure that bicycle until that student presents themselves with an approved safety helmet or the student's parents come and retrieve the bike.

After securing said bike parents will be contacted explaining the reason why this action has been taken.

Work Health & Safety Committee



Established in 1986

Essential Employment and Training (EET) offer the following services for people with disability, illness and injury:

- Disability Employment Services (DES)
- Youth Employment Program (YEP)
- Transition to Work (TTW)
- Community Participation (CP)
- Individual Funding Packages (IF)

EET's Individual Funding packages:

- We use person centred approaches to respond to your needs
- We are experts at linking people with social networks in the broader community
- We offer a flexible service delivery
- We offer a range of activities, including: social, sporting, recreational and employment
- We also MANAGE your Individual Funding Package for you
- If we don't offer an activity, we will arrange it for you
Just Ask!

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Warilla High School

Uniform Shop Special Opening Hours

January 2015



JANUARY 2015

MONDAY	19 th . January	8.00am – 3.00pm
TUESDAY	20 th . January	8.00am – 3.00pm
WEDNESDAY	21 st . January	8.00am – 3.00pm
THURSDAY	22 nd . January	8.00am – 3.00pm
FRIDAY	23 rd . January	8.00am – 3.00pm
TUESDAY	27 th . January	8.00am – 4.00pm
WEDNESDAY	28 th . January	8.00am – 4.00pm
THURSDAY	29 th . January	8.00am – 4.00pm

THEN EVERY WEDNESDAY: 12.00pm – 5.00pm
FRIDAY: 8.00am – 1.00 pm

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Warilla High School UNIFORM SHOP Price List

NAME: ☐ ☐ YEAR: DATE: REC#

<i>ITEM</i>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>INCL GST</u>
Girls				
Snr Sky Blouse	28.00			
Girls Navy Shorts	36.00			
Jnr Navy Skirt	40.00			
Snr Tartan Skirt	48.00			
Boys				
Snr Boys Sky Shirts	28.00			
Boys Navy Shorts	36.00			
Unisex				
Fleecy Jackets	39.00			
Jnr Polo	30.00			
Sports				
Sport Jackets	55.00			
Sports Shorts	25.00			
Trackpants	37.00			
Sports Polo	35.00			
Others				
Navy Scarf	12.00			
Boys Navy Tie	20.00			
Girls Tie	10.00			