Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome
It’s great to see our existing families and a warm welcome to our new families who have chosen Warriapendi PS as their preferred educational institution. I am proud of our exemplary reputation and our commitment to developing the whole child. Our Staff are committed to providing the best educational environment they can for your child/children and look forward to working in partnership to achieve our very best. Teachers and parents working together in harmony, sharing common expectations and values will bring out the best in our students. I look forward to your continued support and remind parents that you are always welcome to come and have a chat. I would also like to remind parents that 8.25 am is the time that students should arrive at school. Please do not send students to school earlier as supervision is not guaranteed.

Class structure
Commencing school can certainly be an exciting and emotional time for parents and students with many questions on how the school makes decisions on class structure and student placement. I would like to take this opportunity to explain the criteria, processes and factors that need to be considered.
1. Class sizes are set by the Department in the Teachers and Administrators General Agreement and directly linked to school-based resources. School are to plan not to exceed these class sizes unless agreed to.
2. A certain number of places need to be quarantined in each class for new enrolments who come directly from our intake area. If we have an overwhelming increase of enrolments, a whole school restructure will be required. This in effect spills into all classes and disrupts the continuity of the educational program. This is not desirable and difficult decisions need to be made so that we do not get into this situation.
3. Student social/emotional and educational needs are considered.
4. Overall class dynamics.
5. All teachers are involved in the process taking into account student achievement and teacher judgement.
6. We do not necessarily place students with their group of friends. This teaches our students resilience and enables them to develop the skills required to make new friends and in some cases a fresh start.
7. Staff consider, plan, monitor, assess and review your child’s educational journey throughout their primary school years and into high school through transitioning programs.

I ask parents to consider that our school has an excellent reputation and that all teachers and all classes are exemplary. We strive to deliver the curriculum and plan for remediation and extension as required.

Please liaise with class teachers on your child’s progress and remember our school vision...“Developing the whole child.”

Classes and class teachers are printed further in this newsletter.

Teacher information meetings
Once again, we are holding parent information sessions. These will be held and organised by class teachers within the next three weeks. These sessions will cover teacher expectations, an overview of the educational program, general information and a question/answer session. Times and dates appear further in this newsletter. I strongly recommend that parents attend.

School Board
This year a number of positions on our School Board expire and they are up for nomination. The School Board meets once a term in week six on Wednesday between 3-4.30pm in the Board Room. The board has numerous roles with the governance of the school being the most important. Attached to this newsletter you will find a nomination form. If you would like to become a board member (maximum tenure is three years), please cut out, complete and hand the form in to the school office before next Friday 17 February 2017.

Assemblies
This year our class assemblies will be held on Wednesday mornings, commencing at 8.50am. Please check the attached calendar for more information.

Student Leadership
Our school is committed to developing leadership skills in all our students. If your child is interested in nominating for the positions of Student Councillor or Faction Captain they will need to prepare a speech for next Wednesday where they will have the opportunity to present their initiatives to their peers. After the speeches the student body will cast their votes. Good luck!

Traffic Wardens
I would like to inform parents that on occasions, the traffic wardens do not attend to the crossings on Balga and Redcliffe Avenues. The Western Australian Police (not the school) is unable to find replacements. Should this occur children should exercise caution and follow crossing procedures.

Peter Jakimowiez
(Principal)
Home reading will start on Monday 13th February. Your child will come home with their new reading folder and book. Please listen to your child read every night and encourage them to sound out unknown words and to remember the sight words that can’t be sounded out. We are trying to develop their comprehension at school. After your child has read their book, ask them some questions such as; Who is the story about? What happened? Where is the story taking place? When did the problem happen? and Why is the main character sad? Reading the book more than once will help your child to develop a better understanding of what they have read. Once your child is a fluent reader, they will be sitting a Lexile test to start bringing books home from the library. Stay tuned for more information about the Lexile Program.

Natasha Doyle
Deputy Principal
Sustainable Gardening

The Students from Room 9 have enthusiastically begun learning through the sustainable garden outside our room. The opportunity to discuss general gardening knowledge and personal goals abound in the garden: we have focused on Perseverance.

Perseverance: to persist at anything undertaken, to maintain a purpose in spite of difficulties or obstacles, continue steadfastly.

The students are identifying situations when they practise perseverance and congratulating themselves on succeeding!

Happy Gardening!

Student Workbooks

Please ensure that you have supplied your child with the Spelling Mastery, Envision Maths and New Wave Mental Maths book as outlined on your booklist. We have a small number of surplus books that we can sell to you if Campion informed you that the items are out of stock at the store.

Payments can be made at the office for these books and eftpos facilities are available. These books are an essential part of the curriculum and will be needed ASAP.

Parent Information Meetings

Tuesday 7th February
Room 4 Parent Info Session 3.15pm

Wednesday 8th February
Room 9 Parent Info Session 3.15pm

Tuesday 14th February
Room 7 Parent Info Session 3.15pm

Wednesday 15th February
Room 5 Parent Info Session 3.15pm

Friday 17th February
Room 8 Parent Info Session 3.15pm
PARENTS AND CITIZENS
Canteen News

1. Annual General Meeting for P & C is on the 22 Feb at 3pm. New members are welcome.
2. The Canteen MENU is remaining the same as last year. Menus will be sent out with the newsletter.
3. We are requesting donations for the Easter Raffle. Please bring them to the canteen.

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Balga Junior Football Club Registration Day
Auskick—Modified—Youth
New players welcome.....

Sunday February 19th 10am to 2pm
Barry Britton Reserve Balga Ave
All age’s welcome.
Fun activities jumping castle etc. food and drinks will be available.
Contact Jess on 0468 992 566 with any inquiries.

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School Uniform

Please ensure your child is in school uniform.

Our Warriapendi School uniform is to be purchased from a shop called Lowes at the Mirrabooka Shopping Centre.

Lowes supply all of our uniform including hats.

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Breakfast Club

We would like to continue Breakfast Club this year but are unable to as we have no volunteers!
Please consider helping out. It’s easy and you will be trained.
The day you are required is negotiable. The times are 7.30am to 9.00am.

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We need new members......

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Warriapendi School Board Nomination (Parent/ Guardian)

Name - _______________________

Email - _______________________

Mobile Contact - _______________________

Signed - _______________________

** I understand that this is a nomination only and should the number of nominations exceed available positions, an election will be convened. **

Please complete and return to the office by Friday 17th February.