Dear Parents/Caregivers

P&C Annual General Meeting
Yesterday, Wednesday 22 February the P&C held their first meeting for the year, the AGM (Annual General Meeting). Thank you to our past P&C for their extensive work in keeping our community engaged through many activities from celebrating special days to fundraising. Congratulations to all our new members and I am looking forward to working together to fulfil our vision of “developing the whole child.”

Being part of the P&C ensures that your voice will be heard and you are given an opportunity to be part of the future directions of our school. Please check the calendar on our website for meeting dates. As a general rule, there are two meetings per term in weeks four and eight commencing at 3.00pm.

Student Census
The Student Census has now been submitted with a total enrolment figure of 202. Last year, at the same time our enrolments were 189. The census has direct bearing on the funding the school receives to run programs for the year. It is comforting to know that many of our new families made comment to me that, the reason they chose Warriapendi is due to our exemplary academic reputation and our commitment to creating a caring learning environment.

Teacher information meetings
I would like to thank our teachers for organising their parent/teacher information sessions. These sessions are an important part of your child/children’s educational program leading to a greater understanding of what happens in class. I urge parents to make contact with your class teacher if you were not able to make the meetings and organise an alternate time or ask for any printed information that was handed out.

School Survey
It’s that time again when we survey our school community to gauge whether we are on track with our Business Plan and where are the areas we need to address or celebrate. The survey we will use is called “Tell Them From Me (TTFM).” We completed a TTFM survey last year for the first time. Week five will be the survey week. Staff and Students will complete the survey online whilst parents will be asked to complete a paper copy and return it to their class teachers or the office by Friday 3 March (next Friday). All returned surveys will go into a draw for a fantastic prize. This year you could win two Flexi-Day passes to Adventure World worth approximately $120. Good luck!

Student Leaders
Last Wednesday we had 18 year six students nominate and prepare speeches to help them get elected as a Student Councillor or Faction Captain for the year. I am very proud of all our candidates and commend them for showing courage and commitment, especially those who were not nominated but gave it a go. Congratulations to our winners and I look forward to working with them throughout the year.

Head Boy and Girl: Sujal and Charli
Student Councillors: Filip, Angel, Tiffany and Stephanie
Faction Captains: Emir and Piper (Green), Jasmin and Earl (Red) and Nina and Kahleah (Blue).

School Board Meeting
Our first meeting for 2017 will be held on Wednesday 8 March at 3 pm. In the board Room.

Peter Jakimowiez
(Principal)
STUDENT LEADERS

On Wednesday 15 February ten of our Yr 6 students delivered speeches to explain why they would make great Student Councillors. The speeches were all of a high calibre and unfortunately only four student councillors could be selected. These four positions were voted on by the Room 4, 6 & 9 students via a secret ballot system. Yesterday at the assembly our new student councillors and faction captains were announced and received their special badges. Congratulations to those who received a position and well done to everyone who nominated themselves. All year 6’s form our school leadership team.

Class Meetings

Parents as Partners

The most Prominent gains in learning are achieved when parents and school staff work together to facilitate a supportive learning environment at both home and school. At Warriapendi Primary we use our class meetings at the start of the year to effectively progress parent-teacher relations in order to foster positive parent engagement that will improve student academic achievement, wellbeing and productivity.

Mrs Heather Rao (Teacher Room 8)

Constable Care Visits

On Thursday, 16th February, Constable Care came to perform at WPS. Pre-primary to year 3 were treated to a puppet show titled “Fun Scary.” The juniors were captivated and engaged by the characters and had fun learning about being safe.

The year 4 to 6’s were very lucky to see one of the first performances of their new show titled “Frenemies” where the characters had disagreements and the audience needed to come up with a better solution for how the characters could have behaved. Both senior classes were very engaged in the shows.

As this was the first production, the City of Stirling media came along to write an article for the Community Newspaper and to take a few photos of our students with the C.C. actors. Keep an eye out for our amazing students in your local paper!

MERIT AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students who have received a Merit Award at the Room 9 Assembly.

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The 2017 WeDo Robotics program is up and running. Groups of students in Rooms 7 and 4 have been teamed up with a partner and have enjoyed learning how to carefully follow detailed instructions to build their own robots. They have shown great team-work and perseverance in the process...the results have been fabulous!!! Next week's exciting challenge ... using the iPad WeDo app to string together coding steps to program their robot to move!!

Ms Hatzon

“We love Robotics!”

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Effective readers are not just people who have learned how to read. They are people that are motivated to read, because they’ve discovered that reading is fun, informative and interesting. Motivated readers want to read. The more they read, the more they can develop their skills. When a person is motivated to read, they will be willing to work hard to improve their skills. It is never too late to become a lifelong reader! (Reworded from Phyllis S.Hunter's research paper)

Based on this understanding, Warriapendi has introduced Lexile for students that have reached a proficient reading level. Lexile measures are based on over 30 years of research. Students use Lexile measures to select books at a level that will challenge them but not so difficult to be frustrating.

The student sits a computer-adaptive test that measures their reading comprehension using fiction and non-fiction texts. The student will receive a Lexile measure based on this test. Students use their Lexile measure to choose books that are at their reading level and interest from the library. Once they have read the book, they can access the quiz to measure their comprehension. If they do not pass the quiz, they can re-read the book and re-sit the quiz. Students will have an opportunity to gain certificates based on the number of books read and quizzes passed.

Students can access the quizzes from home using the following link: https://educator-sfz04.scholasticlearningzone.com/auth/intl/Login/AUSC96R

Natasha Doyle
Deputy Principal
PARENTS AND CITIZENS

Canteen News

1. We are looking for new members to join the P & C. Parents and carers have the right and responsibility to play an active role in the education of their children.
2. The canteen is selling boxes of Chocolate frogs. Cost is $50 for 50 or half box for $25.
3. We are requesting donations for the Easter Raffle. Please bring them to the canteen.

Loren Hahnel (P & C President)
Come and say hello, I'm at the canteen

BREAKFAST CLUB

This year Breakfast club has moved to Thursday mornings. Please come along and have a breakfast with your children. Doors open at 8.00am and last entry to the activity room for breakfast club is 8.30. All you need to bring along is your manners and to clean up after yourself. Warriapendi community would like to thank Manna for its ongoing support with our breakfast club. They kindly donate all of the food – without their assistance Warriapendi would not be able to run this fantastic program. We would like to also thank the Ioapo children and Mrs Ioapo who have kindly volunteered to run the program. We look forward to working with you throughout the year.

SCHOOL PHOTOS INFORMATION

MONDAY 13th MARCH and THURSDAY 16th MARCH 2017

Class Photos/Portraits
1. Every Student will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not.
2. Your child has been given a personalised pre-paid envelope by the class Teacher.
3. Please ensure that your child returns the pre-paid envelope with enclosed payment to school on or before photo day if you wish to purchase photos.

Please note: The Photographers are not permitted to open the envelopes and cannot provide change.

Family Photos:
1. Envelopes can be obtained from the office.
2. Family photos are being taken each morning before school. Please bring your children in on the days listed above via your child’s surname to avoid long queues.
3. Please ensure that your family envelope with enclosed payment is handed to the Photographers on photo day or to the office.

Safe Parking at Schools

Useful Contacts

City of Stirling
Report damaged parking control signs and request parking patrols.
stirling@stirling.wa.gov.au
(08) 9205 6565

TransPerth
Use the Journey Planner to plan your best journey using the bus, train and ferry.
www.transperth.wa.gov.au
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TravelSmart to School
A series of programs to help parents and students choose healthy and active ways to get to school instead of travelling by car.
www.transport.wa.gov.au
(08) 6621 6600

School Drug Education and Road Aware (SDERA)
Support for school staff when planning and implementing road safety initiatives.
www.det.wa.edu.au/sdera
(08) 9402 6415

School Road Crossing section
Traffic Warden requests, coordination and training.
www.police.wa.gov.au
(08) 6274 8767

Main Roads
Report school zone and regulatory sign damage.
www.mainroads.wa.gov.au
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