



Warrawee

PUBLIC SCHOOL

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WARRAWEEKLY

Term 1, Week 7: 11th March 2025

CALENDAR FOR TERM 1, 2025

Fri 21/03	Harmony Day * Students can wear orange
Sat 29/03	P&C Trivia Night : The Movie Edition (see Page 5)
Wed 09/04	K-2 Easter Hat Parade 1:45 pm under the Hall COLA
Fri 11/04	End of Term 1

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

It was a pleasure to be involved in the Zone Swimming Carnival at Homebush Aquatic Centre last week. I was enormously proud of the students involved. They represented Warrawee with great enthusiasm. Thank you to Mr O'Shea and Mr Marsh, for supporting our school participation and the carnival organisation on the night. Well done to all involved.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Our staff regularly engage in professional learning to continuously enhance our teaching practice and deliver quality teaching programs to our students. Last week, Kindergarten teachers, Mrs Haddad and I participated in InitialLit Foundation professional learning. InitialLit Foundation offers an explicit and effective model for teaching reading and related skills to children in their first year of school in a fun and engaging way.

InitialLit Foundation focuses on two main components:

- Phonics, to teach the basic alphabetic code systematically and explicitly in a set sequence. In addition to learning letter-sound correspondences and how these are applied to reading and spelling, children will be introduced to common morphemes and simple grammatical concepts.
- Vocabulary, oral language and listening comprehension through quality children's literature. Detailed lessons, including writing tasks, are provided for each of the storybook titles selected for use with the program.

The program is designed to be delivered in a 90-minute instruction blocks This includes:

- 20-25 minutes of whole-class teaching four times per week, using a detailed scripted lesson plan.
- 30-45 minutes of further literacy work to consolidate the teaching, either completed independently or with support, while the teacher works with groups on reading and wordbuilding.
- 15-20 minutes for a Storybook session. This literature component provides opportunities to develop oral language, vocabulary and comprehension, with one storybook used as a focus over four sessions.
- Regular progress monitoring using curriculum-based assessments to identify needs of children and future learning plan development.

Some of our staff have also been involved in professional learning 'Understanding Autism'. The professional learning will assist our teachers to support students with Autism. The professional learning is facilitated by a staff member from the Department of Education, Student Wellbeing Support Division.

Have a great week,

Sharon Hewitt

CALENDAR FOR TERM 2, 2025

Mon 28/04 & Tue 29/04	Staff Development Days (SDD) NO STUDENTS
Wed 30/04	All students start Term 2
Thu 08/05	Annual Cross Country Carnival - details TBA
Mon 26/05	School Photos: K-2 & Siblings
Tue 27/05	School Photos: 3-6 & Extra Curricular
Thu 29/05	School Photos: Sports Photos
Mon 09/06	PUBLIC HOLIDAY: King's Birthday
30/06 - 02/07	Year 4 Camp
Fri 04/07	End of Term 2

Further Upcoming Events can be viewed by clicking on this link to the "Events" page of our school website:
<https://warrawee-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/events.html>

SPORTS NEWS

ZONE SWIMMING

Last Wednesday, 36 students represented Warrawee at the Hornsby Zone Swimming Carnival (HZSS). It was an incredible opportunity for our team to swim at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre and test themselves against the best swimmers in the local area. Thank you to all parents for your support and attendance as well as to Mrs Hewitt and Mrs Marsh who joined myself at the carnival.

We had several outstanding performances:

- Junior Girls' Relay: 3rd Place - Ariana T, Scarlett T, Claudia B and Maisie M
- Junior Boys' Relay: 3rd Place - Jayden L, Charl P, Hudson McF and Zac D
- Rory K: 3rd Place in 8 Year Boys' Freestyle
- Zac D: 1st Place - 9 Year Boys' Freestyle

Congratulations to Rory and Zac as they have qualified for the Sydney North Area Swimming Carnival for their respective individual performances.

ZONE TENNIS

Mika H of Year 6, participated in the Hornsby Zone tennis trials on 18th February. She successfully qualified for the Sydney North Area tennis trial, which is being held on 28th March. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement, Mika!

SKELLERN CUP

Last week, Warrawee participated in the Skellern Cup, which is a girls' soccer gala day hosted at North Turrumurra Recreation Area (NTRA). The competition is all about participation, sportsmanship and positivity.

The Junior Warrawee team won! Not only did they play well, but they also gained many bonus points for their enthusiastic dancing, teamwork and sportsmanship. What a wonderful achievement for the girls and a terrific example of Warrawee behaviour.

The Senior team also performed well. They experimented with different positions (notably goalkeeper) and kept their energetic approach throughout the day. Again, it was pleasing to see many bonus points being awarded for teamwork and sportsmanship.



HZSS RESULTS:

Round 1

	Opponent	Result	PoM
Teeball	Wideview	15-15	Claudia Blundy
Softball	Wideview	6-1 W	Amelie Luque
Cricket - Jnrs	Wideview	97 - 37 W	Aveer S
Cricket - Snrs	Wideview	79 - 12 W	Archer L
League Tag - Jnr As	Waitara	6 - 1 W	Aidan W
League Tag - Jnr Bs	Waitara	4 - 2 W	Micah H
League Tag - Snr As	Waitara	9 - 5 W	Wilbur F
League Tag - Snr Bs	Waitara	11 - 10 W	Thomas A

Round 2

	Opponent	Result	PoM
Teeball	Mt Kuring-gai	10-6 W	Menna Cook
Softball	Mt Kuring-gai	10-6 W	Olive Hii
Cricket - Jnrs	BYE		
Cricket - Snrs	BYE		
League Tag - Jnr As	Mt Kuring-gai	9 - 1 W	Darcy H
League Tag - Jnr Bs	Mt Kuring-gai	10 - 1 W	Tom M
League Tag - Snr As	Mt Kuring-gai	5 - 1 W	Thomas H
League Tag - Snr Bs	Mt Kuring-gai	11 - 5 W	Olivia M

RETURN OF HZSS JERSEYS

After this week's round of Summer HZSS, there are no games scheduled for this term. Mr Cowley, Mr Chivers, Miss Bender and myself will be under the 3 - 6 COLA at lunch next Tuesday (18th March) to collect all league tag, cricket and teeball/ softball jerseys.

Your prompt return of the jerseys is appreciated.

HZSS WINTER TRIALS

HZSS Winter trials will take place at the end of Term 1. The trials will take place Friday 28th March, Friday 4th April and Friday 11th April. Students in Years 3 - 6 can trial for boys soccer, AFL and netball. There is no need for any additional equipment to be brought to school for these trials.

The HZSS Winter competition begins Friday, Week1 of Term 2.

Michael O'Shea
Sports Co-ordinator

LIBRARY NEWS

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is held every year from March until late August. The PRC aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 10. **This year children in Kindergarten to Year 2 will complete the challenge during library lessons and in the classroom.** There is no need for parents to record any of the books students in K-2 bring home from the library.

Children in Year 3 to Year 6 need to read and record 20 books. All PRC books in the library are easy to find and marked with a PRC sticker on the spine. Students can enter the books read on the PRC website <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> or record the books on a record sheet that is attached to the end of this newsletter or can be picked up from the library. The students in 3-6 have been shown how to enter their books online during library lessons. More information can be found on the PRC website.

LIBRARY LESSONS

Please make sure your child is ready for library. The library days for each class is below:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
K-1A	4W	3B	6S	2G
K-6F	4M	3F	4BR	1A
3R	2B	3M	KS	1P
4L		KB	KM	2M
5C		5K	1B	2S
6C		5S	6O	2-5S

E-BOOKS

All students have access to our e-books by logging onto their student portal and clicking on My School Library.

To access student portal det student portal. To log in, students use the username and password they use at school. There is a wide range of books to choose from. If you are not sure how to access the e-books, please let me know. During library lessons all students in years 3-6 will be shown how to access e-books.

Also, if you join your local library, you will have access to many books, e-books as well as audio books (using Apps such as BorrowBox, Libby, Overdrive etc).

BILINGUAL BOOKS

In the library there is a collection of bilingual books that students can borrow to read in their first language or for parents to read to them. Some of the languages we have include Japanese, Afrikaans, Russian, Ukrainian, Farsi, Korean, Mandarin, Hindi, Nepali and Chinese.

Happy Reading
Mrs O'Donnell

MESSAGE FROM "PLAY TO LEARN"

Dear Families,

We are so excited to welcome Warrawee PS families as some of the very first to explore our brand-new Play to Learn centre, located right next door on Finlay Rd!

As a special offer, Warrawee PS families will receive priority enrolments, plus the added convenience of 15-minute secure parking in our facility's garage – making drop-offs for both your little one and your school-aged child smooth and stress-free.

What makes Play to Learn truly special is our unique small-sized classrooms, designed to foster strong, meaningful connections between educators and children. Our proven programs ensure your child develops the academic and life skills they need before starting at Warrawee PS.

Book in for a personal tour next week – we'd love to meet you! <https://calendly.com/admin-playtolearnelc/turramurra-tours>

Also don't forget to join our waitlist www.playtolearnelc.com as we offer priority enrolments to Warrawee PS families!

Jemma Quinlan
Head of Operations



K-2 AWARDS

K-2 MERIT CERTIFICATES - "BIG REDS"

Congratulations to the following students who have received a Big Red from their teacher **Week 5 & 6 of Term 1**

Class	Name
K-1A	James E
KB	Shooka S, Leo O
KM	Annie F, Austin L
KS	Vera Y, Dominic Z
1A	Nika N K, Thomas Z
1B	Isaac H, Sammy S
1P	Anahita N, Ruby M
2B	Ayla L, Mason W
2G	Lily M, Kevin E
2M	Leyana M, Weston S
2S	Oliver D, Dena B

3-6 AWARDS

3-6 MERIT CERTIFICATES - "BIG REDS"

Congratulations to the following students who have received a Big Red from their teacher **Week 5 & 6 of Term 1**

Class	Name
3B	Neil R, Edie F
3F	Nova B, Jack K-C
3M	Anshu K, Hans C
3R	Charlotte S, Aveer B
4L	Izzyan M, Kaavy L
4M	Sam N
4BR	Harry D, Tingting H
4W	Georgina K, Darcy H
5C	Olive H, Oscar A
5K	Ellie Y, Jacob G
5S	Grace A, Harry G
6C	Micayla S, Wilbur F
6O	Kaveri A, Hector R
6S	Amelia E, Orson N

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BANNER RECIPIENTS

Alice S	1P	Brooklynn C	1P	Daphne G	2G
Mika C	2M	Oscar H	3B	Kingston L	3B
Liam A	3F	Noah E	3M	Anthea T	4L
Ryan A Z	5K	Jaydon H	6C		

2025 STEWART HOUSE CHARITY DRIVE



Stewart House is the NSW Department of Education's Charity of Choice. For nearly a century, since 1931, Stewart House has been a beacon of hope and healing for public school children in need across NSW and the ACT. Each year, 1,600 children facing difficult times stay at this beachside haven for a

12-day program focused on health, wellbeing, and fun—all at no cost to their families. Funded entirely by donations and school fundraising, the program provides everything from dental and vision checks to confidence-building activities, ensuring children receive the care and support they need to reset and thrive. Stewart House's vision is to inspire children to see beyond their present circumstances and embrace real hope and aspirations for a brighter future.

Show your support for children in need and enter for a chance to win a \$4,000 travel voucher! The draw will take place in Term 2 on Friday, 23 May 2025. Online payments are encouraged, and families can scan the QR code on the envelope to pay, record the receipt number, and return the envelope to the school office to enter the draw!

We will soon be distributing the Stewart House Charity Drive envelopes to all students.



Harmony Day

Friday 21st March

Show your support by wearing **orange** on Harmony Day and celebrate Warrawee's cultural diversity!

All students are invited to attend a cultural performance incursion by Valange Khoza on Monday 24th March. Permission notes will be on Schoolbytes.



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WELCOME TO THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

Parents & Carers



Why?



1 in 4

adolescents have a mental illness.



65%

of adolescents do not seek help.



1 in 7

primary school children have a mental illness.



1 in 5

adults will experience mental illness.



Over 50%

of students are at risk of a **poor learning mindset** (anxiety + disengagement).

Source: National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Australia's Youth: Mental Illness

About the program

TRP is committed to **teaching positive mental health strategies** to prevent mental ill health and **build young people's capacity to deal with adversity**.

We're proud to be implementing TRP's **evidence-based whole school wellbeing program** to support positive mental health in the classroom, staffroom and wider community.

Students will engage in weekly lessons to understand and strengthen their practice of **Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness** and **Emotional Literacy**, with regular opportunity for parent/carer involvement.



Get involved with TRP@HOME

Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to find activities and resources to implement the GEM+EL principles at home.



Evidence-based

TRP's School Partnership Program has been independently evaluated by [The University of Adelaide](#) and [The University of Melbourne](#).



Scan the QR code to learn more about how the program is **significantly lowering the risk of mental illness**.



The imperfects podcast

The imperfects is hosted by Hugh van Cuylenburg, Ryan Shelton and Josh van Cuylenburg, **celebrates just how imperfectly perfect we all are**. Together, they chat to a variety of **people who bravely share their struggles and imperfections alongside valuable learnings we can apply to our own lives and use to support the teachings of TRP in the classroom**. Guests include Nathan Buckley, Grace Tame, Jack Steele, Zan Rowe, Michael Klim, Billy Slater, Lael Stone, Pat Cummins, Tim Minchin and many more.



THE RESILIENCE PROJECT.

We're working with The Resilience Project

We're proud to be implementing TRP's evidence-based whole school wellbeing program. Students will engage in weekly lessons to understand and strengthen their practice of **Gratitude**, **Empathy**, **Mindfulness** and **Emotional Literacy**.

Gratitude



Gratitude involves recognising and expressing appreciation for the people, places and things in our lives. Practising gratitude allows us to pay attention to what we have, increasing feelings of happiness and leading to a more positive outlook on life.

Empathy



Empathy involves understanding others' feelings and perspectives and is practised through kindness, compassion and curiosity. Developing empathy fosters deeper connections, increases our likelihood of acting kindly, and helps us experience positive emotions.

Mindfulness



The practice of mindfulness is about an awareness of life as we are living it.

It allows us to be responsive to our experiences rather than being reactive, and to live with greater balance, presence and connection.

Emotional Literacy



Emotional Literacy involves learning to identify and label our emotions, as well as developing emotional regulation skills. When we can accurately name our feelings and emotions, it reduces the impact of uncomfortable emotions and enhances the effect of positive ones.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESILIENCE PROJECT, HEAD TO:



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SATURDAY 29TH MARCH
7PM - 10PM

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PIZZA & CANDY BAR INCLUDED

PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED TEAM & TABLE

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM TO DRESS TABLES

AT THE SCHOOL HALL

BYO DRINKS

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- o To make sure you are reading the right books, please check the rules for your Challenge on the website: <http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au>
- o Student Reading Records must be entered online. Online entries will be available when schools register in 2025.
- o You can use the last two columns here to record the date or to have books signed off when you read them.

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