Dear school community members,

Parent Information Evening
Tonight the Stage 2 and Stage 3 teachers will conduct their Parent Information Evening. We apologise for the misinformation given in an earlier notice.

Tonight’s MEETING WILL COMMENCE IN THE SCHOOL HALL before moving to individual classrooms.

⇒ Wednesday 13th Feb
- Stage: 2 (Years 3 and 4) = 6:00pm - 7:00pm (This INCLUDES ALL 2/3 Foyel)
- Stage: 3 (Years 5 and 6) = 7:00pm – 8:00pm

If you are unable to attend the Information Evening, handouts will be made available through your child’s class teacher. This information can also be accessed on the school’s website. Any queries regarding these Information Evenings can be directed to your child’s class teacher or the school office.

Protecting Student Requests Safe Practices.

Smoking
Schools have been non-smoking areas for many years. In addition to this, the following legislation has been introduced. The Tobacco Legislation Amendment Act 2012 amends the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 and bans smoking in the following outdoor public places from 7 January 2013:
- Within 10 metres of children’s play equipment in outdoor public spaces;
- Swimming pool complexes;
- Spectator areas at sports grounds or other recreational areas during organised sporting events;
- Railway platforms, light rail stops, light rail stations, bus stops, taxi ranks and ferry wharves;
- Within 4 metres of a pedestrian access point to a public building; and
- From 2015, in commercial outdoor dining areas.

Footwear
Our school site is a physically demanding site which is extremely slippery in wet conditions. We are constantly reminding students of safe practices when moving about the school.

Safe footwear with a backing is the preferred style of footwear to be worn in the school by everyone.

Students are required to wear approved fully enclosed footwear as a part of the uniform. Employees at the school are also required to wear safe and approved footwear.

Visitors to the school are also strongly encouraged to wear suitable footwear for safety reasons.

Partner Primary School with
While this cannot be enforced or monitored easily your consideration and modelling is requested for the sake of safety and protection. Help us to provide good standards of safety and care.

Dogs/Pets

Yes they are cute!
Yes they are a part of your family!
Yes they are much loved......

………………..BUT!

PLEASE leave your family pet at home when coming to school.

A school needs to be a safe place for ALL students. Some students are unsure around pets. Some students have allergies to pets. Many people take exception to pet litter on footpaths and on school grounds.

Please support the school to be a place for all students and leave your adorable family pet at home where they can be appropriately loved!

School Photographs How we have changed!

The school photographs will be held on Wednesday 13th, March. Class, individual and family photos are available. Please ensure your child is dressed in full school uniform. Envelopes enclosed with money are to be returned to your class teacher. Thank you! Mr Matt Downes

Disabled Parking — Please Note: The school has LIMITED dedicated Disabled Car Space in the front Lea Ave school car park. The priority use of this is for enrolled students with a disability. Unfortunately some parents have started to use this space preventing access for our students. This use has not been approved by the principal and should cease please. On occasions a driver may be a disabled person. In this circumstance priority use WILL continue to be for our students first. Thank you for observing this restricted provision.

Wamberal Public School Parents & Citizens Association

Next meeting: Monday 18th Feb
Where: Staffroom
Time: 7:00 pm
All welcome

Preparing Students As Life Long Learners

In an age where change, information overload and new challenges are a constant reality, the school has the added responsibility to ensure that students develop abilities to cope with “whatever comes along”.

Unfortunately, long gone are the times where a school’s (teacher’s) responsibility only considers learning content (information). Today’s society is busy, complex, demanding and diverse. Schools are required to “manage” these realities in a realistically balanced approach. There is no simple or single approach to these challenges. How much easier it would be if there was! I wish to confirm with you that Wamberal Public School, its staff, operations and programs are driven by decisions that are developed to provide the best learning environment for the majority of our students. While individual needs are important and should be known by the school, it is not possible to provide isolated solutions in all situations.

Children by the nature of their development are refreshingly optimistic, strong and capable of meeting new challenges. Youth is a powerful quality. As we continue to move further into another school year, your ongoing support, trust and confidence is highly valued by the school. This is also a much needed “comforter” to your children as is your love and positive approach to them as they continue their journey through life. Both parents and teachers share a strong common goal— we want the best for our kids!
Supporting Your Child’s Learning at Home

Useful Websites

Academic Skill Builder - http://www.academicskillbuilders.com
Big Brown Bear - http://www.bigbrownbear.co.uk/
Fun Brain - http://www.funbrain.com
ICT Games - http://www.ictgames.com
Primary Games - http://www.primarygames.com
Sparkle Box - http://www.sparklebox.co.uk
Top Marks - http://www.topmarks.co.uk

D.E.C. Recommended iPhone/iPad apps for Learning

**Literacy Apps**
- ABC Phonics
- ABC Pocket Phonics
- Alphaboard
- Boggle
- Chicktionary
- First Words: Deluxe
- Fish School
- Hangman
- iWrite Words
- Pocket Charts
- Poet’s Pad
- RedFish4Kids
- Sentence Builder
- Spell Blocks with Sight Words
- Stories2Learn
- Story Kit
- Strip Designer
- Tappy Memories
- Word Magic

**Numeracy Apps**
- Ace Kids Math Games
- Calculator
- iPuzzle
- Jumbo Calculator
- KidCalc
- Math Magic
- MathBoard
- Mathemagics
- Mathematical Formulas
- Maths Bingo

**Reference Apps**
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation
- Curious George’s Dictionary
- First Words
- Getty Images
- Google Earth
- Nasa
- Planets
- Smart Kids Picture Dictionary
- The World Factbook
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2013 REGISTRATION DAYS—The Entrance Leagues Club

Wednesday 30th January, Wednesday 6th February

Between 4.30 and 5.30pm

Registration $10 + Uniform (Nettas) $120 + Uniform (Jnr)

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Vacation Care 7am till 6pm