Week 4 Term 1
20 February 2013

Dear Parents,

COMMUNITY VALUES MIRRORED IN LOCAL SCHOOL
Wamberal Public School is very fortunate to exist with strong and confident community support. There are numerous examples of this partnership being demonstrated on a daily (often unheralded) basis. Some immediately come to mind:

- **Voluntary helpers**—reading, maths (groups), canteen, book club, student banking, fete, landcare, scripture teaching, uniform shop.

- **Formal Groups**—P & C, School Council, parent representatives on school committees (Education Week, merit selection of staff, curricula, student welfare, non-local enrolments).

- **Pro-Active Projects**—safe pedestrian and road conditions, improvement to playgrounds, out of school hours security surveillance.

All these ways of being involved allow home values and expectations to be integrated into the culture of the school.

I have been told both directly and indirectly that community comments made about Wamberal P.S. are very encouraging. This “B.B.Q.” talk is overwhelmingly positive. My response to this is that it is very easy to market and promote quality and this is what we have in the relationships and operations within our broader school community. Thank you. You do make a difference.

GROWING A STRONGER COMMUNITY

Of the eight Core Values fundamental to Wamberal Public School, two have prominence over the others. These are:

1. **Friendship &
2. **Learning**

In the school’s continuing quest to nurture, promote and develop these values, it should be noted that there is a shared responsibility for all members of this school’s community to join this journey of growth. Parents, school staff and students have a joint partnership to collectively display in attitude and behaviour the values we have agreed on. The core values should be the identifiable descriptors of this school.

I leave you with this challenge:

_How can you further demonstrate your support for Wamberal Public School?_

**Induction of 2013 SRC Members**
A special ceremony will be conducted on **Thursday, 28th Feb** commencing at 1.15pm to induct the class SRC representatives into the 2013 Student Representative Council. Parents of the new class representatives are invited to attend this induction assembly.
2013 SRC Representatives

2R - Grace Williams-Steven
2C - Elodie Tipton-Akers
2R - Lachlan Gunderson
2GB - Lydia Hey
2/3F - Harry Bath
3A - Tahlia Hall
3T - Campbell Crossfield (Georgie Bailey)
4D - Jordan Portier
4E - Gabbi Pilon (Eligh Noel)
4V - Zoe Remo
5/6C - Haidyn Gunderson
5/6D - Emerson White (Declan Ackerley)
5/6H - Reuben Hill
5/6J - Charlotte Portier
5/6S - Westley Cresta-Lepine (Emma O'Connell)

School Photographs
We are giving parents and guardians advance notice that school photographs will be taken on Tuesday, 14th March. Once again we are using "The School Photographer". Class group photos, individual portraits and family group photos will be taken on this date. (Sporting and cultural groups will be taken in Term 3). Order envelopes have been sent home with each child.

Kindergarten Parents/Carers - Best Start Interviews
Hopefully you have received your notes regarding the Best Start interviews that will take place early next week. If you haven’t already, could you please have the preference form returned before the end of the week.

Cash For Classrooms

Bateau Bay Square will be conducting a school's 'Cash For Classrooms' campaign from FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2013. Customers who shop at Bateau Bay Square can allocate every dollar spent as points towards their nominated school. The local school with the most points wins! Prizes are as follows.

- First winning school $3000.00
- Second winning school $2000.00
- Third winning school $1000.00
- $100 for every school that enters.

So start shopping and support Wamberal Public School!

Uniform Shop - What’s New!
As per feedback from parents in 2012, WPS along with the P & C a NEW Polar Fleece Zip Jacket will replace the current Sloppy Joe (Sloppy Joe is still acceptable School Uniform). See newsletter insert for special order form.

WANTED—YOUR SUPPORT
We are looking for helpers with school beautification in 2013. This includes weeding, planting, cultivating, knocking in a few sleepers here and there, maybe a bit of paint touch ups, IDEAS are always a help as is any time you can provide. If you would like to help or want to know more, email paul@beechhome.com or 0402353321. I would like to add you to our email list.

Thank you Paul Beech.

(Friday 22nd February). If you are unable to make any of the days or times available, you can contact your child’s classroom teacher to organise an alternate time.

Thank you to those parents/carers who have returned their notes. You will receive a note confirming the time and day of your interview by the end of this week.

J Barnes (AP rel)
Social Networking Dominates the Internet

Australians spend about as long social networking as they do on Search, News, Shopping and Email websites combined, according to the September 2012 release. The average time spent on social networking websites by all Australians aged 14+ is over 6 hours each four weeks. That 13 minutes a day adds up - to over three full days per Australian every year dedicated to Online Communities and Messaging.

Facebook remains the most popular social networking site, accounting for 4.6 hours of the 6-hour average, with other community websites such as Google+ and Twitter growing in popularity as more people visit. Weather, Banking, Government, Sport and Real Estate websites round out the top ten.

Online Communities & Messaging is the number one online category for both men and women, but otherwise internet consumption habits diverge considerably. Men account for more than two thirds of the total time on News and Newspaper websites, averaging 2 hours 27 minutes per man compared to 1 hour 6 minutes per woman. Men also spend substantially more time on average with their top ten website categories than women do with theirs.

George Pesutto, General Manager - (Media & Communications, Roy Morgan Research), says: “While we may use it to bank, shop, check the weather and read news, it is clear that for both men and women the web is primarily a communication tool.

“However men and women use the internet differently: men engage more with news and newspapers, whereas women spend more time emailing and online shopping.

“Beyond the top ten, women spend more time on entertainment and employment sites, whereas men spend more on automotive and directories.”

Zone Swimming Carnival....... Tuesday 5th March
The WPS representative team will be announced within the week.

This is date is provided for your calendar.

Friendships to boost your child’s learning
If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.


Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school
A great way to kick off your child’s formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.


Speech problems
All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development?

Saints Netball Club are looking for girls turning 8, 9 and 12 Years in 2013 to fill our teams for the upcoming Netball Season. Contact Sam Hoy (Club Vice President) on 0408 225 475 or email samandmatt2009@hotmail.com for further information.

Check out our Website www.saintslossnetball.com.au