Dear Wamberal PS community,

This week sees the arrival of many new changes at Wamberal. We welcome back 464 of our students along with 112 new Kindergarten students and 16 new students to the Wamberal Public School community. This gives an enrolment of 593 which is the largest enrolment the school has had in its 32 year history at the Lea Avenue site. We have established 24 classes. I have every confidence in our school being able to meet the needs of our students through the delivery of quality programs along with quality relationships. We have done this well over the past years and I believe what happens in 2013 will again confirm our highly valued traditions.

It is with great excitement we take occupancy of our 3 new demountable rooms. They look wonderful and I know they will add greatly to the school’s capacity to meet the needs of students today and well into the future.

There are a number of changes to staffing this year.

Mrs Toni Formby will commence this term as the deputy principal (a newly created position). She is currently relieving principal at Bateau Bay PS. Mr Graham is filling this position until Mrs Formby commences on duty.

Mrs Karen Evans takes up her appointment as assistant principal having been in a regional position for 2yrs.

Mrs Kylie Johnson has been appointed assistant principal having previously been at Chittaway PS. Mrs Suzanne Doust has been appointed Learning and Support Teacher (LAST) and will commence her role in semester 2. Mrs Lisa McBride will relieve in this role until then.

Mr Ben Gallen returns to the school after a few years at The Entrance PS. Mrs Lauren Smith will team teach with Mr Peter Graham.

Mrs Sonya Martins Sousa commences as a reading recovery teacher/RFF. Mrs Carly du Moulin will also be teaching technology through the RFF.

Mr Matt Adams will commence shortly as the newly employed Pastoral Care Worker.

Mrs Val Blair will share the teacher/librarian role with Miss Jenna Abercrombie. Miss Abercrombie will team teach a class with Mrs Buffy Mortlock.

Ms Becky Fulcher and Mr Bill Bond will fill the school counsellors role while Mrs Roz McIntosh is in a regional role.

Mr Ben Garrard has taken leave and is in England.

Mrs Margaret Laird remains in a relieving role at Peats Ridge PS. Mrs Maureen Parker is on leave prior to her pending retirement.

Ms Heather Yates as announced last year will retire. Her last day is this Friday, 8th Feb.

All other staff members have returned. A more detailed staff directory will be published soon.

Change is a reality of our world. It cannot be stopped and the best we can do is to manage what we have control over, that being our own reactions and our behaviours. Wamberal PS is like 100s of other schools transitioning into a new phase of development. The changes to staff will continue for many years. Our school and most importantly our students will cope with this and they will be stronger because of it. They are actually being well prepared for a future work life which will be full of unexpected changes.
The Swimming Carnival will take place on Wednesday, 20th February 2013. All Stage 2 and 3 students will be expected to attend. Any Year 2 child who turns 8 this year and can swim 50m are invited to attend as well. It is important that all participants pay the required $7 to the school with their permission notes and entry forms as soon as possible as no entry forms will be accepted after Friday, 15th February.

If your child requires another note, please see their classroom teacher.

It is important that parents remember that their student's age group is the age they turn this year. This means, if your child turns 9 in January, 2013 they are in the Under 9's events. If your child turns 9 in December, 2013 your child is to be entered in the Under 9's events. If you do not wish for your child to participate in any races, they will be able to participate in the novelty events.

If your child would like to compete in the 200m Individual medley or 100m Freestyle, you will need to get them to the pool for an 8.30a.m. start (100m events will be swum first). Please do not pay your entry at the pool, instead pay the full $7 to the school.

Fingers crossed the weather is nice.

J. Foyle & M. Downes - Swimming Carnival Co-ordinators.

Kristyn Crossfield and the P&C for their organisation of our "Tea and Tissues" welcome for our families. Also thanks to Yvonne Patrick for her organisation of the Kindergarten Summer Playdates. Parents have commented that this was a wonderful way for students and parents to get to know each other before starting at Wamberal PS.

Attendance every day?

The beginning of the school year is an appropriate time to remind parents about attendance for our students. Please advise your child’s class teacher in writing of any absences within 7 days of an absence. If this is not done then it will be recorded as an unexplained absence. Rolls are regularly checked and patterns of habitual absence are monitored. Any child who has concerns with attendance may be referred to the Home School Liaison Officer who will assist in creating a plan for improved school attendance. If your child arrives after the 9.30am bell then YOU are legally required to sign them into the front office. It is against Department of Education & Communities guidelines for any parent not to sign their child into school if they arrive after the school day commences.

Peter Graham - Deputy Principal (rel.)

Guitar Lessons in 1st Term 2013

We have spaces available in all of our levels for guitar lessons starting Week 3 (Monday 11th February) of Term 1.

- Mondays for beginners with Eden, and Mondays for intermediates with James
- Wednesdays for beginners with James
- Thursdays for advanced students with James

Please contact Lisa Ambridge on 0407 007 162, or email wpsperformingartscommittee@gmail.com if you are interested.
Our training band program begins this Thursday morning at 8am when instruments on hire will be distributed. Students are reminded to return hire forms in exchange for instruments. Tutorials will begin with Luke Gallen at 9am. Members of both the training band and concert band will attend.

It's NOT TOO LATE to join our Band.

See Ms Ford for more information.

School Banking
School banking for students will commence again next Tuesday. If you wish your child to start banking, please ask at the front office for application form.

Encouraging literacy skills at home......Let your child help you write shopping lists

This is a great way to get them reading words that don’t always come from a storybook. Children can help you read recipes and then write out lists of items you need and link names to products that you point out in the refrigerator or the pantry cupboard.

Safety around the school
This car park is for staff and workers on our site. We have told all children not to enter and exit via this area. We also ask that parents not use the original staff car park at all. Both of these car parks are not to be accessed by the children for their own safety. There are paths for their usage that give them a safer alternative. There remains a handicapped car space for approved users ONLY. We appreciate your help in these matters.

Don’t forget to label your child’s belongings
You can:

- use a permanent laundry marker to label clothes, hats and shoes, or sew or iron on personalised labels
- go through your child’s bag with them each night
- check that labels haven’t faded with washing
- if something doesn’t come home, ask at the office where your school’s lost property area is.

Tips for packing their lunch boxes
Pack food that is easy to open, easy to eat and not messy.

- Write their name on their lunch box, water bottle and any other containers.
- Include a frozen drink bottle to keep food cold. Wrap it in a tea towel in case it leaks.
- Use insulated lunch boxes or cooler bags.
- Avoid using plastic wrap because children find it hard to pull apart, paper bags are better for the environment too.
- Pack tissues or paper around fruit so it won’t bruise.
- Remind your child to wash their hands before eating and use the toilet at recess and lunch.
- Pack a water bottle for your child each day and remind them that they can also get water from the taps or bubblers throughout the day.
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