At a glance........

Calendar

Term 1

Week 8
20.3.15
Harmony Day

Week 9
24.3.15
Assembly
Run by- 1J Item – 3T
25.3.15
Run by- 4/5A Item – 3T
26.3.15
Cross Country
27.3.15
Penrith Cup

28.3.15
ELECTION DAY
Sausage Sizzle

Week 10
2.4.15
BLUE Day
Fundraiser for Autism
Last Day of Term 1
3.4.15
GOOD FRIDAY

School resumes (students)
21.4.15

Best Start

Reports for the Best start assessment which took place with your child before they started school will be sent home with your child today. This gives information to you and the teacher about their skills in many areas. It also gives you a variety of activities you can do at home that are addressed to their needs.

If you have any concerns in regards with these reports do not hesitate to contact your class teacher.

Student Safety

If your child rides their bike or scooter, regardless of age, to and from school each day they need to have a correctly fitted helmet. This is part of our child protection and safety policies. If your child has been reminded about their helmet, the next time they do not have it they will not be allowed to ride home.

There have also been a number of concerned parents, neighbours and students contacting us about children riding to and from school in a very dangerous manner. If this continues and the child is identified you will be contacted.

SUPPORTING VANUATU

Blaxland High School has set up a collection to support the devastation in Vanuatu. Their focus is to assist the students and schools and they are collecting ‘school items’ – new pencils, pens, writing pads, rulers etc. If you can donate items please have them at school by Friday morning. The plane leaves on Monday morning.

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Our students have settled in to the new year very well and are producing quality work. Thank you to our teachers who continue to provide opportunities such as dance groups, choir and sporting events.

Cross Country

Our annual Cross Country carnivals will take place next Thursday starting at 9.30am. Students in Year 2 who are turning 8 this year are also able to compete. This is a school sporting activity and all children have been training as part of their fitness programs over the last couple of weeks. All children should participate unless they have a medical issue. The note needs to be returned stating the reason your child is unable to participate.

All are welcome to our carnivals to cheer on our budding athletes.

Our K-2 carnival will not take place until next term and you will be informed closer to the date.

School Fees
$45 per child
$100 per family
School Pride

We are entering the period where a lot of our individuals and teams are representing our school in a large variety of activities. We expect that these students are in full school uniform for these events. On many occasions the students will be given a school shirt to wear but the students will need the correct sport or school shorts or skirts preferably without brand names.

Our school website

Please check out our school website at:  www.werringcty-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

We will be continually updating the calendar which includes information for upcoming events but also contains permission notes that can be downloaded. In the coming weeks we will be adding photos and information on important events. The school newsletter is also available every fortnight on the website.

School Improvements

Work should begin removing and replacing the asphalt path and basketball court in the back playground over the holidays. This work should be completed when we return from the holidays.

Tracie Duclos
Principal

NOTICEBOARD

Swimming

Hunter Bell attended the Sydney West Swimming carnival on Monday and competed in the 8 years 50 metre freestyle. After placing 6th in the heat he qualified for the final and came 8th. A WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT! Congratulations and we are very proud of you.

YMCA OSHC

It is almost that wonderful time of the year again vacation care, and with only 2 weeks left until the end of the school term. Have you enrolled your child/ren into our fun Vacation Care program yet?

Some of the wonderful things we have install for these holidays include: an excursion to the Sydney Royal Easter Show; children’s disco with Easter egg hunt and games; My Italian Café rules where children will get to make their own frozen yogurt and decorate it with toppings of their choice; Mini Olympics game day with Community Coach James; Rock climbing and gymnastics excursion at YMCA Penrith; and Wheels Day where children can bring their bike, scooter, roller skates, etc to YMCA Vacation care!

To enrol your child or for more information, please go to our website  www.ymcansw.org.au

Thank you and we hope to see you these school holidays.

Mufti Day

On the 2nd of April, the last Thursday of term, Werrington County Public School will be holding a BLUE mufti day. This mufti day is to raise money for the Luke Priddis Foundation, supporting kids with Autism Spectrum Disorders. We ask that everyone dresses in BLUE for the day to celebrate and raise awareness of Autism. A gold coin donation will allow you to dress out of uniform for the day. The SRC will also have face painting at lunch time for 20 cents a stencil. We look forward to seeing our school supporting this fantastic foundation!

SRC and Miss English
Congratulations to the following K-2 students:

10 book merit certificate (K-2)

Emmerson Bell    Abigail Stone    Chelsea Smyth    Hannah Stone
Rohnan Kelly      Emma Morgan      Savannah Dolby    Hunter Bell

Your certificates will be ready shortly.
Don’t forget to show me your green booklet when you have read 10, 20 & 30 books so that I can include your name in the next newsletter!

It’s still not too late!!!

If you wish to participate in the challenge please fill out the form below and return it to Mrs Baxter who will give you a Personal Reading Log.

For further information please visit the website. https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html
I invite all students to take up the challenge as soon as possible. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Baxter             Mrs Duclos
Teacher Librarian      Principal

To Mrs Baxter

___________________________________________________________________________ (name) __________________________ (class) wishes
to undertake the Premier's Reading Challenge.

I understand that it is a condition of entry that students who enter and successfully complete the Challenge will receive a PRC Certificate and have their name appear on the PRC Honour Roll.

Signed ________________________________ (Parent/Guardian)

ANZAC DAY

Our school has been invited to attend the St Marys ANZAC day march on 19th April 2015 (last Sunday of the holidays). We will assemble at 2.00pm in the vicinity of Coachmans Park (opposite Westpac, midway along Queen St, St Marys). The March will commence at 2.30pm.

The Service in Victoria Park (Great Western Highway, St Marys) will commence immediately the March is complete after its arrival in the park, likely around 2.45pm or soon after.

We have 5 crosses to place as a memorial to local servicemen from World War 1. These will be placed by the school leaders.
The message of Harmony Day is **Everyone Belongs.** It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

Harmony Day is Friday 20th March. During the week each student will have been involved in activities to be displayed around the school in support of Harmony Day.

**Did you know:**

- Around 45 per cent of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was born overseas.
- People from over 200 countries make up the Australian community.
- More than 300 languages are spoken in Australian homes.
- Apart from English the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Italian, Arabic, Cantonese, Greek, Vietnamese, Tagalog/Filipino, Spanish and Hindi.
- More than 60 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.

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**Tickets On Sale from 6pm**

- Purchase $20 and Receive $10 FREE!!
- Purchase $30 and Receive $20 FREE!!
- Purchase $40 and Receive $40 FREE!!

**Wednesday 25th March**

**St Marys Band Club**
411 Great Western Highway,
St Marys
02 9623 1211

**OVER $1000 in Prizes**

**The Bandy’s Easter Egg Raffle**
**House Plans**

Considering building or renovating?
- DA & CC Drawings
- All Council Documentation
- Free Building Consultation
- Architectural Drafting & Design
- New Builds, Additions, Knock Down / Rebuild
- Sketch & Preliminary Designs
- Awnings, Decks & Carports

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