Welcome to the 2015 school year and a particularly warm welcome to the families new to WRPS. The staff and I are looking forward to an exciting year working with you and your children. Our fortnightly newsletter contains much information to help and support you.

### Important Dates - TERM 1 - Week 2

**Thursday 5th February**  
Textbook Sales Day

**Week 3**

- **Monday 9th February**  
  Dance P & C Meeting 7.00pm

- **Wednesday 11th February**  
  Scripture commences  
  Sport in Schools

- **Friday 13th February**  
  Welcome Picnic  
  5.30pm – 7pm

**Week 4**

- **Monday 16th February**  
  Dancing  
  School Photos

- **Tuesday 17th February**  
  Parent Information Evening  
  5.30pm – K/1H & 4/5C  
  6.15pm – 1/2W, 3B & 6W

- **Wednesday, 18th Feb**  
  Sport in Schools

**Week 5**

- **Monday 23rd February**  
  Dancing

- **Tuesday 24th February**  
  Paul Kelly Cup AFL

- **Wednesday 25th Feb**  
  Swimming Carnival

- **Thursday 26th February**  
  Zone Touch Trials

- **Friday 27th February**  
  Schools’ Clean Up Australia Day

### Staffing and Classes

- K/1H  
  Mrs Hitchenson (Mon-Wed)  
  Mrs Irvine (Thurs-Fri)

- 1/2W  
  Mrs Webbey (Relieving Principal Thurs-Fri)

- 3B  
  Mrs Begg

- 4/5C  
  Miss Coggan (Relieving Principal Mon-Wed)

- 6W  
  Mr Wann

I will be taking the Relief from Face to Face teaching (RFF) and the Learning and Support Teacher (LaST) roles Monday to Wednesday each week, with my administration days being Thursday and Friday. Mrs Hudson continues as our librarian on Fridays. We welcome Mrs Townsend as our Learning and Support Officer and she will be assisting in classrooms. Mrs Murphy is continuing in her role in library administration and in the office on Mondays. We welcome Mrs Olbrechts to our school. She will be assisting Mrs Castle in the office on Wednesdays. Our General Assistant, Mr Shepherd, will be working every Thursday and every second Wednesday. Mr Bill continues in his role as our cleaner. Mrs Walmsley is continuing in her role as Relieving Principal at Sutherland North Public School.

### Healthy Students

At WRPS we are encouraging our students to make healthy choices about lunches and snacks. At 10am each day students have Crunch & Sip which is a set break for students to eat fruit or vegetables and drink water in the classroom. Crunch & Sip assists with concentration and performance in the classroom. Wherever possible, please provide healthy choices in their lunchbox.

### SMS Messaging

A message was sent yesterday to all families regarding Sport in Schools commencing. If you did not receive the message please contact the school office to check your contact details. As the SMS system is vital to our Emergency Management Plan it is imperative to have correct contact details for each family.
Office Hours
The school office operates from 8.45am to 3.30pm. If you are calling outside of these hours please leave a message on the answering machine.

Late Arrivals/Early Departures
Please ensure you stop off at the office to complete late arrival and early departure slips. Late arrival slips are needed for any arrival after the morning bell. Please note that ‘late’ as a reason will be marked as ‘unjustified’ in the roll.

There have been some adjustments made to the attendance exemptions. Family holidays no longer qualify for an exemption. These absences will now be recorded as ‘Leave’ and will count in students’ attendance tallies.

Textbook Sale Day
Last week students received information regarding textbooks. Textbook Day is tomorrow (5th February). Students are required to have correct cash or a cheque made payable to LJ Harper & Company.

School Photos
School photos will be taken on Monday 16th February. Information packages have been sent home today.

Welcome to the School Year Picnic
On Friday 13th February beginning at 5.30pm a school picnic will be held for our families. This is an informal evening allowing families to meet and spend time together. Bring a blanket, chair and a picnic dinner and share some time with our wonderful community.

Parent Information Evening
On Tuesday 17th February an information session will be held by each class teacher in their room. In this time, teachers will give an overview of class routines, outline homework and class expectations and an overview of topics to be taught this term. At 5.30pm K/1H and 4/5C parents will meet Mrs Hitchenson, Mrs Irvine and Miss Coggan. Parents from 1/2W, 3B and 6W will meet with Mrs Webbey, Mrs Begg and Mr Wann at 6.15pm.

Parent Interviews
In Week 9, beginning Monday 23rd March, 2015 individual parent interviews with be held to discuss privately student progress throughout Term 1.

Book Club News
Scholastic Book Club pamphlets will be sent home with students shortly. The school receives a percentage of sales via a points system to supplement the purchase of resources. In 2014 points were used to purchase the flower chalkboards located on the back of the library building.

Orders are due by the date written on the brochure and may be placed along with payment in the letterbox in the school office. There are a number of methods for payment outlined in the brochure. This year WRPS has joined Scholastics Book Club LOOP trial which allows parents to order and complete their payment online. If you wish to use this method, please go to scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the app from the App Store.

Summer Reading Challenge
Congratulations to the students who completed the Summer Reading Challenge over the Christmas holiday break. Students found some interesting places, from farms and Japanese gardens to ferries and trampolines, to enjoy a book. Students who completed the challenge will receive an invitation to a celebration sausage sizzle next week.

Steel Drumming
We were saddened by the news this week that Denis and Heather are unable to continue the steel drumming band at WRPS in 2015. We would like to thank them both for their dedication and commitment to The Woronora Rhythm over the last few years and for sharing their love of music with our students.

P&C Meeting
The WRPS P&C Meeting will be held in the school library on Monday 9th February at 7pm. All welcome.

School Banking
School banking commences tomorrow, Thursday, 5th February, 2015. Thank you Amanda for continuing to be the school banking coordinator for this year.

Activity Payments
PSSA, incursions and excursions support the curriculum content taught in classes. These activities are selected to support and extend your child’s learning. Many extra-curricular activities are provided by the staff at WRPS some of which incur a cost to families. Payment for these activities is
appreciated by the due date. Where payment has not been received for these activities by the due date, students will be unable to participate. Please speak with Mrs Castle or myself if you are experiencing financial difficulties.

Karen Simula  
Relieving Principal

**Canteen News**

Welcome back to school for 2015! Canteen has reopened this week for lunch orders and counter sales on Monday and Friday. Orders should be written neatly on a paper lunch bag and left with payment in the office prior to 9.15 am. A copy of the canteen price list is attached to this week’s newsletter and can be found on the school website. Don't forget, many canteen items are now homemade. Current homemade items include: chicken burgers, hamburgers, lasagne, pizza and chicken nuggets.

A canteen volunteer note went home last week with your eldest child. If you are new to the school or haven't volunteered before, let us know and we will pair you with someone experienced. Canteen is fun and your children will love seeing you at school also, it’s a great way of meeting other parents. Grandparents are also welcome.

Our Red Food Day for this term is Wednesday 4 March. It will be a pizza day. Red Food Days are days when treat foods can be sold.

Please consider helping in the canteen if you have some spare time.
B and A News

Welcome to another fun year at B and A, and a very big welcome to our new Kindy kids and their families who will be starting at B&A next week.

As we have been settling back into routine we have had a lot of free play activity – making paper planes and playing outside have been popular, as well as Trugger colouring pages.

Last week our kids got back in the kitchen, making some very yummy Oaty Coconut Cookies. This week we will be making Honey Joy, and next week Lemonade Scones. We also have a variety of crafts planned.

Menu and Activities

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In addition to our daily planned activities, children have the opportunity for free play inside or outside

- **Inside free play** – children can watch a movie, access the computers / PlayStation / Xbox, play board games, toys, dramatic play, construction equipment, hama beads, scooby strings or other free craft, or just socialise with friends
- **Outside free play** – children may play in the garden area directly out front of the centre, games on the top or bottom playground (under supervision)

Jennie 0415 423 462
**Canteen Price List**

The Canteen is open at first break on Monday and Friday. Lunch orders are available on Mondays and Fridays.

Lunch orders must be written on a paper bag with your child’s name and class. Money can be placed inside the bag. Please place all orders in the basket located on the bench in the foyer of the office by 9:15am.

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| **Extras**                     |                                     |                          |
| Tomato, lettuce, carrot, cucumber, beetroot, cheese, pineapple sauce (tomato/BBQ) | $0.50 | $0.60 |
|                                 |                                     | $0.30                    |

| **Hot food**                    |                                     |                          |
| Chicken burger (lettuce and mayo) | $3.20 | $3.00 |
| Chicken burger (plain)          | $3.00                               | $2.50                    |
| Chicken nuggets (homemade, GF) (3 for) | $2.00 | $1.50 |
| Fried rice                      | $1.00                               | $1.00                    |
| Hamburger (meat, lettuce, tomato, cheese) | $3.00 | $2.50 |
| Lasagne (homemade)              | $3.00                               | $2.00                    |
| Pizza (ham and pineapple) (homemade) | $3.00 | $2.00 |
| Spaghetti Bolognaise            | $3.00                               | $2.00                    |
| Chicken wrap (with lettuce and mayo) | $3.00 | $3.00 |
| Chicken wrap (with lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot) | $3.30 | $3.00 |

GF = Gluten free

| **Jaffles (GF add $0.50)**      |                                     |                          |
| Ham and cheese                 | $3.00                               |                          |
| Cheese and tomato              | $2.50                               | $2.00                    |
| Cheese                         | $2.00                               | $1.50                    |
| Baked beans                    | $2.50                               |                          |
| **Salad Plate**                |                                     | $4.00                    |
| Includes: Tomato, lettuce, carrot, cucumber, beetroot and pineapple, plus ham, tuna or cheese | | |

| **Counter Sales**               |                                     |                          |
| Milk (plain)                    | $1.20                               |                          |
| Milk (chocolate, strawberry)    | $1.70                               |                          |
| Juice (apple, apple blackcurrant, orange, orange mango, paradise punch) | $1.20 | |
| Water (plain)                   |                                     | $1.00                    |
| Focus flavoured Waters          | $1.20                               | $1.00                    |
| Hot chocolate (winter only)     | $1.00                               |                          |

| **Ice blocks**                  |                                     |                          |
| Frozen yogurt (strawberry, peach-mango) | $1.60 | |
| Mini Calippo (lemon, raspberry-pine gote) | $1.40 | $0.50 |
| Chocilic (frozen fruit sticks)   | $1.20                               |                          |
| Paddipops (chocolate, banana, rainbow, icy twist) | $1.60 | |
| Vanilla ice cream cup           | $1.60                               |                          |

| **Snacks**                      |                                     |                          |
| Chips (plain, honey soy)        | $1.30                               | $0.50                    |
| Muffins (homemade)              | $0.50                               | $0.50                    |
| Apple slinky                    | $0.60                               | $0.20                    |
| Slinky - bring your own apple/pear | $0.50 | |
| Jelly                          | $0.50                               |                          |
| Popcorn                        | $0.50                               | $0.50                    |
| Mini chocolate biscuit pack     | $0.40                               |                          |
| Bread sticks                    | $0.10                               |                          |
| Tiny Teddies (max 10)           | $0.05                               |                          |
| Garlic bread                    | $0.50                               |                          |

| **Paper Bags**                  | $0.30                               |                          |

Updated August 2014
WOMEN’S COURSE!
SUTHERLAND COLLEGE-GYMEA CAMPUS
SKILLS FOR WORK & TRAINING
We still have vacancies for the Career Education & Employment for Women course at Gymea Tafe.
This course is for women who wish to refresh their skills to re-enter the workforce or do further study.
Classes are 3 days per week within school hours commencing 9th February 2015.
Subjects include: Computing, Resumes, Interview Skills, Communication, Workplace Writing, First
**Program and Course Schedule 2015**

### Relating as Stepfamilies
- **3-session program** specifically for couples either in a stepfamily or considering forming one.
- **Date:** Monday nights, 16 February to 2 March 2015
- **Time:** 6.30pm to 9.00pm
- **Cost:** $100 per couple with SRT subsidy

### Parents Not Partners
- **6-session program** for separated parents who are in conflict over children. Focused on helping you manage conflict with the other parent to bring positive outcomes for your children.
- **Date:** Monday nights, 16 February to 23 March 2015
- **Time:** 6.30pm to 9.00pm
- **Cost:** $150 per person

### Seasons for Growth
- **8-session program** to help young people (6 to 12 years) to understand and express experiences of significant change, loss and grief.
- **Date:** Monday afternoons, 9 February to 30 March 2015
- **Time:** 4.00pm to 5.00pm
- **Cost:** $50 per child (includes booklet and afternoon tea)

### Building Bridges
- **This program**, for 8-12 year olds, discusses how bridges connect families that are living in two separate places. When parents separate, children often live in two homes and they need to find ways to build their own bridge between the two homes.
- **Date:** 10 February 2015
- **Time:** 4.00pm to 6.00pm
- **Cost:** Free

### Building Connections through Play
- **This program** is an attachment based program, aiming to improve father-child and mother-child relationships through encouragement of responsiveness to child’s cues. This is an individual program and can run at a time convenient for father or mother, child and facilitator.
- **When:** Between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday
- **Cost:** Free

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**Bookings essential. Please call 8522 4450**

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Interrelate: Relationship Experts since 1926
School Banking 2015 is ready for launch.

For over 80 years, the School Banking program has been teaching Australian children lifelong money skills. This year, your child is invited to join the Dottarnites on an intergalactic mission to Planet Savings.

Information on how students can get on board with School Banking, including a Savings Tracker and a rewards redemption card, is available from your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Your school has received parent packs that include all the information you need to get on board. If you haven’t received a parent pack yet, please ask your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Rewarding good savings habits with eight new items in 2015

The School Banking program encourages good savings habits by rewarding students with awesome reward items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, they can redeem a reward from our Outer Space Savers range, including ET DVDs, Planet Handballs, Invisible Ink Martian Pens, Intergalactic Rocket Pencils, Glow-in-the-Dark Solar Systems, Cosmic Light Beam Torches, Outer Space Savers Money Boxes, and Lunar Light Bands.

You could win a family trip to Disneyland

In a School Banking first, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically receive one entry into the competition draw to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland. The prize includes return airfares, five nights accommodation, transfers and three days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, plus AUD$2,000 spending money.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Things to know before you enter: Conditions apply. Promotion starts 9.30am AEDT 27/1/15 and ends 11.59pm AEDT 10/2/15. Entry is open to all Youth saver account holders aged 5-13 years who participate in CommBank’s School Banking program. Entrants under 18 must have parent/guardian consent. The draw will take place at 12.30pm AEDT on 12/2/15 at the Promoer’s office. The first valid entry drawn will win a family trip to California’s Disneyland valued at AUD$2,245. The winner’s name will be published in the public notices section of The Australian or at www.ll promote.com.au. A copy of these T & C s is available at www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. NSW Permit No. LTPS/14/0607; ACT Permit No. TPI/14/00340; WA Permit No. 14/G009/00; SA Permit No. T14/2387.
Welcome back to a new school year! Sutherland Shire Council Parking Officers will be out at all schools again this year helping you to ensure that all children get to and from school safely.

DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN

Schools are areas where there is a lot of interaction between cars and pedestrians: your children. Children are small, hard to see, behave unpredictably, and are extremely vulnerable.

Their lack of road experience means it is difficult for them to judge dangerous situations. Boys are twice as likely to be involved in pedestrian accidents as girls and children 10-14 years have the highest rate of child pedestrian casualties (RMS).

- Children up to eight years old should hold an adult’s hand on the footpath, in the carpark or when crossing the road.
- Children up to ten years old should be actively supervised around traffic and should hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.
- Take the time to make sure your children are aware of, understand and follow traffic safety regulations when they are walking.

HAVE A PLAN

Plan with your son or daughter how you will collect them. When and where will you be after school? Where should they wait? Make sure they know not to try and get into your vehicle while it is stopped; they should wait until you have parked at the side of the road.

Plan to arrive AFTER the school bell goes in the afternoon, so your children are ready and waiting for you and you are not blocking traffic.

NO PARKING ZONES

A No Parking zone is a pick up and drop off area: you can stop here for a maximum of two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers and must remain within three metres of the vehicle. When parents park in a No Parking zone for longer than two minutes they prevent other parents from stopping to drop off or pick up their children, creating frustration and dangerous situations. If you arrive before the school bell and block the pickup areas, you risk a fine.

Parking fines in school zones carry heavier fines and loss of demerit points. Sutherland Shire Council makes no apologies for fining drivers who break the law around schools and in school zones.

See the Roads and Maritime Authority website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au for more about Australian Road Rules and other road safety information.

SOME SIGNS YOU WILL SEE AROUND YOUR SCHOOL

NO PARKING

What does it mean?
You CAN stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle at all times.

Why is it there?
To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children.

NO STOPPING

What does it mean?
You CANNOT stop in this area FOR ANY REASON.

Why is it there?
To keep sight lines clear for drivers and children so both have more time to avoid crashes.

BUS ZONE

What does it mean?
You must NOT stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

Why is it there?
To provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up. Cars parking in bus zones put lives at risk by forcing buses out of their safety zone.