FROM THE PRINCIPAL

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to our school captains Nishanth and Amelia and Vice-Captains James and Jacquelyn for their appointment to leadership positions at our school. They have already begun their duties by leading our assemblies and welcoming our Regional Executive Director, Assistant Regional Director and a member of the Regional Performance Team. I have complete faith in their capacity to represent their school well.

LAST WEEK

Our parent information sessions have also been this week and I thank the staff for giving up their time to ensure that our parents feel well-informed. We believe strongly in the role of parents as first educators and in promoting successful relationships with parents and families. Apart from getting the chance to meet the teachers, these sessions are useful providers of information about all that is pertinent to the particular classroom.

P&C

Next week we will host our P&C Annual General Meeting and I encourage you all to come along. We will be looking for nominations for all positions so here is an opportunity to have a say and be informed about all of the things happening in our wonderful school. Some people shy away from P&C because they are afraid of the time commitment. You are able to give as much or as little time as you can afford.

PREPS ARE DELIGHTFUL

We have watched our Preps settle in nicely thanks to the cooperative partnership between parents and teachers. Each Prep classroom has a teacher-aide as well as a teacher. We fund this through the additional Investment for Success money as this enables our teachers to support our new students to develop language acquisition as quickly as possible.

HOLIDAYS IN SCHOOL TIME

I encourage parents to organise overseas holidays in conjunction with some of the regular holiday time that all students get as, after all, school students get 12 weeks of holidays per year in Queensland. Absence from school is a huge indicator of success or lack of success as students find it very difficult to catch up. The teacher cannot reasonably be expected to re-teach the missed work as the teacher must move on with the curriculum. Parents who take students on holidays for more than ten days in school time, must make an appointment to see me to discuss how the student will keep up with the work.

DI CARTER, PRINCIPAL
SCHOOL LEADER INDUCTION

Last Friday we inducted our school leaders into their positions. Congratulations to Nishanth and Amelia who are our school captains for 2017 and our vice captains James and Jacquelyn. Congratulations also go to the students who have been elected as House, Music, LOTE, Library, Chess and ICT captains. Also to the student councillors who will represent their classes at meetings.

The process for students to apply to be selected as leaders included the students applying to be Senior Leaders. To achieve this position, students displayed the following qualities:

- Consistently adhered to school rules without reminders
- A high level of responsibility and willingness to commit to school activities
- Very high level of personal presentation – always wearing school uniform with pride.
- A willingness to develop leadership skills.

Congratulations to all of the students who applied for and were awarded their Senior Leader badge.

LUNCHTIME CODING CLUBS

We will be running two lunchtime coding clubs starting next week on Thursdays at 11am. The purpose of these clubs is to engage students in and develop coding skills, and then use these skills to create a project.

A junior coding club for interested year 2 and 3 students will be run by Mrs Weir and Mrs Anderson in Block 9 LAB. For next week only they will meet in Mrs Weir’s 2G classroom, and will be taken down to the LAB. These students will be working with Bee Bots and a program called Scratch Junior.

For interested Year 5 and 6 students, Mr Limb and Mrs Walton will be teaching students Scratch and a few other coding programs throughout the year. This club will meet in the Block 7 LAB.

PREP READING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

Thank you to the parents who attended the Prep Reading workshop on Monday morning. It was lovely to see you engage with our home reading program and gain some strategies for supporting your child in reading at home. Thank you to Miss Hickey and Mrs Rana for presenting this workshop. We are going to be running a maths workshop for Prep parents soon. Further information will be available soon.

THE YEAR OF THE WORD – HOW TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO WRITE.

There are lots of different methods that parents can use to encourage their children to write. Over the next few weeks I will share different ways to encourage children to write. Some ideas for this week are:

1. Build a climate of words at home. Go places and see things with your child, then talk about what has been seen, heard, smelled, tasted, touched. The basis of good writing is good talk, and younger children especially grow into stronger control of language when adults share experiences and rich talk about those experiences.

2. Let children see you write often. You're both a model and a teacher. If children never see adults write, they gain an impression that writing occurs only at school. What you do is as important as what you say. Have children see you writing notes to friends, letters to business firms, perhaps stories to share with the children. From time to time, read aloud what you have written and ask your children their opinion of what you've said. If it's not perfect, so much the better. Making changes in what you write confirms for the child that revision is a natural part of writing -- which it is.

TYRONE BRUCE, KAREN COOMBES, GAYLE HEALEY, ALLAN THARENOU
FINANCE NEWS – TERM 1 PAYMENTS

Payment for Resource Scheme and Excursions/Excursions

The school’s preferred payment method is via BPoint which can be accessed via QParents or online at the BPoint website (details listed on your invoice and information letter). If you are paying by BPoint or Internet transfer, please remember to return the permission slip at the bottom of the information letter to the school office.

Payments can also be made via Centrepay. Please contact the office to set up a new deduction.

Our Cash Collection window is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8.15am to 11.00am. Money cannot be accepted after 11.00am as we cannot hold it on the premises.

If you have any questions re payment, please don’t hesitate to contact the office.

ALLYSON STEPHENS, BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER

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MUSIC NOTES

This week in Music

REFERENCES

Requests for references of instrumental/choir students should be emailed to Ms Anne Pook at the above email address. These can only be accepted until the end of February.

Reference letters will be processed in order of receipt.

Please note that although I have completed some references, students have not been to pick up. This Friday afternoon, I will have a number of references ready to be collected. Please include in your email as follows:

REQUEST FOR REFERENCE FOR - (your child’s name & class) and provide some basic details such as: - year of entry to WRSS program, instrument, ensembles your child has participated in and choir groups. If you have a cut-off date, please include that as well.

MEET & MINGLE

Invitations will be emailed this week.

An Invitation To “Meet & Mingle”

with

Staff of the Music Department

on Friday, 10 March

from 4.30pm to 6.30pm

at the Outdoor Learning Area

(at the far end of the school next to the Junior Oval)

The afternoon is not about parent teacher interviews but, rather, about coming together as a music community within our school. Please note that this event is for parents only.

CHOIR RESOURCE SCHEME - Letters/invoices are currently being processed.

Fee Structure for Choir:
In the senior choir groups all students pay a levy of $60.00 for the year.
If you are in senior choir plus either chamber choir or boys chorus you still only pay $60.00
If you are in Boys chorus only you pay the levy of $60.00
This payment covers bus costs, music costs and entry costs for any festivals or competitions. We do not charge anything else if we go to a performance as it is covered by this one off levy. WE intend to participate in two out of school events in May 2017.

CLASS MUSIC LESSONS: Parents – if your child is in Year 3-6 they need a music workbook and a recorder for their class music lessons. The year 6 students will complete their recorder work in Term 1 and will not need to bring to class after that. As the students have had a recorder throughout the previous years this should not be an issue.

Your music workbook is provided upon receipt of the resource scheme payment. I am now using the workbook during each lesson (from Week 4 on), I urge you to ensure that your child’s resource scheme is paid as soon as possible please. Books will then be issued to the students in their class. The written activity often consolidates work we have covered over a period of weeks.

MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP 1ST Meeting for 2017 -Monday, 20 February
3.15pm – 4.15pm in the Music Block
All music parents are WELCOME to attend

Over the years we have been fortunate to have some very supportive parents but the time has come and they have moved on with their children going to high school. We would love to have some new parents join Music Support Group.

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<td>Rehearsal is on WEDNESDAYS AT 11.00am in Music block – please bring your lunch.</td>
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<td>Senior Choir</td>
<td>Years 5 &amp; 6 boys and girls welcome. No audition required.</td>
<td>Week commencing February 20 – all on Monday and just Year 6 on Tuesday from 7.45am</td>
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<td>Chamber Choir</td>
<td>Congratulations to all who auditioned – I enjoyed listening to everyone.</td>
<td>Rehearsal this FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17 IN THE MUSIC BLOCK FROM 7.45AM</td>
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Boys Chorus  |  Has begun  |  Rehearsal each Tuesday from 8.15am
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Year 3 Singing Club  |  Has begun.  |  Monday 1st Break  
  (Bring your lunch and water bottle)

Quote from Dr. Anita Collins – Bigger Better Brains.
“I am a music educator and researcher and here is my barrow: I research in the field of neuroscience and music education and there are now two decades worth of rigorous scientific research telling us that consistent music education from birth, activities as simple as musical games, starting the day with singing from written music, learning recorder or violin or ukulele, can improve literacy levels by between one and three years. And this improvement is based on NAPLAN results here in Australia and can occur after just over a year of implementation. “

ANNE POOK, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

SPORT NEWS

UPCOMING DISTRICT TRIALS (10-12 YEARS ONLY)
If you wish to nominate your child in a particular sport, please email Miss Spacie (sspac11@eq.edu.au) at least 3 weeks prior to the trial date (wherever possible). Each school is only allowed to send 4 students to trial. Only students displaying quality skill levels will be sent to trial.

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SUNNYBANK DISTRICT SWIMMING TRIALS
Last Wednesday, Ryan S and Hannah C attended the Sunnybank District Swimming trials. Both students were one place off making the Sunnybank District team. Hannah, who swam in the 50m Freestyle for the 11 years girls, finished in 6th position. Unfortunately the District can only take the top 5 swimmers. Ryan competed in 6 different events for the 11 years boys. His best was a 6th position finish, missing out on the Sunnybank team also. Ryan finished 7th in 50m Freestyle, 14th in the Open division 100m Freestyle, 10th in 50m Backstroke as well as 100m Breaststroke, 9th in 50m Butterfly and 6th in 50m Breaststroke. I want to congratulate both Ryan and Hannah on their events at the carnival. They both swam extremely well and should be proud of their placings.
**Drama Club**

Drama club is commencing Week 5 on Tuesday 21 February. This will be the sign on day. Drama club is open to all students from Year 2 to 6. In Drama Club we focus on learning basic drama skills as well as performing in front of peers, creative thinking skills and working with others. Students are required to attend weekly from 8:00-8:30am. They must also be aware of other commitments that they already have.

When: Every Tuesday at 8:00 am promptly  
Where: Prep F classroom  
Contact Teacher: Mrs Debritz

**Parent Workshop on Understanding Bilingualism**

Time: Wednesday 1 March 9:15am  
Place: Upstairs in Block 9

Susana Eisenchlas, Senior Lecturer in Linguistics at Griffith University, will present the results of research on bilingualism, its benefits and challenges. Then we will discuss personal experiences with maintaining languages and get tips on how to help our children do the best they can.

All interested parents are invited to attend. If you know someone who may be interested but may not read this newsletter, please pass on the information.

Please RSVP to Therese O'Brien tobri30@eq.edu.au if you wish to attend, including your name, home language and name/s of your child/children. Printed materials from the talk will be available in Chinese and Korean. We look forward to seeing many parents of EAL/D students there.
P&C News: 15th February 2017

A Note From Your President

A bumper issue this week with lots of information from Safe School Travel, the Early Years, and the Uniform Shop. These are all subcommittees of the P&C and all provide lots of opportunity to volunteer and deserve your support.

You will also separately receive information on the Annual General Meeting of the P&C at 6:30pm on Wednesday 22 February in the school staff room. All positions on the P&C will be open at this meeting and available to fill by any member of the school community.

2017 Bunnings BBQ Call for Volunteers

We have been given a chance this year to hold a Bunnings BBQ at the Underwood store (near Aldi and opposite the big gun). This event is being held to help raise funds for air-conditioning our children’s classrooms.

So if you could possibly spare an hour to help please go onto www.sobs.com.au, search for Warrigal Road State School, select Warrigal Road State School P&C, select Bunnings BBQ and then choose your time slot.

When: - Saturday 25th February 2017
Where:- Bunnings at Underwood

If you have any questions please email us at wrssearlyyears@gmail.com. Your support is greatly appreciated.
As you would all know, it has been an extremely hot start to the year for our children and teachers at Warrigal Road State School. The P&C is trying to raise funds for air conditioning but we need your help. You should have received a letter outlining how donations can be made to the WRSS Building Fund. A copy of this letter is attached in case you missed it. Please consider making a donation to the WRSS Building Fund for air conditioning so that all of the students and teachers at our school can enjoy a comfortable learning environment. There are lots of other schools that have already air-conditioned their classrooms through their own fundraising efforts. Let’s not be the last!

Safe School Travel Committee

Safe School Travel (SAFEST)

We have attached a copy of the schools’ SAFEST brochure for you to have a read of. It contains important information in regards to how the 2 minute drop off and pick up zones operate, as well as parking around the school and child safety.

If you would like to become more involved here at Warrigal Rd, we would love you to come and join the SAFEST team. We are always looking for parents to help up at Demigre St or at the hall 2 minute zone. If you can spare 30 mins either before or after school that would be fantastic. Please email wrsspandc@hotmail.com if you can help.

PARKING

Parents, don’t forget you are able to park in the IGA carpark for school drop off and pick up. Just pop into the office and ask the ladies for a parking slip to put on your car dashboard.

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

If you walk, ride, scooter, catch public transport or carpool to school on Walking Wheeling Wednesday then come on up and get your passport stamped. We will be set up outside the office.

This week the Prep children received their ‘Active School Travel Passport’ from their class teacher. Other students can keep using passports from last year and add to their existing stamps. The more stamps, the more prizes you will receive.

If you would like to join the AST team or would like more information about the program, please email wrsspandc@hotmail.com
The Early Years Committee is a sub-committee of the P&C. We are a group of parents with children in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 who meet on the third Friday of the month to discuss fundraising & school issues. In the past we have contributed funds towards the Prep playground synthetic grass surfacing, extra classroom resources, the Prep playground Tractor & more recently the upgrade of the Year 2/3 playground.

We are always looking for new members to assist us in our many projects such as the Easter Raffle, Pie drive, Bunnings BBQ, Sports Day BBQs & Disco.

This Friday 17 February at 9am in the staff room we will have our first meeting of the year. So why not come along to the meeting or drop us an email wrssearlyyears@gmail.com with any suggestions you may have.

REMINDER – All children should now be wearing the new style uniforms. For example, the boys have a new formal uniform (pictured on the right) that needs to be worn at assemblies and on excursions.

Polo Shirts/Wide Brim Hats & School Bags

- If you were waiting on Polo Shirts, we are now fully stocked of all sizes.
- This week we are expecting our Wide brim hats into stock, so you can check online if you are waiting on these to see when they are in.
- Sorry about the delay in the arrival of our school bags. We are working with our supplier to get these in as soon as possible.

Do you need a few extra uniforms to get you through the week? Come in store and check out our second hand items.

Spelling Journal for Years 2-7 $5 Special#

Help students develop their spelling skills with the help and guidance of this book.

#Only while stocks last

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Monday 8am to 10am
Wednesday 8am to 10am
Thursday 8am to 10am

Or shop online at www.warrigalroadssshop.com.au
Tuckshop

Just a reminder that the tuckshop is open every day at both breaks with the exception of Tuesday when it’s only open at first break. Also, we are now “online orders only” on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Volunteers
The school has over 1,200 students and the tuckshop is currently staffed by one full time convenor and a casual that works 3.5 days a week. The tuckshop is always looking for volunteers. It could be as simple as collecting/sorting orders in the morning, preparing lunches for 1st and 2nd break or serving at lunch breaks. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated so if you have 30 minutes or more, please stop by and help. If you have questions, please contact us via email tuckshop@warroadss@eq.edu.au

Online Ordering - Flexischools
Ordering online is easy and streamlines tuckshop operations for our tuckshop workers. Due to the increase in orders the tuckshop will have “online orders only” on Tuesdays and Fridays. If you regularly order tuckshop, please ensure you create an account - www.flexischools.com.au. Please note that from Term 1 we will not be opening the tuckshop window on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Remember to like us on Facebook - Warrigal Road State School - P&C

Next Meeting and AGM : Wednesday 22nd Feb, 6:30 pm in the staff room. All Welcome
Warrigal Road State School (WRSS)
SAFE SCHOOL TRAVEL (SAFEST)

Safety around school is a topic we take very seriously at WRSS. All parents have a large part to play in ensuring the safety of not only their children but also all children at the school.

Set out below are some things that need to be observed around the school precinct when travelling to or from school.

**Safety Walk**

Please use the safety walk that goes around the Warrigal Rd bottom car park at all times when exiting the school on foot at the bottom car park gate. This avoids children walking across the path of the traffic exiting onto Warrigal Rd.

**Where did you Park?**

Always check parking signs before leaving your vehicle.

- No parking at No Parking signs 7-9am and 2-4pm (Demigre St & Oakleaf St).
- No parking in loading zones (drop off and pick up zones) 7-9am & 2-4pm at both loading zones (Front of Hall & Demigre St).
- 15 minute parking zone, 7-9am & 2-4pm, 6 car bays Daw Rd (near walkway into school via oval).
- A Yellow line means a "NO STOPPING ZONE". You cannot stop or park alongside a Yellow line.
- No parking or standing across resident’s driveways.

**DO NOT PARK AND LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE AT ANY OF THE ABOVE AREAS.**

**School 2 Minute Drop off and Pick up Zones**

Watch for the red council LOADING ZONE (Drop Off & Pick Up Zone) signs or Look Out Stop Drop and Go Zones signs.

These are located at:

- the bottom car park (in front of the hall), Warrigal Road
- Demigre St (back of the school adjacent to the park)

**Supervised Crossing – Demigre Street**

A supervised crossing is located at Demigre Street (near Corner of Petunia Court). Please always use the Supervised Crossing in Demigre Street. **DO NOT** cross Demigre Street through the Drop Off/Pick Up Zone. This is supervised from 8.15 – 9.00am and 2.50 – 3.35pm School Days.
### How to Use 2 Minute Drop Off and Pick Up Zones

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<td>Always move to the <strong>FRONT</strong> of the Zone to allow other cars to file in behind you.</td>
<td>The passenger 2 minute loading and pick up zone allows for the quick pick up of children during congested peak school “let out” times.</td>
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<td>Plan your arrival. So your children only need to get out of your vehicle and walk into school.</td>
<td>Vehicles move slowly along the loading zone as close to the <strong>FRONT</strong> of the queue as possible at the time of arrival and continue to move up the queue when required – similar to a taxi rank.</td>
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<td>If necessary you can get out of the vehicle to assist the children with bags etc. but do not take longer than 2 minutes before driving off.</td>
<td>Children see the vehicle and be ready to get in at the front – only the first 3 cars are loaded at a time.</td>
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<td>Never double park to drop off children- it is illegal and dangerous.</td>
<td>At present the bulk of children seem to arrive at the pick up zone at approx 3.10pm each afternoon.</td>
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<td>Never park across or in resident’s driveways.</td>
<td>Vehicles remain in the queue for a maximum of 2 minutes – therefore if you have been in the queue for 2 minutes, once you are at the front of the queue, your child must immediately be loaded. If your child is not waiting, please drive away and return to the queue or park legally and walk to collect them.</td>
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<td>Never park on Yellow lines or in No Parking areas.</td>
<td>You can get out of the vehicle only to assist the children to load bags.</td>
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<td>Follow the instructions of the school volunteers and teachers who will be supervising the respective pickup/drop off zones. Be supportive.</td>
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### Respect the timing

- Do not remain in the queue for more than 2 minutes.
- Do not park in the zone and walk away from the car.
- Do not stop in the middle of the zone – always drive to the front.

### Helpful Hints to Avoid the Busy Time

- Plan your arrival. Does it have to be before students are released from class?
- Do you have older children? Could you ask them to be ready and waiting 15-20 minutes after school gets out.

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| Helpf | 15-20 minutes after school gets out. |
DO ✓

- Follow the instructions of the school volunteers and teachers who will be supervising the respective drop off and pick up zones.
- Talk to your children, tell them what time you will be collecting them and to be in the correct waiting location, not off playing with friends or not paying attention while parents are waiting for you.
- Ask them to look out for your vehicle with their bag packed and ready to get in.
- Pick up or drop off children only to be by the vehicles kerb side doors.
- Make sure the children wear their seatbelts.
- Drive in and out safely, check and use your indicators.
- If your children are not at your arranged area, go around the block and try again or park legally and collect them.

AT ALL TIMES CROSS THE ROAD AT THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS OR SUPERVISED SCHOOL CROSSING

DON’T X

- Arrive early in the afternoon and park in the Loading Zone (Pick Up & Drop Off Zone) and leave your car and walk away.
- Turn right from the bottom car park into Warrigal Rd.
- Double park anywhere.
- Use staff parking or bus areas.
- Park anywhere illegally.
- Park on supervised crossings.
- Park in driveways within the bottom car park (Warrigal Rd) blocking other traffic.
- Park in “No Parking” zones for longer than specified time (eg. 15 minutes).
- Load children into vehicles from the traffic side of the vehicle.
- Tell children to run across busy streets or thoroughfares to get to vehicles.

Active School Travel Program

WRSS is involved in the Active School Travel Program. This program is an incentive for students to actively travel to/from school supported by the Brisbane City Council.

Every Wednesday is our designated “Walking Wheeling Wednesday”. On this day if you walk/ride/bus/train or car pool, you receive a stamp in your passport outside the office and once your receive a certain amount of stamps, you receive a reward. Each term we hold a “Walking Wheeling Wednesday, Park n Stride”. This is advertised in our Newsletter. We depart from Leopardwood St and Bordeaux St at 8.10am sharp and walk to school as a group. This event is supervised. When we reach the hall, the children receive a stamp and either muffin or fruit & water.

Once a month we present a trophy for the best “Active School Travel Class”. The class that wins this trophy will be the best for the criteria for the month (eg. most returned forms, most bike riders). This trophy will be given out on Junior & Senior Parades.

For more information on the Active School Travel Program is located at http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-transport/public-transport/school-transport/active-school-travel-program

For further details contact lgoep1@eq.edu.au
School Volunteers – We Need You!

We are always in desperate need of volunteers to supervise the Drop off/Pick up areas in Demigre St, and in the bottom car park near the hall. With over 1,250 students at the school we only had 6 volunteers last year. This is not satisfactory and your help is required urgently. 30 minutes once or twice a week is all that is required and would help with our children’s safety in these very busy areas before and after school each day. If you are able to help please contact Leanne in the school office or email: lgoep1@eq.edu.au

Further Information

If you have any enquiries contact your local Queensland Transport Road Safety Officer on 1300 360 135.

Info is also available at the following websites –

Thank you for your assistance and support

WRSS P & C ASSOCIATION, (wrsspandc@hotmail.com)
Last year, the P&C Association commenced its appeal for donations to the WRSS Building Fund to raise funds for the installation of air conditioning at Warrigal Road State School. The Queensland State Government does not provide funding to schools for air conditioning. It is therefore up to the P&C Association, parents and our local community to raise the necessary funds required for this huge project.

Due to the size of our school, installation of air conditioning will need to be undertaken in several stages. The P&C Association has decided that Block 9 will be air-conditioned first and indicative quotes suggest that it could cost up to $80,000. Installation must be done in accordance with the ‘School Standards Air Conditioning Specification’ and factors which may impact on cost include asbestos management. The P&C Association intends to undertake a competitive tender process with several suppliers to ensure that we get value for money.

So far, approximately $13,000 has been raised through parent donations alone. We have also applied for grants and all funds from this year’s Warrigala will be directed to the WRSS Building Fund for air-conditioning.

We encourage you to support the installation of air conditioning at our school with a tax deductible donation. You will receive a letter from the school requesting payment of $100 for the Student Resource Scheme, with a $20 deduction for payment before the deadline. If you intend to make payment prior to the deadline, we would like you to consider donating the $20 saved towards the WRSS Building Fund as per the directions set out below. Please note that donations for air-conditioning must be paid to the WRSS Building Fund account below, not to the school account.

To those parents with children in the laptop program who are required to pay a separate levy, any donation you can provide would be gratefully accepted.

The preferred method for making a donation is by direct deposit to the Building Fund (details below):

Bank: CBA
Account Name: WRSS Building Fund
BSB: 064 050
Account number: 10040060
Reference: Please insert your full name (to claim a tax deduction) as payment reference.

Please email buildingwrss@gmail.com to ask for a receipt.

If you would like to make a donation by cheque, please make your cheque payable to ‘Warrigal Road State School P&C Association - Building Fund’. All cash or cheque donations should be handed in at the school office in an envelope marked ‘WRSS Building Fund’ with a completed Receipt Request Slip (see below).

All donations over $2.00 are tax deductible and can be made at any time. Should you wish to claim a tax deduction for this financial year, you will need to make your donation before 30 June 2017.

For any queries relating to donations or the Building Fund, please email buildingwrss@gmail.com.

This is your opportunity to provide a comfortable learning environment for our children. Thank you for your support.

The Executive Team
WRSS P&C Association

Receipt Request for Donation to the Warrigal Road State School Building Fund

First name: ........................................ Surname: .................................................................
Donation amount: .................................. Date deposited: ..................................................
Child’s name: ...................................... Child’s class: ......................................................
Contact Ph: ....................................... Email: .................................................................