**From the Principal’s Desk**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We have had a sensational term with lots of great learning and extra-curricular activities. Students showed their great talents at the Festival of Instrumental Music and the Opera House Spectacular. These performances were outstanding and a real credit to Widemere students (your children).

We celebrated a great Education Week, with open classrooms and a very popular art auction which was a credit to our talented artists at Widemere. Your children participated in a wonderful Book Parade dressing up as delightful book characters and contributed to our innovative Science Expo.

We have had many sporting triumphs at our school this term including our Athletics Carnival, the Zone Track and Field Athletic Carnival and even 3 students making it to the Area Track Athletics Carnival. We also did very well in the Public School Sports Association (PSSA) competition with our Senior Soccer team reaching the semi-finals and all other teams showing great skill and sportsmanship. Some students have participated in the annual swimming scheme program finishing this week, building their limited swimming skills. This scheme was generously subsidised by our P & C (half the bus fare for the 10 days).

We have had great teaching and learning programs in classrooms every day and terrific one off events like our Paper Chain Challenge where students learned a great deal about measuring length in a really fun way and Murder Under the Microscope where students were utilising their science skills. Our terrific debating team performed extremely well as well as talented students achieving in the Multicultural Speaking Competition and the Spelling Bee.
I thank our wonderful staff and students for all their hard work and thank our great P&C particularly our 2014 fundraising team, Mrs Jones and Mrs Teelin for their great effort this term with our Thursday canteen, Crust For a Cause Pizza and Fathers’ Day breakfast and raffle etc. We also thank Mrs Greenhill our Uniform Shop organiser who has worked very hard to provide uniforms for our students.

It has been a long term with many families and staff feeling the effects of the dreaded influenza and lingering chicken pox. Hopefully the warmer weather will see us all fit and well for Term 4. We wish you all a relaxing break with your family and friends. Be Safe. First day back at school Term 4 is Tuesday the 7th October 2014.

See you then. Happy Holidays!

**Merit/Sport Certificates**
Friday 24 October will be the last day for students to hand in their 8 merit or sport certificates so that they can be issued with Principal Awards, Banner of Excellence etc on Wednesday 5 November, 2014.

**Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2015**
Please let your neighbours and friends know that we are now enrolling for Kindergarten 2015. If you feel your child may be too young please watch the Kindergarten video link written below. We are happy to enrol your child then assess whether they are ready for ‘big’ school during our orientation sessions.

**When to start school**
Starting school is a big step. How do you know if your child is ready? This video Kindergarten features teachers discussing this sometimes tricky issue.

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**From the P & C Association**

What is the Parents and Citizen Association (P&C)?

It is an organisation that is in most public schools in NSW. They bring the teachers, students, parents and wider community into close cooperation with the aim of making a significant difference to the student's educational outcomes.

Why should I join the P&C?

Research has shown that the vital ingredient for student learning is parent participation. It's every parent's entitlement to join a team of committed parents/carers and to develop new contacts to assist you and your child's education. At a meeting you will gain knowledge, and participate in the development of plans and policies for the running of the school. The P&C is the gateway to exchange information and to be a part of the continuous improvements and developments being made at Widemere Public School.

We are keen to encourage new parents to come along to our P & C meetings. The meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month and start at 7 pm. The majority of our 2014 meetings have finished at approximately 7:45 pm. Please feel free to contact a P & C member if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting to be held on Tuesday, 14 October. Why not come for a cup of tea and a chat and don't forget to bring a friend.

Sharmaine Falzon, President
Pictures from the successful Fathers’ Day Breakfast and Raffle.
Thank you to all who attended and made this day and raffle a success.

Thank you also to the mums that helped provide the dads and carers the very scrumptious breakfast.

Hope all dads/carers had a great day.

Widemere Out of School Hours Care (WOOSH)
Woosh is operating on the grounds of widemere public school from Block F. The centre operates before school care from 6:30 am to 9:00 am, after school care from 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm and school holiday program daily from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Parents/carers can book their child in for casual care or have a regular booking. All OOSH educators are qualified and experienced with the OOSH sector. For further information please feel free to contact the centre director on 9757 1904 or by mobile on 0417 647 310 or alternatively you can email woosh@holroyd.nsw.gov.au

The Good Guys
If you would like to help our school it can be as easy as purchasing items that you would have purchased anyway from another supplier from The Good Guys at Prospect or Wetherill Park. Both stores are fantastic supporters of our school.

For every purchase at either of these stores we receive dollar points towards purchasing items for our fundraising needs. All you have to do is mention our school and these dollar points will be tallied.

Just keep these stores in mind when purchasing fridges, washers, dryers, stoves, air conditioning, TVs, computers, dryers etc. Your purchase can really help our school and prices are very competitive!
Merryands Amateur Swimming Club

Activities for Swimmers of All Ages and Abilities - Children & Adults
- Club Races - Saturdays Mornings - 7 am to 9 am
- Learn to Swim - Saturday mornings - 9 am
- Squad Training - Weekdays - Mornings & Afternoons at Merrylands Heated Swimming Centre, Burnett Street, Merrylands

For more Information, visit our website www.merrylandsasc.asn.au or by email at swim@merrylandsascasnau or contact Ian Wilson on 0422 006 876

Parramatta City Band invites you to join their Brass band.

Do you play a brass or percussion instrument? Or Would you like to learn...

Then contact Jennifer (conductor) by email at howell.jaa@gmail.com for further information.

Support your Local Business

If you would be thinking of selling or wanting to buy a property please contact Francesca Luccitti on 9756 3040 or mobile 0430 393 396. Ray White Greystanes is located at 3/81 Hibiscus Street, Greystanes,

Do you ride a bike?

Then let us invite you to Auto Place, Peter Brock Drive at Prospect for an Open Day on Wednesday 24 September from 10 am to 3 pm. Bring your own helmet and bike.

There will be Road Safety Information, Safety Checks and Skills Course. NSWP Push bike Squad, a cake stall and sausage sizzle plus face painting an as a participant you will receive a Show bag.

For further information please contact carespropsect@police.nsw.gov.au

Your invitation to Wentworthville Community Garden

Open Day at the award winning community garden
Saturday 11 October 2014
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- plant and seedling sale
- fresh vegies
- craft and cakes
- jams and pickles
- trash 'n' treasure
- sausage sizzle
- devonshire teas

73 Fullagar Road
Wentworthville
(behind the tennis courts, access pathway next to canal)