Welcome Back Everyone

Welcome back to all our existing families and welcome to all the new members of our Warrandyte PS community. If you had the opportunity to have a break over the Christmas and New Year period, I hope you were able to enjoy some relaxing time with family and friends.

We have had an outstanding start to the 2017 school year where our children have arrived looking renewed, relaxed, happy and very enthusiastic. It has been fantastic to visit each classroom each day and see the student’s smiling faces and listen to their holiday stories. They have even grown so much across the break!

The staff has been extremely busy over the recent weeks with planning and preparation for the school year. It is evident that our staff are really proud of how they want the school to look and feel. This year we want to focus on ‘School Pride’ across our school and with no classroom movements this year, we are better able to do this. Whilst walking around the school we can see how staff have set up the learning spaces to achieve a safe and orderly environment that will effectively support cooperation and collaboration. Well done staff on your great work!
With many new teams this year, we were able to take advantage of Monday without students to fine tune the planning for Term One. It is promising to be yet another great year where our students will have the opportunity to engage in many wonderful and exciting learning opportunities.

**New Staff**

This year, we welcome new staff members to our school and also see several of our existing staff taking on new roles. We welcome Katie Penhalluriack back to our school. Katie is team teaching a Grade 3/4 class with Sally Freemantle. Sally is working in two roles across our school as a grade teacher and P.E teacher. Kylie Lewis is our new Foundation teacher and will lead Foundation Transition/Enrolments. Kylie is very excited about this role.

Claudine North-Coombes has been employed as a casual relief teacher for Grade 1/2Y for the next 2 weeks as we endeavour to employ a suitable candidate for this position. We intend to select a new teacher for this grade by Friday 10 February. Claudine will continue to work across the school as a casual relief teacher. She has become a regular face and we love her enthusiasm and professionalism; especially starting the 1/2 classroom for 2017.

**Foundation 2017**

Our Foundation students will commence school on Thursday of this week. It will be wonderful to see their excited faces as their parents bring them into their classroom proudly dressed in their school uniform. Our beautiful 150 year old stone building will easily accommodate all the parents, grandparents, family and friends who intend to come along to be a part of this very special day.

After taking some photos and for some parents, a hesitant goodbye, I would invite parents to come into the staff room for a cuppa to help settle the nerves or perhaps rejoice! The smooth transition into school life is a credit to our previous and current Foundation teachers, our parents and our Kindergarten teachers for preparing the students so well. Whether it is a family’s first child starting at Warrandyte or their last, it is always a very special day. We wish all families a happy and exciting seven year educational journey with their child through our school. A special welcome is extended to those families who have joined our school community for the first time. We look forward to getting to know you.

**‘Get To Know You’ Parent / Teacher Meetings**

These meetings are taking place on Wednesday 15 February for parents of students in Years 1 to 6 AND Wednesday 1 March for Foundation. Please add these dates to your diary. We will send home notices so that you can make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher if you feel you need to. These meetings are an opportunity for you to meet with your child’s teacher/s and discuss any relevant information regarding your child that will support the teacher/s in better planning a more personalised teaching and learning program. You will find more information on dates, times and making an interview time, in the notices being sent home on Friday.

**Home/School Communication**

Please note that the school’s online communication including the school website, school blogs and Tizbiz are currently being updated. We will be working closely with our IT technician across this week to ensure this is up and running as soon as possible. The school newsletter can still be accessed as it continues to be emailed to all families.

**Important Additions To School Website**

As of today parents will be able to access the 2017 Excursion Planner, Booklist, the Parent Payment Charges and the Parent Payment Policy Implementation. Please do not hesitate to speak to our Office Team or myself if you have questions. They are always only too happy to help.
Message from our School Council President

On behalf of the School Council I would like to warmly welcome everyone back for the 2017 school year. I would especially like to welcome new families into our school community and hope they feel part of the cohort as soon as possible.

Term one is going to be very busy. School Council has commenced the Principal selection process and aims to make an appointment to commence in Term 2, 2017. In the meantime, Rick Griffiths will be our Acting Principal.

We are a friendly and approachable bunch of parents and teachers on School Council, so please come and see Rick or myself with your concerns or ideas.

CAROLYN CURNOW
School Council President

(whilst appreciating that everyone lives busy lives) and raising funds that are directed towards optimising our students’ experiences. We are nearly over the line for our All Sports All Year Round oval resurfacing project and look forward to new initiatives.

Look out for our latest news here in the Alert, on our closed Facebook page (Friends of Warrandyte Primary School - FOWPS) and on the noticeboard on the office verandah.

Our committee will be meeting on Friday 10 February at 2pm at Warrandyte Cafe. You are most welcome to come along and see what’s involved. Alternatively, if you can’t make that time, but have interest on any level please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

LIZ HEATON - Coordinator
heaton.liz@gmail.com or 0425 828 894

Before & After Care News

Welcome back families.

This term we are looking at “families” and belonging. Could you kindly send along a photo of your family or your child and their...
Also we are already at maximum numbers on Thursday mornings and afternoons so a waiting list is in place for that day. There are still vacancies on the other days.

All families MUST complete a new enrolment form. I would like this completed as soon as possible and returned to me. Parents can obtain these at the office or at OSHC.

HATS HATS HATS – children must bring hats to OSHC.

Looking forward to meeting our new families as always. If you have any queries please call me on 9844 3537, leave a message and I’ll return your call as soon as possible.

Coralie

Warrandyte & District Community Music Program

Enrolments for Semester 1 are now open for tutoring in piano, violin, guitar, drums, flute, saxophone, clarinet and bass guitar. Theory and ear training sessions are also available.

All classes are held at Warrandyte Primary School for primary and secondary age students. Adult beginners are also welcome.

A handout with information regarding tutors, fees, and session times, along with an enrolment form is available from the office, or you can download it from the school website.

Closing date for enrolments is Wednesday 8 February.
Classes will begin the following week.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Catherine Harrison
wps.musicprogram@gmail.com 0401 015 835

House Swimming Carnival

Our House Swimming Carnival is being held on Monday 6 February from 10am - 12.30pm at Aquarena in Doncaster.

House Swimming Carnival

Name: .................................................................
I am
OR
I am not able to help on the day.
Child's Name: ........................................
Grade: ..................
Contact Phone No: ...........................................

Sally Freemantle

Henhouse Helpers

The Henhouse Helper this week is Yvette Harbinson. A roster will be available next week.

If there are any families who would love to be included on the Henhouse Roster (you get to keep the eggs) then please ring Yvette Harbinson on 0416 020 088. Doreen
Sick Bay Laundry

The First Aid room needs parental help to make life a little more pleasant for our sick/injured. If you are willing to be on a roster to wash the sheets and pillowcases please complete the form and return it to the office. In the past due to the positive response, families were only asked to do this twice a year. The laundry needs to be collected on the Friday after school and you are asked to return it no later than the middle of the next week.

Children can collect this washing if you can’t make it up to school. If you would be prepared to be on the roster please complete the tear off slip below and return it to the office by MONDAY.

A copy of the roster will be sent home with your child.

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Award for Denise Farran
(ex Warrandyte Primary School Teacher)

Denise Farran has been awarded the Menzies Community Australia Day Award this year. Denise is an ex Warrandyte Primary School Teacher and was also our Art teacher for many years.

Denise is a valued member of the Warrandyte Community working with the Neighbourhood House Committee of Management and as a Film Society Member and a volunteer. Denise also volunteers at Tarrawarra Museum of Art and for events with Warrandyte Mechanics Institute and Arts Association and the Warrandyte Festival.

Warrandyte Primary School would like to congratulate Denise on such an honour.

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Run Warrandyte
Sunday 5 March 2017

For 2017, Run Warrandyte has partnered with Stop One Punch Can Kill and runners will be given the opportunity to raise money for this charity. As an added incentive we have also added team based fundraising. To be part of the event you can:

- Enter on-line at: www.warrandytesports.com.au
- Have fun raising money for STOP One Punch Can Kill by becoming a fund raiser
- Start a team of your own and ask other people to join
- Join someone else’s team and compete for the Fund Raiser’s Team prize

As an individual or a team member you can participate in any of the following events:
• The Grand Hotel Warrandyte Gift 100m handicap sprint
• Charlie Bins 15k
• Hardings Swift Caravan Services 10k
• Ruby Tuesday Jewellery 5k
• Quinton’s Supa IGA 2.2k, or
• Crystal Brook Tourist Park U8 Kids Run

Register for any of the distance events and you can participate in The Grand Hotel Warrandyte Gift at no extra charge.

Register at: warrandytesports.com.au