## School Calendar

No Foundation students on Wednesdays this term
Gardening Club will be on a Tuesday this year
**CONCERT – Friday 12 August**

**WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY**
Parent/Teacher Meetings 2 – 6.30pm Gr 1 - 6

**FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY**
District Swimming Sports
FOWPS Meeting 9.10am in Music Room

**MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY**
Ryan Smith MLA here to present Leadership Badges

**TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY**
Book Club Due

**TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY**
Family Fun Sport Night 6 – 8.30pm

**WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY**
Finance 7pm & School Council 7.30pm Meetings
Foundation Parent/Teacher Meetings 1 – 6.30pm

**MONDAY 29 FEBRUARY**
Hip Hop all grades incursion

**TUESDAY 1 – WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH**
Somers Camp for 14 students

**WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH**
Year 6 students – Young Leaders Day

**THURSDAY 3 MARCH**
F-2 Responsible Pet Ownership

**MONDAY 14 MARCH**
Labour Day – No students at school

**SATURDAY 19 MARCH**
Warrandyte Festival

**WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH**
Finance 7pm & School Council 7.30pm Meetings

**THURSDAY 24 MARCH**
Last day of Term 1 – finish 2.30pm

**MONDAY 11 APRIL**
First day of Term 2
Gr 5 & 6 to Hamer Hall ‘Best of Broadway’

**MONDAY 2 MAY**
Curriculum Day

**HEAD LICE – 2/3K**

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**OUR SCHOOL VALUES**
Creativity  
Achievement  
Respect  
Encouragement

Thank you to the parents who quickly replied to our call for help on the Harmony Garden.

The Harmony Garden at the front of the school has been an ongoing project. More rocks were delivered at the end of last year and they need to be moved to make this space safe for the students. Without the support of the parent community, projects such as this can’t happen. It has been a labour of love for a small group of dedicated parents who would like to see the front of the school look inviting and provide a space for the younger students to play and explore. An outdoor classroom and new front gates are also on the plans.

As you would be aware the school was fortunate to receive an initial grant of $30,000 from the Warrandyte Community Bank, to upgrade the school oval with artificial turf. This project will greatly improve the playing and sporting areas for the students and also provide an *all year round* space that local sporting organisations can also use.

**BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

In order for this project to succeed, we would like to invite interested parents to join a planning group. This group would be responsible for mapping out the project, organising working bees, and generating ideas for fund-raising etc. If you would like to be part of this group, please email myself -
Friends of Warrandyte PS (FOWPS)
As with many government schools, fundraising allows for the purchase of items not supplied by the Department of Education. This includes new classroom furniture, air conditioning and computers.

In previous years, the Friends of WPS (FOWPS) has supported the school by raising funds to improve the school grounds, buy play equipment, books, computers as well as support families in need.

Parents are invited to a ‘delicious’ morning tea on Friday 12 February, at 9.10 in the Music Room. Anyone who would like to join FOWPS and help the school with fundraising events, is most welcome to attend.

Whooping Cough
Parents, please be aware that a student in the junior grades has tested positive for whooping cough. Whooping cough (pertussis) is a very contagious respiratory infection. The major symptom of whooping cough is the characteristic cough, which is often followed by a ‘whooping’ sound on inhalation. Even if your child has been immunised, they could be infected. Please consult your medical practitioner if at all concerned or contact the Royal Children’s Hospital web site: http://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/Whooping_cough/

Emergency Management
The Department of Education and Training in association with Emergency Management Victoria have worked closely to develop a new policy to provide further options for schools on Extreme Fire Danger Rating (FDR) days.

As our school is listed on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR), this new policy may impact our school community and it is important that you are aware of it.

Currently, all government schools and early childhood services listed on the BARR are required to pre-emptively close where a Code Red FDR day has been determined.

This new policy provides us an option to relocate or close our school if an Extreme FDR day places our school at too great a risk.

We are currently in the process of updating our school’s Emergency Management Plan to incorporate this new policy.

A decision to close or relocate the school will not be taken lightly and will be done so following close consultation with our regional office and Emergency Management Victoria.

Schools are some of the safest places in our community during extreme weather. Approval for closure or relocation will only be granted in circumstances where students and staff would be at greater risk remaining at our school.

If our school was to enact a relocation or closure, notification will be given to the entire school community no later than 3pm the day prior to the forecast Extreme FDR day.

We are consulting with our School Council and others in our school community on how to best incorporate this policy into our Emergency Management Plan. There will be further information once our plans have been finalised. If you have any questions or wish to provide input into our emergency planning, please feel free to contact the office.
School Council 2016
Each year nominations and elections for members of the School Council of Warrandyte Primary School need to occur. There are 4 parent vacancies, 2 community and 2 staff vacancies.

What is a School Council?
- Is a legally formed body that is given powers to set the key directions of a school
- Is the major governing body of the school
- Plays an important role in school accountability and improvement processes
- Endorses the key school planning, evaluation and reporting documents

What is the function of School Council?
- Establish the broad direction and vision of the school within the school's community
- Participate in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan
- Develop, review and update school policies
- Develop, review and monitor the Student Engagement Policy and the School Dress Code
- Raise funds for school-related purposes
- Approve the annual budget and monitor expenditure.

The 2016 Warrandyte School Council begins its new year in March. Before the March meeting, an election will need to be conducted for new members. The School Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4pm by Wednesday 23 February. If you are interested in School Council or would like more information, please make a time to talk to me or any other current member of the council.

Management of Traffic Flow around the School
Parking and traffic flow is always of concern around schools. The school Parking Policy states that:

“The school community should keep the safety of our children foremost in their minds when parking or driving within the school vicinity”.

For new parents to the school, please be aware of the traffic and parking restrictions.

The east side of Forbes Street is for staff parking. Parents are encouraged not to park on the east side of Forbes Street.

Parents are not permitted to use the school’s main Forbes Street entrance as a drop off or pick up point between 8am and 9.15am, and between 3pm and 4pm. This area is used in those times for bus access only.

Brackenbury Street is a ONE WAY street during the hours of 8am to 9.15am, and 3pm to 4pm on school days. This means that to pick-up or drop-off children at the school, drivers must proceed up Anderson Street to enter Brackenbury Street.

MORNING PARKING:
The south side (school side) of Brackenbury Street is for drop off only. No parking is permitted.

The north side is for 90 degree angle reverse parking only for those parents who wish to leave their vehicle.
AFTERNOON PARKING:
Reverse angle parking is permitted on both sides of Brackenbury Street in the afternoon. Parents are requested to park as closely as is reasonable to ensure maximum number of cars have access to the car park.

Please adhere to parking signs and marking in Forbes Street. Do not park on the west side of Forbes Street, behind the bus. It makes it extremely difficult and dangerous for the bus to reverse.

If possible, walking to school is encouraged and promoted through the Healthy Kids Club program. Walking to school certainly eases the traffic congestion but also promotes a healthy and active lifestyle.

Supervision before and after school
Parents please note that the school will provide staff supervision for students arriving before school between 8.45am and 9am, and after school between 3.30pm and 3.45pm. If students are at school before 8.45 they will be asked to wait on the deck near the office. Students still waiting at school after 3.45 will be directed to the office and a phone call to the parent/carer will be made.

School Bus Program
Families who use the school bus program will have received a new bus timetable for the morning run. Please note that as of the 15 February the morning pick-up times at each stop will be 5 minutes earlier. Due to increased traffic flow, these changes were needed so that students arrive at school on time. Thank you for your understanding.

Student Religious Instructions (SRI)
As of 2016, new ministerial directives state that government schools ‘must not promote any particular religious practice, denomination or sect’ and that ‘students in government schools may only attend SRI for a maximum of 30 minutes per week, during lunchtime, or before or after school’.

SRI is not compulsory for students to attend. Parents who wish their child/children to attend need to ‘opt-in’ by completing a consent form. These forms can be obtained from the school office.

This year (and depending on the number of students enrolled), SRI sessions will occur during lunchtimes. For your information, this week, a flyer from Access Ministries was sent home for each family.

Reminders:
2016 SCHOOL LEADERS
On Monday 15 February, Ryan Smith Member for Warrandyte will be attending the school assembly to hand out badges to the Year 6 leaders as well as Junior School Council, Healthy Kids Club and SuperSustainer leaders.

FIREWOOD AND TIMBER
There is a large pile of discarded timber on the building site (useful for firewood or home projects). Please ring the office if you are interested in taking any wood.

WARRANDYTE COMMUNITY BANK
The school is continually grateful for the support of the Warrandyte Community Bank, (Branch of Bendigo Bank).

Over the 11 years that the school has been a member of the bank, we have received funds to assist us in building a henhouse; computers and ipads for the students; the bus shelter; storage shed for outside play equipment, sports equipment and the kitchen fit out for extra special students.
In 2015 the substantial sum of $350,000 was allocated to almost 70 groups to be used over the coming year in a range of projects, community programs and infrastructure within the community. Warrandyte Community Bank Branch has now returned an impressive $2 million in grants and sponsorships to local community groups. It goes to show when you choose to bank locally, you choose to help your community.


You can support the local bank by opening up a bank account for your child/children. School banking forms can be obtained from the Warrandyte Community Bank.

Gill Binger
Principal

Before & After Care

It is imperative that you return a NEW Enrolment Form to OSHC as soon as possible. There is also another white form that needs a signature too.

The account that came home this week is for payments up to 5 February plus any arrears from 2015 please. Prompt payment is required. See Cherise or myself for any queries.

CORALIE

Henhouse Helpers

This week’s Henhouse Helpers are the Purnell Family. The Price family are on next week.

DOREEN

Second Hand Uniforms

This is a request for parents to go through their cupboards for old uniforms?

We will then include them in our MEGA second hand uniform sale later this month.

MICHELLE & RENELLE
CSEF Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker or refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is: $125 for primary school students or $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY
Come to the office and obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef Visit this website for more information.

DOREEN

Scholastic Book Club
Book Club has commenced again for 2016!
All students should have received their catalogue on Tuesday.
Book orders are to be returned to the school no later than TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY

JO FECONDO

Sick Bay
Laundry Roster - Urgent

SICK BAY LAUNDRY ROSTER

I am thrilled by the prospect of being on the Laundry Roster.

NAME: ....................................................

Child’s Name: ...........................................

Room No.: ............................

Sports News

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS
Congratulations to all students who competed in the sports on Monday. We had a great day and some terrific results. The day ran smoothly because of the wonderful work of the parent helpers who did all the place judging, as well as the help from all the staff. Thank you very much.

For those of you who missed the final results:
1st place Brackenbury 175
2nd place Forbes 168
3rd place Anderson 143
4th place Yarra 121

Congratulations Brackenbury (Yellow)!

DISTRICT SWIMMING SPORTS
Congratulations to our squad of 33 students who made the District Swimming team. This is being held at Aquarena on Friday 12 February from 10am to 12:30pm. Notices went home on Tuesday night. Please return before Friday.
INTER SCHOOL SPORT
Grade 5/6s play their first Interschool match this Thursday 11 February. It is an AWAY match against Serpell Primary. Parents are welcome to come and watch. Students must be in correct Warrandyte Primary Sport uniform (navy skirt, shorts or tracksuit pants and Warrandyte sport top), correct footwear, bring hat and drink bottle.

SALLY FREEMANTLE

JAM HOT MUSIC presents
Electric Drum Kit Lessons
Come and learn drums!! Learn a wide range of drumming styles like pop, rock, funk and jazz. Learning to play the drum benefits left and right brain coordination, physical coordination, focus, performance confidence, musicality and creativity. Each student will learn on their own Electric Drum Kit for the entire lesson. Students skills are showcased in two Music Performance Concerts held every year. Drumming is a great way for students to express themselves and have fun musically.

“The Jam Hot Electric Drum Kit Program is a fantastic initiative and great opportunity for any Victorian Primary School student to embrace! Jason, Michelle and their Jam Hot teaching staff are always very attentive and responsive to the needs and requirements of the students and staff.” Peter Luscombe Drummer for Paul Kelly and ROCKWIZ TV SHOW Drum teacher

PLEASE RETURN ENROLMENT FORMS TO THE OFFICE ASAP

Enquiries please call: JASON STONEHOUSE 0419 872 875 or jamhotmusic@hotmail.com
Congratulations to Cade in Grade 2/3K who as a part of Australia Day celebration won the ‘Design the Warrandyte Flag’ competition.

The judges stated that Cade’s flag won, "Because it depicted the way Cade has incorporated so many aspects representing Warrandyte in a very simplistic manner, perfect for flags". Well done Cade!

The competition was ‘design the Warrandyte flag’. The idea was to depict & represent Warrandyte in a flag, as posted below on the Warrandyte business & community page.
As part of our unit 'Understanding of Self and Others', we read about The Hueys and how one-Rupert-decided to be different. To celebrate how we are all unique we each created our very own Huey!

KATE & 2K
WARRANDYTE PRIMARY SCHOOL
FAMILY FUN NIGHT
TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY
6 – 8PM

Come and have fun with family and friends.
Kick a ball, play a game or join a team.

Games and activities
Provided by Kelly Sports

BYO picnic chairs, rug and food.
Friends of WPS will be selling a selection of food and drinks.

➢ 6-7pm Picnic with family and friends
➢ 7-8pm Games and activities