

Alert

*Warrandyte Primary School's
Weekly Newsletter*



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School Calendar

TUESDAY 10-THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER

Life Ed

FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER

Chess Starts

MONDAY 16 OCTOBER

SSS Dancers Performing At Assembly

MONDAY 16-FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER

3/4 Swimming Program

TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER

Basketball Round Robin

WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER

Gr 6-Rats of Tobruk Excursion

THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER

7.30pm Grade 1 Movie/Dinner Night

FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER

District Volleyball Round Robin

WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER

Finance 7pm and School Council Meeting 7.30pm

MONDAY 30 OCT-FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER

5/6 Swimming Program

THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER

2018 Foundation Information Evening 7.30pm

TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER

Melbourne Cup Day-No Pupils at School

FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER

9.30-10.30 2018 Foundation Orientation

MONDAY 13-FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER

BookFair

FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER

Level 3/4 Orienteering

9.30-11.30 2018 Foundation Orientation

WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER

Finance 7pm and School Council Meeting 7.30pm

THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER

Year 2 Camp FernGully

FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER

9.30-11.30 2018 Foundation Orientation

FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER

9.30-12.30 2018 Foundation Orientation

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Creativity

Achievement

Respect

Encouragement

Welcome Back to Term 4!

Congratulations to the many Richmond supporters at the school who enjoyed seeing their team win their first Premiership since 1980. It was a wonderful achievement by the club and I found it very interesting listening to the stories of the changes the club has made to achieve their dream. It was great to hear that the board supported the coach, captain and players and believed in them to take that next step. They were given the opportunity to reflect on what they were doing, make changes and work together to achieve their goal. There was some footage shown after one of their finals wins of their captain, Trent Cotchin, picking up rubbish off the floor of the change rooms after everyone else had long gone. As a leader of the club, it showed that he was prepared to do the little things and set an example for others to follow. It also says a lot about the culture of an organisation.

At Warrandyte Primary School, we are working hard to ensure that we have the right culture in place. We want our school community (students, teachers and parents) to be proud of our great school and work together to achieve our goals. We expect that our students, teachers and parents model our school values in everything they do.

In particular, we expect that everyone show respect for each other and our school. Think about how you talk to others and how you react in certain situations. We know that our students learn by watching and observing what others are doing even when we often don't think they are.

Welcome to the new families who have joined our school community this week. We sincerely hope that you enjoy your time at Warrandyte Primary School.

Be sure to keep your eye on the school's diary dates in the Alert. Term 4 promises to be another busy but productive time with many quality learning opportunities for our students.

Swimming Program

Over the next three weeks, our Year 3/4/5/6 students are participating in a ten (Yr.3/4) and five (Yr.5/6) day intensive swimming program at Carey Swimming Pool. The Aquatic Program is part of our Victorian Physical Education Curriculum, therefore it is an expectation that all students participate in these sessions. Many thanks to Sally and classroom teachers for their superb organisation of this program for our students.

2018

Preparations for 2018 are well underway. It is vital at this stage that we receive information about students who **may not** be returning next year and that all enrolments for 2018 are completed.

In a few weeks, teachers will begin discussions relating to classes for 2018. A number of factors are taken into account when placing students in class groups. Please note that it is not acceptable for parents to request specific teachers for their child. If parents feel their child has specific educational needs in relation to class placement, all communication regarding this will only be accepted **in writing, addressed to the Principal and must be received by Friday 27th October.**

Maintenance Work

During the school holidays, the student toilet block was refurbished and is now looking clean and bright, (and a little less smelly!). The work continues on the Library with an expected completion time of week 3. We cannot wait to move our books back into the library and get back to using this space. Thank you to staff, students and parents for their understanding during the works and we apologise for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

Bushfire Information


As we approach summer and bushfire season, it is important that all parents are prepared and bushfire ready. As you would be aware our school is considered a BARR (Bushfire at risk register) school. There are clear procedures that all Government schools must implement if they are on this register. Some changes have been made since last season and I am currently working with the Department of Education to clarify how these changes apply to us. One of our options this year is to relocate the school in certain situations. So that we can make a final decision on this relocation process we are asking if families could please complete a survey. This will come home with your child this week. Can we please ask that all families return this survey so that we have the necessary information to inform our decision. **Surveys should be returned to the school by Friday 20th October.**

Next week, we will be running some bushfire danger period planning sessions at the school. These sessions will be run by a Community Fireguard Co-Ordinator, who is also a volunteer fire-fighter. Please refer to the flyer attached to the Alert for further details. It would be great to see as many families as possible in attendance.


Thought of the Week

The will to persevere is often the difference between failure and success – *David Sarnoff*

Craig Crouch
Principal ☺




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FOWPS Report

Welcome back. We are looking forward to Term 4 and the few last activities that will finalise the FOWPS activities for the year.

FOWPS Committee Meeting Friday 20 October - all welcome!

We will be meeting informally at the Warrandyte Café at 2pm next Friday to review the year's activities and discuss the last couple of FOWPS commitments for the year. Come and join us for a coffee and a chat. All welcome!

Coming up this term...

Christmas	Art	Fundraiser
Christmas Carols Evening		

Thanks for your ongoing support of our great school.

Meg Bailey – Co-Coordinator
meg.kneebone@gmail.com 0406 949 491

Fiona Young – Co-Coordinator
fiona.jon@gmail.com 0437 697 429

Sick Bay Laundry



Robin Price is the lucky mum this week. She is entitled to come up and change the linen and return it next week all fresh for us.

CHERISE

Before & After Care News



Welcome back to all our families. We are looking forward to an exciting Term 4. Staffing this term is as follows :

Before Care - Chris, Claire, Chris, Tori, Chris

After Care – Hayley, Tori, Jack, Hayley, Tori

and of course myself am & pm.

Please settle all outstanding balances relating to last term asap.

Accounts were emailed last week so please contact us if you have not received yours.

To ensure the ongoing safety of the children please confirm your OSHC booking for Term 4 via the office or in person at OSHC.

Many Thanks

CORALIE

Henhouse Helpers



The Henhouse Helper next week is The Malley Family. 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.

Those families that have kindly offered to look after our chooks please look out for the roster which is coming home this week.

There are two weeks that the chooks need your help, the week beginning 8/1/18 & 22/1/18. If you are able to help please let Yvette or the office know.

Thanks

Sport News



Divisional Athletics

Good luck to our talented students competing at the Divisional Athletics this Thursday 12 October at East Burwood.

Jacob – 10yo 800m & 1500m

Jacob – 11yo 100m

Chloe – 10yo 800m

Mai - 12yo Long Jump

Amy – 10yo Long Jump

Charlotte – 11yo Discus & Hurdles

Year 3/4 Swimming Lessons

Lessons begin next Monday 16 October at the Carey Sport Complex. Grade 4's will be **leaving school at 8.50am** so please be at school by 8.40 with towel, goggles and wearing your bathers under your school uniform. We need parent helpers on each day of the 10 day program. If you are able to help please see Sally, Katie, Jenny or Cathie as soon as possible.

Thank You

District Basketball Round Robin

Good luck to our boys and girls basketball teams competing next Tuesday 17 October at DISC.

Thank you to Michelle, Jacqui, Talei & Cait who have offered assistance with coaching/scoring/transport.

SALLY

Canteen News

Spinach & Ricotta Rolls \$3.20
AMBER category
Nachos available **Monday only**

Unfortunately sunny boys have been deleted so sadly are no longer available.

Please avoid using foreign coins, as I seem to be getting quite a few slip into lunch order bags.

Many thanks

ROCHELLE

Eltham Festival of Readers

The festival is this **Saturday October 14 at Eltham Library** from 10am - 4pm and provides local readers an opportunity to meet and share stories with local and national writers and illustrators. Artists appearing include: Joy Murphy, Lisa Kennedy, Nikki Greenberg, Ailsa Wild, Tull Suwannakit, Zana Fraillon, Kate Constable, Lili Wilkinson, Penny Harrison, Kelly Gardiner, Cath Crowley, Fiona Wood, Simmone Howell, Kate Mildenhall and teen judges from the Inky Book Awards.

The three afternoon panels, and Inky Chat, from 1pm will be of particular interest to YA readers, and will all be hosted by teens who are involved with City of Youth Literature's Inside a Dog website and the Inky Awards.

Entry is via gold coin donation to the Indigenous Literacy Fund, but we are asking people to register via eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/eltham-festival-of-stories-tickets-36508630296>. The event is also on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ElthamFestivalofStories/>.



ATTENTION ALL W.P.S. PARENTS:
ENTRANCE TO THE SCHOOL OVAL
Help needed



We are sure you have noticed that WPS now has a super amazing oval for our kids to play on, but the oval redevelopment works so far have not include the entrance space to the oval. Which in fact is a big hole.

The school says a massive thank you to Anthony Bowd who over the school holidays decommissioned the now redundant water tanks. Which has created something unheard of in Warrandyte, "FLAT" ground. You should check it out!

Removing the water tanks has opened up the entrance to the oval. No longer will the people of Warrandyte ask, 'Does WPS have an oval?'

To increase the impact of the oval entrance further (and so the entrance is no longer past the toilets) the WPS grounds committee plans to make a new asphalt path to the oval that starts at the bottom of the current Chook/Veggie garden (a current dead space) and winds down to this newly opened up "FLAT" area. We plan for the path and the entrance to the oval to be not only breathtaking, but also functional for the WPS kid's and will include an undercover area.

We are therefore asking for help from the school community. As always we are under budgetary constraints and we need to call on all the resources the school has to offer. We have an outline of what we want to do, but we are always open to design ideas? We also need help with earth moving equipment, general labour and any donations that families would like to make to this cause.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact the school office.

Thanking you all in advance, Cathie, Brendan, Carolyn, Kate and Carrie - Buildings and Grounds

Community Fireguard Warrandyte Primary School



17/18 Fire Danger Period Planning Sessions

Who?

Parents/carers of students of Warrandyte Primary School are invited to attend. The sessions will be run by a Community Fireguard Co-ordinator, who is also a volunteer fire-fighter.

Why?

The Department of Education ensures plans are in place to minimise risk to students and staff in the event of an emergency. Parents/carers need to be familiar with these arrangements and include them in the family's fire plan.

"I'll just leave early" may not be the best action to take under certain circumstances and it alone does not account for the many different scenarios that may exist for your family.

Consider the following questions :

- Do I have an up-to-date fire plan written down for the 17/18 fire danger period?
- Does my fire plan include a range of possible scenarios?
- Does my family have a fire ready kit that comes out every fire danger period?
- Do I know what I'll do with my pets during the fire danger period?

What?

The objectives of the session are to :

- Learn about what fire needs to 'live' and high-risk factors around the home
- Discuss fire plan scenarios
- List items for a fire ready kit
- Review a sample fire plan, and
- Write or update fire plans

How?

Lecture-style presentation, workshops, group discussion and individual work will be used.

When?

Tuesday 17 October	Wednesday 18 October	Thursday 19 October
9.15am – 10.15am	9.15am – 10.15am	9.15am – 10.15am
3.45pm – 4.45pm	7.30pm – 8.30pm	3.45pm – 4.45pm

Sessions will be held at Warrandyte Primary School in the Bampi building.