Wednesday 14 December 2016

School Calendar

WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER
Gill’s Retirement Function 3.30 to 5pm at school

THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER
Bushband to Senior Citizens 11.30am
Grade Change Over Day
Reports & Portfolios go home
Warrandyte’s Got Talent:
2 – 2.20pm Piano performances in Music Room
2.45 – 3.20 All other performances in Bampi

FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER
Warrandyte Community Carols Rehearsal 3pm

MONDAY 19 DECEMBER
Japanese Assembly 9am outside old multi
Grade 6 Graduation at school
No Canteen

TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER
Last Day
Final assembly (farewell to Grade 6 students) 1pm
School finish 1.30pm

2017
TUESDAY 31 JANUARY
Students commence

THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY
Foundation Students commence 9 – 12.30

FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY
Foundation Students here 9 – 12.30

MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY
Foundation Students here all day
House Swimming Carnival at Aquarena

TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY
Hockey Clinic 3/4s

FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY
Mike Spears for 5/6s 10 – 11.30am

FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY
District Swimming

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

OUR SCHOOL VALUES
Creativity
Achievement
Respect
Encouragement

School Costs 2017

At the last School Council meeting on 23 November, the proposed budget for 2017 was approved (subject to confirmed student numbers in late February). The Finance Committee suggested that the cost for Parent Payments remain at $300.

For your information and planning for next year, a condensed 2017 list of payment items/services for your child’s program is listed below.

1. Essential Education Items which parents are required to provide or pay the school to provide

2. Voluntary Financial Contributions which are non-compulsory donations for specific projects

An itemised list of items and services will be distributed with your child early in Term 1 2017. You will also be able to view the Parent Contribution Payment Policy on the school’s website www.warrandyteps.vic.edu.au.

All parent payments and contributions can be made by cash, cheque or debit/credit card at the school office. Payment is not required until 2017, but we would appreciate payment by 3 March. Please contact the office next year if you are unable to meet this date.
Families may enter into alternative and confidential payment arrangements with the school if you are unable to meet the payments.

**2017 ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS**  
**FOUNDATION TO GRADE 6**  
Student Individual Supplies, Classroom Materials & Curriculum Resources  
$250

**VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**  
Improvement and Maintenance of School  
$30
Working Bee (we ask that each family make a contribution towards funding our working bees)  
Cost per family  
$20  
(This suggested Voluntary amount is $50 or you may choose to nominate an alternate amount)

Warrandyte Primary School is an old school and improvements to the grounds as well as general maintenance drain our limited resources. We aim to provide up-to-date technology resources to support students in their learning.

This year WPS received:
- $39,735 For cleaning and sanitation, but will spend $54,000 by the end of the year
- $3,584 For essential services and contracts but will spend at least $6,000

Schools also need to budget for technology, furniture costs, first aid materials, ground improvements and relief teachers to replace teachers who attend professional learning or are unwell. I encourage all families to support the school and pay the essential education items.

**Happy holiday!**

I wish everyone a very happy holiday break and a great start to the 2017 year. Thank you to the Warrandyte Primary staff for your amazing dedicated and skilled teaching throughout the year, which has made a huge difference to student learning. This difference was certainly evident in every student report which I had the pleasure of reading. Staff have encouraged each student to work above and beyond and I know you all deserve a restful break!

Thank you also to the School Council, FOWPS and parent support groups who have contributed so much to our school throughout 2016. I would particularly like to acknowledge the School Council President, Carolyn Curnow who has been such a very professional and supportive partner in our school leadership, particularly in a year with so much change.

Congratulations to Liz Heaton, Yvette Harbinson and the FOWPS team for all of the amazing events you have organised, the money you have raised and the special vision you have shared to make our school even better.

Congratulations also to Carrie Campbell, Brendan Curtis and Cathie Brooks for the way you have transformed the front of our school. The gates and the landscaped entrance and the soon to be restored ‘shelter shed’ give our school a unique and warm feel which captures Warrandyte.

Special thanks go to the children, who are so generous in spirit, aspiring for the future, willing to help others and bringing joy to us all every single day. Enjoy family and friend time and we will see you in January.

**Goodbye Gill**

It is a very sad week as the Warrandyte Primary School Community say goodbye to our Principal of 12 years; Gill Binger. I thought it would be fitting to find a photo of Gill in her first year at WPS looking ready to take on the world. We have a tremendous admiration for the servant Gill has been to our community. The changes and the difference she has made cannot be described in words as there are simply so many achievements which highlight this chapter in her career.
For your devotion, dedication and hard work, you deserve the best retirement ever. Enjoy your new life. Cherish every moment and have fun with your growing family! The vacancy you'll leave behind may be filled in, the position you had may be held by others, but in our hearts, you're simply irreplaceable.

We're going to miss you!

Congratulations Maestro
I would like to congratulate Marcel from 56Y on his recent Piano Exam results. Marcel was very proud to share with me this week that he achieved an A! Outstanding!

All Sports All Year Around
We are ecstatic to announce to the community that we received our second grant from the Warrandyte Community Bank; Bendigo Bank for our ‘All Sports All Year Around’ program. This means we will be starting work on the oval in readiness for 2017. We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank the Warrandyte Community Bank for giving us the money to make this happen.

Rick Griffiths
Acting Principal

Friends of WPS
Thank you to Rachael Curtis and her team, who did a wonderful job of providing catering and the photo booth at the carols last week. A big thank you also to Frances at the Warrandyte Berry Farm for her generous support of the event.

As the year draws to a close I would like to thank our committee members - Carolyn Curnow, Carrie Campbell, Fiona Young, Hanh Truong, Jacinta Payne, Leanne Handoll, Meg Bailey, Rachael Curtis, Wendy Gooley and Yvette Harbinson - for their tireless efforts and enthusiasm, in bringing you many of the events you’ve come to know and love as well as new initiatives, such as the Father’s Day Breakfast. We’ve also seen some new and returning volunteers across the year – thank you, these events could not run without your help.

Thanks to our families and our wider local community who have really got behind our push for fundraising for the oval, which will be an asset for many years to come.

Finally, on behalf of our committee I would like to wish all families the best for the season and a happy 2017.

Liz Heaton - Coordinator
heaton.liz@gmail.com or 0425 828 894
Before & After Care News

Please confirm with Coralie this week your intended booking for 2017. Experience has shown enrolment forms that go home before Christmas rarely resurface after Christmas, therefore families already enrolled will receive new ones as soon as they return next year. **HOWEVER**, if you are enrolling into OSHC and have never been, you will be required to produce a completed form before they attend (available at the office or OSHC).

It has been a joy and privilege caring for your children this year. We hope they have enjoyed their time with us and look forward to seeing them in 2017.

I would like to thank the OSHC team of Hayley, Jack, Sky and Bec for their ongoing commitment to the OSHC program and for the enthusiasm and ideas that they bring to the program.

The staff at OSHC wish you and your families a very merry, safe and happy Christmas season.

Coralie

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Performing Arts News

**A fabulous night!**

Many thanks to all families who came along to support our Carols’ Night last Wednesday – the students loved sharing their songs and getting into the Christmas spirit! We were lucky to have a beautiful summer’s evening and a serene Warrandyte bush backdrop for our outside stage. Thanks again to everyone who helped make the evening possible, including FOWPS, our hosts Coralie and Doreen, sound and lighting technician Sam, Kevin O’Mara and Kevin Jones, the families who attended the grass cutting working bee and all our wonderful teaching staff.

**WARRANDYTE’S GOT TALENT!**

Tomorrow there will be two brief celebration exhibitions of “Warrandyte’s Got Talent”.

Selected students who have worked hard preparing individual and group Performing Arts acts will share their instrumental, singing, dancing and acting items with the school community. This is not a competition, but rather an informal celebration of our students’ different talents.

2-2.20pm:
Piano performances in the Music Room

2.45pm – 3.20:
All other selected performances in the Bampi.

Unfortunately, time will not allow all auditioning students to perform at these exhibitions, but everyone has been invited to perform for their classes and all will receive a participation certificate.

**THANK YOU**

Finally, many thanks to all the parents who have supported the Performing Arts program at Warrandyte Primary School this year. To those who have transported students to State...
Schools Spectacular rehearsals and performances, concert costume fitters and parents who have visited the classroom to share their musical talents with our students – your help has been most appreciated by me and students. We are one of very few Government schools in Victoria which offer so many annual Performing Arts experiences for our students, including an annual production/concert, performances at a community festival, involvement in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular and Christmas Carols Night. This would certainly not be possible without our amazing staff!

KIRSTY WOLTERS

Warrandyte Community Carols
Saturday December 17

If your child would like to sing with me on stage at the Community Carols at Stiggants Reserve, on Saturday December 17, he or she is welcome to do so. I am performing two songs with some of the School Bushband instrumental players accompanying me. After the first song, any children from school can join me on stage to sing ‘Warrandyte Christmas’. The performance will begin around 8pm. The children who intend to perform should know the words of the song. Please ensure your child is at the side of the stage at 7.50pm. Assistance may be needed in organising the children, let me know if you can help out. Final practice is at school on Friday December 16 at 3pm.

Many thanks and have a wonderful Christmas with your family.

KEVIN O’MARA

Japanese Assembly
MONDAY DECEMBER 19 at 9am
Outside old multi

Students from Foundation to Grade 6 have been practising their Hiragana this term, working towards achieving coloured “belts” on their Japanese workbooks. Foundation students have started to learn the first 15 Hiragana this year for recognition only, and may achieve the orange belt if they can confidently identify all 15. A number of students in Grades 1 and 2 have achieved all 9 belts and reached Black belt status by being able to read all 46 basic Hiragana characters accurately. And there are quite a few students in Grades 3-6 this year who reached Black belt status by being able to write all 46 characters from memory. This is a significant achievement which will be recognised with the presentation of the Black belts at the Japanese Assembly on December 19. Congratulations to all students who managed to increase their Hiragana score between their first effort and their final Hiragana challenge this year, and to those who achieved some of the coloured Hiragana belts on their workbooks. Learning another writing script is a significant endeavour and it rewards persistence and commitment. Well done to everyone who made progress this year. SENSEI

House Swimming Carnival

Our House Swimming Carnival is being held on Monday 6 February from 10am - 12.30pm at Aquarena in Doncaster. Therefore this needs to start being organised this term. This week swimming event sheets will be sent home to be filled in and signed by parents. Please make sure this is filled in correctly with
Events (ticked), House and the most important detail is the Age. This has to be filled in as of age at **31 December 2017** so your child is in the correct age group for the year. Also I am in need of Place Judges on the day, so if you are available to help on the day please fill in the slip below and return to school. Thank you.

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**SALLY FREEMANTLE**

**Found**

Found a sum of money near the front gate on Tuesday approximately Recess time. Contact the office if you can confirm that it is your money. (Serial numbers not necessary).

**DOREEN**

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**Henhouse Helpers**

The Henhouse Helper next week is the Welsh Family. The following families are on duty over the Christmas break:

- 26/12/16 Price
- 2/1/17 Rowe
- 9/1/17 Purnell
- 16/1/17 Spring
- 23/1/17 Close

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**

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**Sick Bay Laundry**

Carrie Campbell is the lucky mum this week. She is entitled to collect the washing on Friday and make up the bed again for us.

**DOREEN & CHERISE**

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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
Fundraising 17th at Warrandyte Market

Amber and I will be fundraising on Saturday the 17th at Warrandyte Market for the Welcome to Eltham group. Amber will be busking and donating half her proceeds. I will be selling vegetarian Rice Paper rolls and donating these proceeds. Money raised will help support new refugees arriving in Melbourne. We hope you could come and support this cause.

Amber & Hanh.