Wednesday 15 February 2017

**School Calendar**

**WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY**
Parent Teacher Meetings for 1 – 6, 2 – 6.30pm

**FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY**
District Swimming
Chess starts

**SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY**
Working Bee 9 – 11 to rearrange mosaics around school

**TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY**
Family Fun Night 6 – 8pm

**WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY**
Finance 7pm and School Council Meeting 7.30pm

**SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY**
WORKING BEE to build retaining wall on oval

**MONDAY 1 MARCH**
Parent Teacher Meetings for Foundation 2.30pm

**SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY**
WORKING BEE to build retaining wall on oval

**MONDAY 13 MARCH**
Labour Day – No students at school

**TUESDAY 14 MARCH - CURRICULUM DAY**
No students at school this day

**THURSDAY 16 MARCH (Note change of date from April 20)**
House Cross Country 9 – 11 for Grs 3 – 6
Fun Run 9 – 11 for F - 2

**WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH**
Finance 7pm and School Council Meeting 7.30pm

**THURSDAY 23 MARCH**
5/6 Incursion – Chris’s Zoo

**FRIDAY 24 MARCH**
F – 4 Incursion Chris’s Zoo

**SATURDAY 25 MARCH**
Warrandyte Festival Parade

**FRIDAY 31 MARCH**
End Term 1 2.30pm

**TUESDAY 18 APRIL**
Term 2 commences

**WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL**
Photo Day

**WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL**
Finance 7pm and School Council Meeting 7.30pm

**TUESDAY 25 APRIL**
Anzac Day – No pupils at school

**MONDAY 1 MAY**
District Cross Country

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**FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL**

**OUR SCHOOL VALUES**
Creativity
Achievement
Respect
Encouragement

**School Structure For 2017**

We are well into our school year and it has been fantastic to see how smoothly and quickly everyone has settled. I thought it would be good for parents to gain some insight into our school organisation and the school leadership structure for 2017. For parents the leadership structure is a direct contact point for any ideas or concerns.

**Leadership Structure**

*Acting Principal* – Rick Griffiths
*Prep Level Leader and Transition Coordinator* – Kylie Lewis
*Year 1-2 Level Leader* – Jo Fecondo
*Year 3-4 Level Leader* – Cathie Brooks
*Year 5-6 Level Leader* – Meryl Teather

*Leading Teacher Student Achievement* – Meryl Teather
*Leading Teacher Student Wellbeing* – Cathie Brooks
*Leading Teacher Student Engagement* – Rick Griffiths/Jo Fecondo
*Leading Teacher Curriculum Development* – Katie Penhalluriack
*Leading Teacher Assessment & Reporting* – Kylie Lewis
*Leading Teacher STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)* – Jenny McDonell
Leading Teacher ICT – Sarah Kelly
Leading Specialist Teachers – Tracey Maile (Japanese), Visual Arts (Stephanie Chivell), Kirsty Wolters (Performing Arts), Physical Education (Sally Freemantle)
Leading School Communications & Marketing – Tracey Maile

School Council 2017
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 3 staff vacancies.

The 2017 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 22 February. Nominations cannot be accepted after this set date and time as stated by The Department.

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.

Enrolment for Prep 2018
Prep enrolments for 2018 are now open. To be eligible to enrol for Prep 2018, your child will need to turn 5 years of age by 30 April 2018.

School Tours
In order to assist you in making this very important and exciting decision, we have arranged the following school tour dates. These will enable you to see the school at work and to ask questions of the Principal, Teachers and Students. Please call our Office Staff to make a booking. Tours will leave promptly from the school office.

Term 1
Monday 20 February at 10am
Tuesday 28 February at 9:30am
Thursday 9 March at 10am
Friday 17 March at 12:30pm

Tour Dates for Term 2 will be announced later in the term. Enrolment forms may be collected from the school office or downloaded and sent to the school.

Documentation required includes:

- a completed 2018 Enrolment Form
- a copy of the child’s birth certificate or passport
- an immunisation certificate (this can be added later as the vaccinations are completed)

Enrolments will be confirmed by the Principal.

Curriculum Day
On March 14 there will be a Curriculum Day. This is the day after the Labour Day long weekend. The teachers will be focusing on a school goal around Maths.

New Tiqbiz Boxes for 2017
Now we have commenced a new year, you will need to make new Tiqbiz selections for your child’s year/grade.
Attached are two images to assist you with this. The first is showing the newsfeed with a “more options” menu in the top right.

The second image is the Add/Remove boxes screen where you can change your selection.

It is important that you select the new boxes ASAP as the older boxes will need to be removed. It is also very important to join the EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT box as this will play a role when ensuring you receive notifications about a school closure.

We currently have 180 users of Tiqbiz including parents and staff. Let’s see if we can increase this number by next week.

**School Website Updates**

We have begun the very important updates and upgrades to the Warrandyte Primary School Website for 2017. We want our website to:

- Showcase current student learning
- Provide information about the teaching and learning that is happening at WPS
- Direct visitors to important resources
- Provide a forum for teachers, administrators, students, and parents to exchange information
- Introduce people to WPS and the current events and the culture of our school
- Describe our school curriculum and programs
- Provide staff, parents and students with access to important documents and resources
- Create and show school pride.

Over the next week you will see some HUGE changes as staff work closely on this. If you have any ideas or suggestions please email myself at griffiths.richard.j@edumail.vic.gov.au.

**Family Fun Night**

On Tuesday 21 February we will be holding our annual ‘Family Fun Night’. The night invites all of our school’s families to come along and have a bit of fun from 6 – 8pm. Families new and old are invited to come along and enjoy the fun. Many fun activities and events are planned for the night so
watch this space for more information to come and put the date in your diary. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Friends of WPS

Firstly, on behalf of all of the WPS families, we would like to thank Liz Heaton for the superb job she has done as 2016 FOWPS Coordinator. Her energetic and generous shoes will be hard to fill, but Fiona Young and I have taken on the position for 2017.

We held our first meeting of the year last Friday and welcomed some new and returning members. Hopefully the group will continue to grow throughout the year. We always love to see new faces and hear new ideas.

At the meeting we set dates for some important school social and fundraising events. Please save the dates from the list below and please consider volunteering to help at one or two.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY
Volunteers wanted to help with catering on the night – nominate yourselves to Liz Heaton (or Doreen at the office) for early (5:30-7pm) or late shift (7-8:30pm).

We will be having sausage/vege burgers in bread at $2 and icy poles at $1.

WARRANDYTE FESTIVAL SATURDAY 25 and SUNDAY 26 MARCH
Heads up to new families that Festival Weekend is a massive weekend. Students are involved in the parade on Saturday morning and Friends of WPS, as usual, will be running a cake and fairy floss stall over the 2 days. As well as being a fabulous community event, this is a major fundraiser for our school.

WPS TRIVIA NIGHT FRIDAY 2 JUNE
A super night and our major fundraiser for the year.
Meg Bailey – Co-Coordinator
meg.kneebone@gmail.com 0406 949 491

Before & After Care News

Busy week this week with Valentines Day 💕. We hope you enjoyed your presents.

Tori Quinn (ex student) is now working 5 mornings a week with me and on a Friday night.

Please remember the children require hats at Aftercare.

CORALIE
Sport News

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Good luck to our 30 students who are competing at the District Swimming at Aquarena this Friday. Please come to school in bathers; bring a towel, goggles, snack and drink. We return to school before lunchtime. All permission slips and money should have been back today.

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY/FUN RUN
Due to a bye in our Interschool Sport matches this term on Thursday 16 March we are going to run the Cross Country/Fun Run on this morning. This is preferable to training for these events all term, having 2 weeks holiday and then having them the first week back in Term 2. If we happen to be washed out on 16 March we then have a backup. Grades 3 – 6 compete down along the river in a 2 or 3 kilometre race while the F – 2 students compete in a Fun Run at school. This is a fundraiser and raises money for PE and sport equipment, line markings on the courts, sports uniforms etc. Students can be sponsored per lap they run (F – 2) or per kilometre (Grades 3 – 6). More information and sponsor sheets will be sent home this week.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT
Our first match is this Thursday 16, 9 – 11am. We have a Home game against OLOP (Our Lady of the Pines). Baseball and rounders play at school, softball and cricket play at Warrandyte Reserve.

We only have one game away this term, so 5 home games. Could I please have any parent who would be available to drive our softball/cricket equipment down and back from Warrandyte Reserve to contact me as soon as possible?

SALLY

Henhouse Helpers

The Henhouse Helper next week is the Harbinson family (again).

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

Canteen News

Canteen is opened on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays for lunches and counter sales at recess and lunchtime. Nachos are available on Monday only.

I am trialling a new product – Honeycomb Nippys Milk for $2. ROCHELLE

Sick Bay Laundry

The new Roster for 2017 has been sent home to all families. If you do not receive your roster please call me for another one. Thank you to everyone who volunteered for this exciting job.

Michelle Frost is the lucky mum (again) this week.

DOREEN & CHERISE
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 (Yellow colour) or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. Visit this web site for more information.

DOREEN

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:

- 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

South Warrandyte Tennis
New Programs for 2017

Hot Shots Match Play
Cardio Tennis
Fast4 Competition

.......and

$40/year Social Play Membership...!!

For more information or to book in contact:
Craig Haslam 0488 722 538
info@thetennisguru.com.au

Register at: warrandytesports.com.au
ELECTRIC DRUM KIT LESSONS
2017
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.

PLEASE RETURN BLUE ENROLMENT FORMS TO THE OFFICE & TEXT JASON ASAP

Enquiries please call: JASON STONEHOUSE 0419 872 875 janhotmusic@hotmail.com

Warrandyte Festival
Kids Market

Come along to the Warrandyte Festival’s Kid’s Market where you can show and sell your smart handy crafts, clever arts and cooking skills! Enter for your chance to win one of four awards for sustainability, baking, charity or creativity. Each award winner receives a trophy and has their name and photo published in the Warrandyte Diary!

When?
Sunday March 26 from 10:30am-12:30pm

Where?
Stiggants Reserve Warrandyte (Upper Reserve adjacent to Main Stage)

Application Forms/Details?
http://www.warrandytefestival.org/participants/application-form/kids-market-2017

Registration: $10
The WARRANDYTE CALISTHENICS COLLEGE

Are currently welcoming new members to our TINIES CLASS

AGE 3 – 6 YEARS (turning 7 this year)
THURSDAYS 4.15-5.15

Classes are held at Anderson’s Creek PS Performing Arts Centre
For more information about TWO FREE TRIAL CLASSES
contact our principal coach Katrina on 0425 796 259 or email her warrandytecali@hotmail.com or go to www.warrandytecalisthenics.org.au
WARRANDYTE PRIMARY SCHOOL
FAMILY FUN NIGHT
TUESDAY 21 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
NEW SCHOOL OVAL RETAINING WALL WORKING BEE

The new oval resurfacing will be under construction very soon, which is very exciting!

As this is a huge expense, we are committed to completing as much as we can by ourselves.... with the help of our fantastic community - that’s you!

One of the jobs that needs doing is to **build a retaining wall** to replace the old one. This needs to be completed before any turf work commences so we will be holding a Working Bee for this job on both the following dates:

**Saturday 25 February** and **Saturday 4 March**

Iain Murray has very kindly volunteered his time and machinery and materials at cost to make this happen. We currently have a few builders helping but we do need more. This is really a job for men as it will involve a lot of heavy lifting, sawing, machinery work etc...women are more than welcome to come and help but just have to have some strength and knowhow!

Also if you have any of the following tools, please bring them along:
- Excavator & auger
- Cement mixers
- Wheel barrows
- Post hole shovels
- Bobcat and pallet forks
- Power leads
- Water hoses
- Cordless drills
- Laser level
- Set out paint
- Circular saws
- Tape measures

Please ring me - **Yvette Harbinson** if you are able to help out.
Thanks so much - 0416 020 088