**School Calendar**

**FRIDAY 19 AUGUST**  
Stepping Stones 2.30 – 3.30pm Science  
FOWPS Movie Night in Bampi

**WEDNESDAY 24 AUGUST**  
Finance 7pm & School Council Meeting 7.30pm

**THURSDAY 25 AUGUST**  
Book Buddies in Library 9 – 10am

**FRIDAY 26 AUGUST**  
Futsal Clinic 5/6s

**SUNDAY 28 AUGUST**  
Bunnings BBQ Ringwood 8.30am – 4.30pm

**TUESDAY 30 AUGUST**  
5/6 Family Life Sessions 10am – 1.30pm

**THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER**  
House Athletics

**FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER**  
Fathers’ Day Breakfast 7.30am  
Stepping Stones 2.30 – 3.30pm PE

**MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER**  
5/6 Hooptime

**TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER**  
5/6 Family Life Sessions 10am – 1.30

**WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER**  
District Athletics

**THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER**  
S.S.S. Dress Rehearsal

**FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER**  
S.S.S. Dress Rehearsal

**SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER**  
S.S.S. on today

**FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER**  
5/6 Family Life 10 – 1.30pm

**WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER**  
Being a Good Sport (20 Grade 5 students)

**THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER**  
Bushband Performing for School at 10.30am

**FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER**  
Last day of term – Finish 2.30pm

**MONDAY 3 OCTOBER**  
Term 4 commences

**HEAD LICE – 5/6R**

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**FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL**

**OUR SCHOOL VALUES**  
Creativity  
Achievement  
Respect  
Encouragement

**The Olympic Games Medal Tally Competition**

The Olympic Games continue to be exciting and Australia has 7 gold medals and sits 9th on the Medal Standings Table. On Monday, I started a competition for all students, parents and teachers. Already, many students have begun to guess how many gold, silver and bronze medals Australia will win by the end of the Rio Olympic Games. These students are to be commended on their enthusiasm, confidence and ability to take risks. They have guessed where Australia will sit in the Medal Standings when the Olympics finish and chosen the top 5 countries in the medal tally. The competition remains open until this Friday 19 August. Entry papers are to be posted into a box in the school foyer.

I am particularly impressed with those students who have actively entered this competition with a sense of self achievement and fun. Many of our Olympic Games Athletes don’t win medals or gain recognition. But they enjoy what they do for many other reasons. It must not be forgotten that the athletes less heard of “NEVER FAIL TO TRY.” Well done to all of those students at Warrandyte Primary School who take risks confidently.
“The Wizard of Oz”
Well……….words cannot describe the night and the performance! Our school production of ‘The Wizard of Oz’ went above and beyond in so many ways. The feedback our students and staff have received has been overwhelmingly positive. Each year we get to the very end of a production and wonder about two things. We wonder, ‘How did our students do that?’ and ‘How can we match that next year?’ But each year, Kirsty leads our students and staff to great heights. Behind the scenes, our teachers took great pride in seeing students rise to the occasion on Friday night. Our Grade 6 students with lead roles this year are to be congratulated on their ‘professional’ performance. All of these students sat in the wings across their primary school years waiting and watching. And, they were paying attention and absorbing everything as their older peers performed. This was evident on the night! Let’s not forget all of the supporting cast who were ‘simply the best’ and are well on the way to having their moment in the spotlight.

Academic Acknowledgements
I continue to be excited about the effort and the academic achievements of students at Warrandyte Primary School. It takes time to ensure genuine feedback is provided to each student. The first of the ‘Principal’s Academic Awards’ are to be presented at next week’s assembly. I believe good things take time and continue my search whilst conducting teaching and learning walks each day. I believe in taking time and want to discuss the individual student’s achievements, efforts and behaviors before I award them.

Transition to High School
This week a formal confirmation of high school placements was sent home. I am pleased to announce that all students were able to secure their first preference. If you did not receive a placement letter, please make contact with the school.

Naplan Results
Naplan Results are being sent home today with students in Grades 3 and 5. If you do not receive these please contact the office.

A Top Bloke!
I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of David Hennessy (Doreen’s husband). David has volunteered several hours of his own time within our school to plain each of our ‘old’ windows so that they can freely open. David also spent much time erecting fences out of materials found under our school near the toilet block near the Grade 5/6 classrooms. We are very lucky to have a bloke like this in our community. Thank you David.
Friends of WPS

A big thank you to Leanne Handoll for coordinating our involvement in the Scout Raffle again this year. Thanks also to Doreen for assisting with the follow up phone calls.

Upcoming Events:
Zootopia Movie Night on Friday
Pre-ordered food served from approximately 5.30pm. Movie starts approximately 6pm.

Bunnings BBQ (Ringwood): 8.30am-4.30pm Sunday 28 August
Thanks to the team that have already volunteered. We require a few more helpers for the afternoon, particularly the midday - 1pm timeslot. Please contact Fiona: 0437697429 or fiona.jon@gmail.com) if you can help.

Fathers’ Day Breakfast (at school): 7.30-9 am Friday 2 September
Join us to celebrate the important contribution of male role models (not “male models” as I wrote last week!) in children's lives. Students are invited to bring dad or anyone else who's special to share in breakfast, games and informal activities. There will be special visits from AFL and Melbourne Vixens players. Flyers for each family (with booking form attached) should come home in the next couple of days. See copy of flyer on Page 10. Bookings can also be made at: https://www.trybooking.com/220694

LIZ HEATON - Coordinator e: heaton.liz@gmail.com m: 0425 828 894
Closed FB group: Friends of Warrandyte Primary School.

School Council

It was a while ago and a lot has happened since, but on Wednesday the 22 June School Council last met.

Gill congratulated Rick on being appointed Acting Principal for term three (I think you will all agree he is living up to the WPS high standards. Keep up the great work Rick).

Gill outlined the collaboration between Kath Murdock (Staff Educator) and the WPS staff in developing the new reporting package where your child’s learning is the focus, moving away from being outcome focused. We hope you found value in the 3-Way Conference, student portfolio and student report, which all tie together now to create your child’s learning journey (report).

Yasmin (WPS ICT Coordinator) presented ‘BYO Devices, where is WPS up to?’ School Council were led through the Laptop v’s iPad discussion which was hotly debated (iPad perceived as a toy device v’s educational tool), teacher training so far, how the devices are currently being used in the classroom (we were even given some practical demonstrations of students explaining working out maths equations, which were very impressive and the use of green screens for presentation work) and the infrastructure needed. We appreciate the work that has been done so far in this area and understand that the school will continue to put the needs and interests of the WPS students and families at the forefront of how they move forward with this policy.

School Council were reassured when incidents occur on the school grounds or to WPS students, Education Department policies and procedures are always followed by staff.

We had further discussions on how we as a school and School Council could gain greater gender equality in the school’s regional sporting arena. School Council is waiting to hear back from Sally Fremantle who was taking the issue to the regional sports meeting. School Council have reviewed the current Education Department policies, but remain aware that further review in this area is needed.
At the time of the meeting, sign off on the redevelopment was imminent and the painting program contract had commenced with the school starting to look amazing.

Lastly, School Council warmly invites any interested parents to come along and attend School Council meetings. Our next meeting is Wednesday 24 August, commencing at 7.30pm. Look forward to seeing you there.

CARRIE CAMPBELL
School Council Vice President

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**Before & After Care News**

**Great news is everywhere at Aftercare.**

We warmly welcome Sky Prentice to our OSHC Team. Sky has a Bachelor of Early Childhood Development and I know the children will warm quickly to her gentle, sweet nature! Sky has 2 young children and now lives in Warrandyte. She had been living and working in Queensland for a number of years.

Also congratulations to Bec who has just announced her engagement to Steve. We wish them all the very best.

Our Olympic theme continues to be woven throughout the program with much fun.

A big thank you to one of our families who bought an Olympic Torch from the Sydney 2000 Olympics. The torch was used by his grandmother who was chosen to run a section for her commitment to charity. A photo is on display at OSHC.

CORALIE & THE OSHC TEAM

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**Sick Bay Laundry**

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

DOREEN & CHERISE

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**Thank You to Kirsty**

Congratulations to the wonderful year 5 and 6 State School Spectacular Mass Choir performers on their rehearsal at Melbourne Town Hall last week. As a parent helper, I was impressed with every student's behaviour during what was a 5 hour rehearsal. Each and every one of our WPS children were focused on their performance and showed respect while still managing to have fun and learn. I think all the parents of these wonderful students should know that. It also cannot go without saying what a marvel Kirsty Wolters is with those students and giving them the opportunity to perform at such an amazing event. Thank you Kirsty - we couldn't do it without you.

CATHERINE GERHARDT

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**Henhouse Helpers**

The Henhouse Helper next week is the Price 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.

DOREEN
Doncaster Secondary College

All parents will receive information by the end of next week regarding the enrolment of their child. However as our Year 7 camp for 2017 will be held in week two of term one, it is very important that all families complete the camp paperwork enclosed and return this to the college.

MANDY ROHRLACH
Doncaster Secondary College

Scholastic Book Club

I STILL have one book order that has been paid for and not collected. The order was placed without a name.

If it is your child’s could you please see me or your classroom teacher so I can hand it out.

JO FECONDO

Thank You Raffle Tickets

Thank you to Robbie (Grade 6) who ran back to school at 4pm with his raffle tickets which were sitting on the kitchen table. What an effort Robbie!!
Performing Arts News

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to all students from Foundation to Grade 6 on an outstanding performance of ‘Wizard of Oz – Young Performers’ Edition’ last Friday evening at George Wood Performing Arts Centre!

It was fabulous to see everyone working together to give their very best effort both on stage and behind the scenes. The Grade 6 students showed their professionalism not only through their sincere and engaging performances, but also in adapting to last minute scene changes caused by a broken half curtain. During interval, the theatre technicians worked hard to make the stage area safe enough to continue the performance. Thanks to our fun-loving and quick-thinking WPS backstage crew – Meryl, Yas, Steph, Rick, Hayley & Bailey – for assisting the students with smooth (unplanned) scene changes, and to the audience for their patience during an extended interval.

THANK YOU!

While a detailed list of our production helpers is printed in the beautiful full gloss program designed by Kylie Lewis, I would like to add thanks to all the parents who assisted with fitting students with costumes and making minor repairs, including Cathy Gerhardt, Robyn Price, Charissa May, Renelle Trayford, Cait Ramsdale, Jacinta Payne, Belinda Thomas, Tara
Wilson, Carmen Greenhill, Leanne Whitmore and Tania Porter. Special thanks to Tim Curnow for assisting with returning costumes to the hire company.

Every staff member at WPS contributed to the success of the show and the resulting joy and confidence experienced by our student performers. To each of you, many thanks for rehearsing your students and fitting them with costumes, packing and unloading props and sets, applying make-up, creating foyer displays, to Leanne Fullager and Coralie for ushering the audience to their seats, providing constant motivation and encouragement to nervous students, surviving technical melt-downs, comforting exhausted children in their dressing rooms, sweeping the stage of hay (over and over again…sorry!), making great cups of tea and coffee when needed – and all without complaint. To Michelle Parker, Dione Veal and Wendy for selling programs – thank you. It is a privilege to work alongside this amazing team!

KIRSTY WOLTERS
Harmony Garden News

Very exciting times over the weekend as the Harmony Garden Working Bee was able to cross yet another job off our list, a massive new sandpit for the WPS students to play/learn in. Such amazing things cannot happen without the generous donation of time by the parents and students of WPS. A very big thank you to the Curtis, Whitmore, Koot, Cook and Rogan families. We hope the students enjoy their new play/learning space.

Where to from here? We are looking forward to hearing about a successful Manningham Council Heritage grant to fix and paint the shelter shed. Look out for further news about this. Cheers.

THE HARMONY GARDEN TEAM.
Friends of WPS Movie Night this Friday

See you in The Bampi
Pre ordered food from 5.30
Movie commences 6pm

DON’T FORGET YOUR BEAN BAGS
KIDS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENT:

Come along and play with your sporting heroes!

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

All proceeds to Building our School Oval!

Bring Dad or a male role model (others welcome)

FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER
BEFORE SCHOOL 7:30AM - 9AM

A special chance for you and Dad or anyone else who’s special to you to enjoy a breakfast and join in the fun together!

Meet and play with your sporting heroes from the AFL and the Melbourne Vixens!

Prizes to give away, be in it to win it!
There will also be other activities set up to enjoy.

$13 per adult $8 per child

Breakfast included: Bacon and Eggs Rolls, Cereal and Juice, barista coffee and hot drinks!

Bring gold coins for photos and competitions.

Tickets must be pre-purchased by Wed 31st Aug through:
www.trybooking.com/220694

OR pay at the Warrandyte Primary School office. (form attached)

MELBOURNE VIXENS
players attending!

AFL
players attending!