School Calendar

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

THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY
FOWPS Meeting at 2pm in Drum/Uniform Room

TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY
Family Fun Sport Night 6 – 8pm

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

THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY
Parent Helpers Meeting 11.30 – 1.30 (Old Multi)

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
1st Session of Girlosophy for Gr 3/4 girls

THURSDAY 3 MARCH
F-2 Responsible Pet Ownership

TUESDAY 8 MARCH
2nd Session of Girlosophy for Gr 3/4 girls

MONDAY 14 MARCH
Labour Day – No students at school

WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH
3rd Session of Girlosophy for Gr 3/4 girls

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’

WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL
4th Session of Girlosophy for Gr 3/4 girls

FRIDAY 22 APRIL
1st Chess day for the year

MONDAY 2 MAY
Curriculum Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

OUR SCHOOL VALUES
Creativity
Achievement
Respect
Encouragement

During the bushfire season, Warrandyte community is on high alert. The whole school has already practised evacuating into the safe place - the Bampi building. You may be wondering
“when does the school evacuate into the Bampi or shelter-in-place?”
“can I collect my children from the Bampi if the school has enacted its evacuation plan?”
“can I give permission for another parent to collect my children?”
“what do I need to do if I want to take my children from school and out of the area?”

The school will evacuate into the Bampi shelter-in-place (safe place) when it is deemed important for the safety of students, staff and helpers. That of course will depend on where the fire is and the level of smoke in the school area plus advice from the authorities. If the school has enacted its evacuation plan into the Bampi, parents are still free to collect their children. In this case, parents must sign a release form before we can dismiss their children. In the case of an emergency, you may be out of the area and unable to get to the school in time. Please let the office know in advance if you would like to give permission for another parent to collect your child/children.
Remember, we all need to remain calm without creating unnecessary anxiety or stress amongst the
students. Parents MUST go to the school office first before collecting their children. You will
need to sign-out your child/children and the office will then contact the class for the child to come
to the office.

A copy of the school’s Emergency Management Plan can be found on our website.

**Congratulations Reg and June Lawrence**
I was thrilled to receive the news that the school’s close friends Reg and June Lawrence, have been
honoured with an OAM (Order of Australi) for their service to veterans and schools.

Reg Lawrence is secretary of the Rats of Tobruk organisation and each year presents a scholarship
and writing awards to our graduating students. Each year the Year 6 students visit Tobruk House in
Albert Park and are fortunate to meet and talk to some of the few remaining ‘RATS’.

For many years, Reg and June have committed their time and efforts to give help and support to
veterans as well as ensuring that the stories of courage and mateship are not forgotten. On behalf of
the Warrandyte PS community, we congratulate Reg and June.

**School Council 2016**
As mentioned in last week’s Alert, nominations for School Council parent representatives are now
open. Self-nomination forms can be obtained from the office. The next School Council meeting
will be held on Wednesday 24 February. Parents are welcome to attend this meeting as observers
and gain more information about School Council roles and responsibilities.

**Building Plans for Warrandyte Primary**
Stage 1 of the building up-grade is near completion. Hopefully, before the end of this month the
office will move into its new home and allow for Stage 2 to commence. The builders have already
completed most of the demolition for Stage 2, allowing for a speedy completion of the classrooms.

**School Leaders 2016**
A special thank you to Ryan Smith for attending the assembly this week to present badges to the
Year 6 leaders.

Congratulations also went to the newly appointed Foundation to Year 5 leaders.

**Junior School Councillors**
- Year 1S: Ava and George
- Year 2K: Myles and Zara
- Year 2/3K: Lilly and Owen
- Year 3/4J: Zande and Eva
- Year 3/4L: Cassie and Lachlan
- Year 3/4M: Elliot and Wes
- Year 5/6M: Lilly and Mia
- Year 5/6R: Phoebe and Scout
Healthy Kids Club Leaders
Foundation: Luella and Hunter
1S: Kaori and Jesse
2K: Tabitha and Harrison
2/3K: Trixie and William
3/4J: Sophie and Harry
3/4L: Sam and Flynn
3/4M: Kyan and Lenny
5/6M: Lili and Shana
5/6Y: Oscar and Maisie

Super Sustainer Leaders
1S Evie and Reve
2K Gabriel and Scarlett
2/3K Bel and Quinn
3/4J Max and Charlie
3/4L Lou and Hugo
3/4M Hamish and Jake
5/6M Zara and Mai
5/6Y Cassie and Lindsay
5/6R Sive and Aimee

Family Fun Night
The Family Fun Night is a wonderful opportunity to welcome new families and catch up with school friends. This year we will have a variety of activities and games for everyone to enjoy. The games will be organised by the coaches from Kelly Sports. From 6pm, families can come and enjoy a picnic dinner with friends, then the activities begin at 7pm. More information on the back page of this Alert.

Sunscreen Tips
Regular use of sunscreen has been shown to reduce the incidence of melanoma and squamous cell carcinoma, both in the short and long term.

Choose SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen. Make sure it is within its use-by date and is stored below 30 degrees. It is best to apply a generous amount of sunscreen to any exposed skin around 20 minutes before going outdoors. Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours even if the stated level of water resistance is 4 hours.

Please note: Children with naturally very dark brown or black skin (skin that rarely or never burns) may not need to apply sunscreen as their high level of melanin (skin pigment) acts as a natural sunscreen. This is a decision for families to make. However all children, regardless of skin type should wear a hat.

At Warrandyte Primary School, teachers are not expected to apply sunscreen to students but we do remind children to apply sunscreen before they go outside. During the warmer months, it is a good idea to have sunscreen in your child’s school bag.

Asthma and Anaphylaxis
Thank you to those parents who have already completed or updated Asthma Plans and Anaphylaxis Management Plans for 2016. Correct and current information is vital to ensure the health and safety of all students.
Students who suffer from asthma should have their puffer in their school bags each day (especially if involved in rigorous exercise). Individual anaphylaxis kits are located in the school office.

Due to the number of children with anaphylaxis or allergies, it is important to remind your child NOT to SHARE FOOD. This includes buying food (zings, icy poles etc) from the canteen.

Reminders:

**Gardening Club** is now on a Tuesday 3.30-4.30. All welcome. Enrolment forms at the office.

**Before & After Care**

Recently we celebrated Chinese New Year through a variety of art and craft and food activities. All in all it has been a great start to the year.

Accounts were sent home last week. Please ensure that they are settled by the end of the week.

**Coralie**

**Sick Bay Laundry**

The lucky mum this week is Cathy Shattock. She is entitled to collect the washing on Friday and make up the bed again for us. DOREEN & CHERISE

**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

Sports News

DISTRICT SWIMMING
Congratulations to all our 34 students who competed last Friday at the District Swimming at Aquarena. Unfortunately no students are going through to the Divisional finals, however, there were some good results. These will be published next week as I had to marshall the whole time and haven’t caught up with all students yet.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT
This week we have an AWAY game against Templestowe Park. Cricket is at Templestowe Reserve and the rest of the sports will be held at the school. Students must remember to bring hats, drinks and correct sport uniform please.

SALLY FREEMANTLE

News & Views Warrandyte CAN

Thursday February 25 Movie Night

A provocative and empowering film for all people who care about climate change, the Naomi Klein inspired movie, ‘This Changes Everything’, is not to be missed. It received a limited movie release late last year but many will not have caught up with it. Our local setting and movie discussion provides a very special way to view this important movie.

Based on the book by author and social activist Naomi Klein, it presents powerful stories of communities on the front line - connecting them to the economic system responsible for the worst outcomes of climate change. Klein proposes that our predicament presents an opportunity to transform our failed economic system into something much better.

Join your community for a post-movie discussion moderated by our own Charlotte Sterrett*, WarrandyteCAN.

Time: 7.30pm for 7.45pm
Place: At the Warrandyte Neighbourhood House (our co-sponsor for this event)
168 Yarra Street Warrandyte back entrance (near off-street parking)

Complimentary Wine & Cheese, Beverages, Gold Coin Donation much appreciated.
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. There’s something for everyone with awards for amazing colour to environmental achievements and much more!

When?
Sunday March 20 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/kidsmarket-2016/
Classroom Literacy Helpers Program

Are you interested in assisting with the literacy program in your child’s classroom? If so, we require you to attend the Classroom Literacy Helpers Program. The program consists of a two hour information session and is designed to inform you of what is required to support the Early Years Literacy Classroom Program. The program covers assisting children with developing reading and writing skills. You will gain useful strategies to help your child at home, so even if you can’t help in the classroom you may be interested in doing the program.

The session will be held in the Old Multi-Purpose Room on Thursday 25 February from 11.30 am to 1.30pm.

Over the past years many parents have participated in this program and were able to provide valuable support for students in the Early Years classrooms.

It is also the Department of Education policy that parent helpers are required to have a current Working with Children Check.

Please return the form below to Cathie or the office by Tuesday 23 February.

Looking forward to seeing you,
CATHIE BROOKS

Classroom Literacy Helpers Program

I am able to participate in the Classroom Literacy Helpers Program on Thursday 25 February.

Parent’s Name: .................................................................

Child’s Name: ...............................................................Grade...............
YOU ARE INVITED TO CRYSTAL BROOK’S OPEN DAY, A DAY OF FUN-FILLED ACTIVITY FOR ALL THE FAMILY AND A GREAT CHANCE TO CHECK OUT ALL CRYSTAL BROOK HAS TO OFFER!

COME VISIT US FROM 10:00AM ON SUNDAY 6TH MARCH, TAKE A TOUR OF THE PARK AND ENJOY A SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER COOKED BY THE WARRANDYTE CFA!

JUMPING CASTLE, FAIRY FLOSS, GAMES, KIDS KLUB AND MORE...

DON’T FORGET TO BRING YOUR TOGS.
Friends of WPS

The Friends of Warrandyte Primary School fundraising committee (FOWPS) are looking for a **new co-ordinator** for this year.

**Could this be you?**

If you have been thinking of getting more involved with the school fundraising then this might be just what you’re looking for!

Please get in touch with Jacinta on ph: 0434 841 530 / [jac.pib@gmail.com](mailto:jac.pib@gmail.com), or any of the committee members if you would like to do the co-ordinator role, or join the FOWPS team. We will be meeting again this Thursday 18th Feb at 2pm in the Drum Room (next door to the music room, aka the uniform shop!) 😊
WARRANDYTE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

COME AND HAVE FUN WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS!
Kick a ball, play a game or join a team...

6 til 7 - Friends of WPS will be selling Food ...
HOTDOG and DRINK combo $5
ICYPOLES $1

7 til 8 - Games and Activities provided by KELLY SPORTS
BYO PICNIC CHAIRS, RUGS and FOOD/DRINKS

6pm til 8pm
TUESDAY 23RD FEB 2016