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*Warrandyte Primary School's
Weekly Newsletter*



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School Calendar

MONDAY 16-FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER

3/4 Swimming Program

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

TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER

Foundation Teddy Bear's Picnic

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

WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER

Carols 7.30pm

THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER

Grade Change Over Day

Year 6 Graduation

FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER

Final assembly (farewell to Grade 6 students) 1pm

School Finishes at 1.30pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Creativity

Achievement

Respect

Encouragement

Rats of Tobruk

In 1941, during the Second World War, around 14,000 Australian soldiers were besieged in Tobruk by German and Italian armies. Tobruk is a port city on Libya's eastern Mediterranean coast, near the border of Egypt. The Allies fought hard and eventually forced the Italian and German armies to surrender. The soldiers were nicknamed 'rats' by their opposition because of the way they moved around the desert. The fighting lasted 242 days with some 749 Australian soldiers killed and nearly 2000 wounded. Warrandyte Primary School has developed a special connection with the 'Rats of Tobruk.' Each year, our Year 6 students visit Tobruk House and learn the history of the World War 2 siege. I look forward to attending with the students today and sharing our experience next week.

Bushfire Planning Sessions

Last week I spoke about the school's preparation for bushfire season and all families would have received a short survey to complete. The survey is to assist the school with our planning and bring us in line with the new departmental guidelines. Please return the surveys to the school as soon as possible.

This week is also 'Fire Action Week' and is a reminder to all families to make sure that they are bushfire prepared. Below are some simple planning and preparation tips to make sure you're ready for the upcoming summer:

- Plan what you'll do in the event of a fire, talk to your household and know where to access information on high risk days.
- Keep grass short. Fire can ignite and travel quickly through long grass.
- Get rid of dry grass, leaves, twigs and loose bark around your home.
- Remove or prune shrubs near windows and under branches of mature trees.
- Cut back overhanging tree branches close to property – no branches within 10 metres.
- Keep gutters and roof areas clear of leaf litter (if you are physically able to).
- Remove all materials from around the home that could burn, such as boxes, furniture and woodpiles.
- Be prepared for power failure in extreme weather conditions.

This week we are running sessions at the school with a local CFA member. Please see page 7 for session times. It would be great to get as many parents as possible to these meetings.

Snakes

The arrival of the warmer weather means snakes are starting to become more active. The following points (courtesy of the Department of Environment) provide some important reminders during snake season.

- If you see a snake – keep calm and try to move yourself, anyone with you and your pets away from the snake.
- Never touch or attempt to capture or hurt a snake – instead call DELWP Customer Service Centre on 136 186 who will provide you advice or put you in contact with your nearest licensed snake catcher.
- Have a spring clean – clean up around the house and cut lawns regularly. Snakes are attracted to shelter such as piles of rocks and timber, sheets of metal, or building materials.
- Undertake first aid training, ensure your first aid kit contains several compression bandages, and if someone is bitten call 000 immediately.
- Snakes are protected under the *Wildlife Act 1975*. It is illegal to capture, kill or harm them. Bites can occur when people try to kill snakes.

Maintenance Work

Yesterday I spoke to the Project Manager who advised me that the Library is still on track to be finished next Monday.

Congratulations to:

- Our Year 3/4 students who have been involved in our swimming program this week. It is great to see your high level of commitment and focus during these sessions.
- Our senior basketball teams who participated in district basketball competitions this week and represented the school in an excellent manner.
- All of our ICAS Competition participants for their efforts in completing the various tests-well done.

Craig Crouch
Principal ☺



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Before & After Care News



This week we experimented with 3 different pancake mixtures and compared colour, texture & taste. We had 'normal', 'packet' and egg free.

This week we also made stained glass figurines. Loom bands and beading have also been popular.

Thank you to everyone for paying their fees so promptly.

CORALIE

Henhouse Helpers



The Henhouse Helper next week is **The Martin 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

Lost

Garmin Watch, Vivo Fit, Black. Belongs to Lenny Reddaway. Please call 0431089426.

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

Safe as Houses? Community Forum

Picture this... it's a very hot day and the Fire Danger Rating is at Extreme. This has triggered your family to activate your emergency plan and spend the day at a relative's house who lives in an urban environment where there is no bushfire threat. Unfortunately, a fire does start and although you are safe you wonder how your home and property will fare against the fire.

The 'Safe as Houses' forum, hosted by the Warrandyte Community Association (WCA) and their partners, is aimed at anyone who lives or works within the bushfire prone area. The agenda includes a look at the upcoming summer season, local interruptions that could have an effect on your emergency planning, insurance advice and some interesting case studies which explore the types of items or features surrounding a house that can increase the likelihood of it catching on fire. A panel of local emergency agencies, emergency relief agencies and council officers will be on hand to answer questions from the audience.

Make sure you bring along your personal emergency plan as you may wish to include information that you gain from the evening.

When: 26 October 2017, 7.00 pm-9.00 pm
Where: Warrandyte Community Church, 57 Yarra Street
Cost: Free
Bookings: Bookings are essential. Please register via Eventbrite;

safeashouseswarrandyte.eventbrite.com.au

For further information please contact the WCA at info@warrandyte.org.au

Sick Bay Laundry



Carolyn Curnow 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.

A poster for Blackburn High School. At the top left is the school crest, followed by the text 'HIGH SCHOOL' and 'Blackburn' in large, colorful letters. Below this is the title 'Keeping Safe in Cyber Space' in a bold, dark blue font. Underneath the title is the date '26 OCTOBER, 2017' and the time '7.00PM, SCHOOL GYMNASIUM'. A small paragraph of text reads: 'An informative, entertaining and enlightening session for Parents and carers of young children and adolescents. Book at www.blackburnhs.vic.edu.au'. The bottom half of the poster features a graphic of a laptop with a red arrow pointing to a large padlock icon on the screen. The background is a light green color with a globe icon and a wavy line representing a network or internet connection.

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?

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

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