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

THURSDAY 3 MARCH
F-2 Responsible Pet Ownership

FRIDAY 4 MARCH
Walk/Ride to School Day – 8.30am (See Page 6)

TUESDAY 8 MARCH
2nd Session of Girlosophy for Gr 3/4 girls
Second Second Hand Uniform Sales 3.10 – 3.40pm

WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH
Summers Camp students return
Grand Opening ‘Outdoor Classroom’ 3.30pm

THURSDAY 10 MARCH
Crazy Hair Day

FRIDAY 11 MARCH
Crazy Scientist Day

MONDAY 14 MARCH
Labour Day – No students at school

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

SATURDAY 19 MARCH/SUNDAY 20 MARCH
Warrandyte Festival Weekend

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

THURSDAY 14 APRIL
House Cross Country

WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL
Photo Day

FRIDAY 22 APRIL
1st Chess day for the year

MONDAY 2 MAY
Curriculum Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

OUR SCHOOL VALUES
Creativity
Achievement
Respect
Encouragement

Pre-Emptive School Closure on Extreme Fire Danger Rating Days

On Friday a very important notice was sent home to all families. It is vital that you read this notice and return the reply slip as soon as possible.

As a school in a bush fire area, Warrandyte Primary already closes on a Code Red Day. DET and Emergency Management Victoria (EMV) have worked closely to develop a new policy to further support schools in the highest bushfire risk locations.

In exceptional circumstances, some government schools may pre-emptively close when an Extreme Fire Danger Rating day is forecast; the decision will only be taken with explicit authorisation from the Regional Director, supported by advice from EMV.

Last week School Council discussed this new policy and agreed that closure on an Extreme Fire Rating day, would be important to ensure the safety of students, parents and staff.

If you failed to receive this letter, a copy can be found on Page 12 of this Alert.

Again, I remind parents to download the tiqbiz app onto your phone or computer. This is how
the school will notify you and warn families that the school may be closed.

Values Education
Values are the things that we believe are important in the way we live and work. The school’s values are Creativity, Achievement, Respect and Encouragement.

At Warrandyte PS we C.A.R.E.
These are the values that are discussed in class on a regular basis. Our students know these values and they underpin our student welfare processes.

As adults, we should also believe in and follow a value system. The Department of Education and Training (DET) is committed to treating everyone with dignity and respect and encourages good communication between parents and schools.

The school is always the first point of contact when there is a concern or complaint.

Schools need to know if you have any concerns about your child’s education. Teaching and learning works best when parents and teachers talk to each other and work together to solve any problems.

The following statements are taken from the school’s “Statement of Values”.

AS TEACHERS AND ALL NON-TEACHING STAFF, WE WILL:
- Model positive behavior to students consistent with the standards of our profession.
- Proactively engage with parents about student outcomes.
- Work with parents to understand the needs of each student and, where necessary, adapt the learning environment accordingly.
- Work collaboratively with parents to improve learning and wellbeing outcomes for students with additional needs.
- Communicate with the principal and school leaders in the event we anticipate or face any tension or challenging behaviours from parents.
- Treat all members of the school community with respect.

AS PARENTS, WE WILL:
- Model positive behaviour to our child.
- Ensure our child attends school on time, every day the school is open for instruction.
- Take an interest in our child’s school and learning.
- Work with the school to achieve the best outcomes for our child.
- Communicate constructively with the school and use expected processes and protocols when raising concerns.
- Support school staff to maintain a safe learning environment for all students.
- Follow the school’s complaints processes if there are complaints.
- Treat all school leaders, staff, students, and other members of the school community with respect.

AS STUDENTS, WE WILL:
- Model positive behavior to other students.
- Comply with and model school values.
- Behave in a safe and responsible manner.
- Respect ourselves, other members of the school community and the school environment.
- Actively participate in school.
- Not disrupt the learning of others and make the most of our educational opportunities.

A copy of the Statement of Values can be found on the School’s Website.  
Congratulations to the Science Leaders
They have received a grant of $1600 from the Rotary Club of Warrandyte and Donvale, to set up a Robotics Club. Bob Fry from Rotary was at assembly this week to congratulate Noah, Jaxson and Tyler.

Noah’s passion for science (especially robotics), led him to seek funding so that a few kits and a manual could be purchased. In Term 2, robotics will be offered as a lunchtime club to other budding scientists.

World’s Greatest Shave and Crazy Hair Day Thursday 10 March
On Thursday 10 March, the whole school will be participating in this event to raise funds to ‘beat bone cancer’. As many of you would be aware, our former School Council President, Kirsty Pring, has been battling Leukaemia. Before Christmas, Kirsty received a bone marrow transplant and thankfully it has been very successful. Kirsty has still many months of treatment and recovery. Many others like Kirsty need our support! Let’s make Thursday 10 March very successful and raise as much money as we can. Students can make their hair colourful and CRAZY. Gold coin donations please.

Guess who is shaving off his gorgeous blonde locks. Oscar in Year 6 has hair down his back. Separate donations for this shave can be made at the office.

School Council
Thank you to the parents who lodged a nomination for School Council. Nominations are now closed. The composition of the new council will be announced next week.

Out of School Hours Care
At the beginning of each year, the OSHC committee and School Council reviews the Out of School Hours Care program. As stated in the OSHC fee policy, fees are set to cover the cost of the service and to meet the projected yearly budget for the service.

Parents who use this service should note that, as of the first statement after the 11 April 2016, there will be an increase in the fees.
Before Care - the new fee is $15.
After School Care – the new fee is $18.
Hot Dog Day

Thank you to our three lovely ladies for organising a 'yummy' hot dog day

Warrandyte Festival
Can you help?

Each year Warrandyte Community Bank® Branch invites its’ recipient groups to join staff and board directors in the Festival parade – in a celebration of the bank’s donations to the community over the past year.

To do this, they invite a representative of all supported organisations to join Bendigo Bank in the parade, this year to be held on Saturday 19 March. Each group carries a lightweight placard showing the name and logo of their organisation.

As I am involved in the school parade, I would appreciate it there was a volunteer from the school community to carry the ‘placard’ especially as it will show $30 000 this year.

Please contact me if you can help.

Gill Binger
Principal
Friends of WPS

The Warrandyte Festival is now less than one month away (March 19/20) and while the staff and students are busy getting organised for their parade march and performances, the FOWPS team are busily putting together the plans for our annual school festival stall. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year (last year we made over $5,000) and its one of the key events that we ask all families to pitch-in for.

Once again we are running our homemade cake and biscuit stall and selling fairy floss. We ask all families to make their favourite cake or biscuit and send it to school on Friday 18 March - we'll hand out all the necessary information and packaging to you before then. In the meantime, start thinking about what you might like to bake for the stall (the only thing you need to avoid is using cream or custard as we have no capacity to cool the products). Our gluten free products are always very popular if you are inclined to cook this way.

The roster for the stall is now available in the office foyer so can all families please put their name down for one hour over the weekend? We are hoping to have 4 parent helpers per hour; 2 for the cake stall and 2 to run the fairy floss machine. The fairy floss is quite easy to do and we'll show you the ropes. WPS students that are eager to help are more than welcome to join their parents on duty to assist in cake sales or collecting payment. If you’re not available during stall hours, we’ll also need some help Friday arvo and Sunday arvo to setup/pull down the stall.

Keep in mind that on Saturday the parade is on from 11am to 12noon and then the WPS students perform on the main stage from 12:15 to 1pm. These timeslots are difficult to fill for the stall so if you have any family or perhaps older kids that would be willing to miss out on the parade or stage performance, we'd appreciate their help to run the stall.

If you'd like to join the festival team or have any other queries please contact Wendy Gooley on: 0403 419 433 or wendylgooley@gmail.com

Thanks in advance for your support.

Liz Heaton
FOWPS Coordinator
0425828894 or heaton.liz@gmail.com

Before & After Care

Due to the increase in usage of the OSHC program (particularly on a Thursday or Friday night) it is NO LONGER A ‘GIVEN’ that you can call at 3pm and be assured of a place. We can only take 30 on Thursdays and we have 26 permanently booked in.

From time to time there are issues with our phone. Please take note that this is currently happening and the OSHC Program is using this mobile number 0408 650 231. So if you need to contact us and you can’t reach us via the school phone, then call this number.

Our ‘Outcome’ for March is – “Children have a strong sense of wellbeing”.

We promote this by encouraging resilience and friendship, promoting healthy eating, self help skills and independence. We allow lots of time for physical activities and also places for ‘alone’ times.

Whoever moved or “borrowed” my pot plant from the Multi verandah can you please return it? It was a gift from a child.

CORALIE
Henhouse Helpers

This week’s Henhouse Helpers are the Martin Family. The Whetters family are on next week.

DOREEN

Sick Bay Laundry

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

DOREEN & CHERISE

Ride/Walk to School Day

On Friday 4 March we will be having a Ride/Walk to School Day. Teachers will meet students at either the Warrandyte Bakery or IGA. We will begin walking or riding to school at 8:30am. Students are encouraged to come along, have fun and get active! Parents are welcome to come along and join in as well.

SARAH

Uniform Shop
Secondhand Uniform Sale

WHEN: 8 March
TIME: 3.10 to 3.40pm
WHERE: Outside Harmony Garden

Everything will be in size order and a gold coin donation is required. Imperfect sports tops Size 8 only also available for $10.

MICHELLE and RENELLE

Sports News

INTERSCHOOL SPORT
This Thursday our match is a HOME game against Templestowe Heights. Cricket and Softball will be played at Warrandyte Reserve and Bat Tennis and Rounders will be played at school. Please remember correct sport uniform, hats and drink bottles.

SALLY FREEMANTLE

Family Fun Night

On Tuesday 24 February there was a Family Fun Night. It was amazing. It was probably my favourite sport family night ever. All night I heard fun and laughter from all around the school. I played soccer that was so fun, then I played musical hoops. I’d never played this before but I found out that I absolutely loved it! This was such an incredible night. I can’t wait for the next one. Woohoo!!!

CASSIE 3/4L
Hip-Hop Poems 5/6M

Physical Hip-Hop
My fists are clenched, flying through the air,
Crouched like a tiger ready to snare.
Salute in formation, 1,2,3,4,5.
The whole class just does a sudden dive.
Jaxson is dancing - he looks like a robot.
Let’s give this full dance a shot.
It’s really cool,
Now it’s time to show it, to the whole school.
By Thomas

Move it!
My body is moving to the beat,
But, it always has to look neat.
This dance is so energetic,
I’m trying hard, not to look pathetic.
This is such fun,
I feel I could run to the sun.
I’m starting to get tired,
Can’t stop, or I’ll get fired.
Everyone drops down,
And Jaxson wears the crown.
Jaxson has no fear,
So we all start to cheer!
By Mia

Warrior
My fists are bared,
I’m ready and scared.
It is difficult and energetic.
I feel quite pathetic.
I salute and strike,
Give myself a fright.
I turn into a tiger,
I light up like a fire.

We chant and cheer,
And bow down in fear.
It is dramatic out there,
With robotic Jaxson moving through the air.
By Ruby & Erin

Hip Hop
Let’s get grooving.
So come on and dance,
Pull up your big boy pants.
Come on, yo,
Let’s put on a show.
Hey, hey, hey, let’s get grooving.
By Daisy, Sarah & Shana

Hip Hop
Moving to the beat with my dancing feet,
So much fun!
We jumped,
We giggled,
We danced fast and slow.
We were noisy and insane!
I struck like a tiger
And saluted like a soldier.
We twirled, we sang, we did the grapevine too.
It was an amazing day, as we did hip hop in fame.
By Emma

Hip Hop
Hip hop with Sarah and Lollie,
Was like being in a dance mob
With jolly good feelings.
Striking like a tiger,
Feeling like a warrior.
Like being in a Mexican Wave.
Fun, joy and energy.
Sometimes it was difficult,
A lot of it was sweat,
But in the end,
Worth all the work.
By Noah

Create a Brainy Masterpiece and Win

At home create an art piece which is inspired by......I use My Brain ........ and win prizes for yourself or your school. Any prizes won for the school will be put towards the Robotics Club led by the Science Leaders.

You can send them in electronically or deliver a hardcopy to the Science Leaders in 5/6R, Room 11. Good luck!
TYLER, JAXSON AND NOAH F
Science Leaders
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!

**Sunday March 20 from 10:30am-12:30pm**
Stiggants Reserve Warrandyte
(Upper Reserve adjacent to Main Stage)
http://www.warrandytefestival.org/
participants/application-form/kidsmarket-2016/

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**Yarra Ranges Council**
**Free Activities**
‘Dance Here!’
15 March to 15 April

We have colour brochures at the office for the above activities – over 75 events.

Events such as:
Dance for EveryBODY
Biggest Progressive Dance
Can You Do the Can-Can
Movie Mayhem Flashmob
Pop-Up Disco
Disco Inflato
Where Abba meets Elvis
Wallflower
Liquid Skin
Argentine Tango
West African Dance Workshop
Twinkle Toes
Home is Where the Art is
Far Flung Workshops
Doorways of Duality

Yarraranges.vic.gov.au/dancehere or contact 1300 368 333.

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**Warrandyte Tennis Club**
**State & National Award Winning Coaching Program**

**FREE Tennis Trials for Kids and Adults**

**Kids: Hot Shot League – Ages 8 to 12**
Fridays 4.45pm to 5.45pm

**Kids: Hot Shot Coaching – Ages 3 to 12**
Mon to Fri after school & Sat mornings

**Adults: Monday Night Social**
Mondays 7.30pm to 9.30pm (approx)

**Adults: Cardio Tennis**
Mornings, Evenings & Saturday

To book in for a **FREE trial** please contact:
Craig Haslam
0488 722 538
info@thetennissguru.com.au
warrandytetennisclub.org.au
Open Night
Thursday 17th March
4-6pm and 6.45-8pm School Tours
6.15 Information Session

Further Information:
9844 2749
whs@warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au

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• Excellent Academic results
• Student Leadership Opportunities
• Sister School in China Exchange Program
• Wide range of VCE acceleration opportunities
• Extensive Sporting Program
• Dynamic Musical Productions
• Broad VET offerings
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www.warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au

Warrandyte High School has a designated bus parking zone inside the school grounds with school bus services running from North Cranbourne, Waranna Wood, Park Orchards, Woori Yallock, Reservoir, Kangaroo Ground and Eltham. This is in addition to the regular National Bus service which stops just outside the school.
Harmony Garden

What an exciting weekend for the Harmony Garden Committee. After 12 months of planning, one of our projects has come to fruition. Over the weekend with the help of some heavy machinery and some very valuable hands we turned what was an unused yet beautifully shady area of the school playground into an ‘Outdoor Classroom’ for the whole school to utilise.

We say thank you to Iain Murray and Sean Ramak for trucking in their diggers and bobcats and driving them all day to transform a big pile of rocks and some super amazing timbers into this beautiful space. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Iain Murray also through his company Norwood Products donated all the beautiful timbers for this job and will deliver a trailer load of mulch as well. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

We also owe a great thanks to Mark and Kirsty Habel, Simone and Neil Spence, Matt Greenhill, Rick Pearce and Gerrit Koot. We owe an even bigger thank you to Brendan Curtis who had the vision for this project and went about making it happen. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Do yourself a favour and join us for the grand opening afternoon tea on Wednesday 9 March at 3.30pm and come and check out the schools awesome ‘Outdoor Classroom’.

The final result

Foundation students checking out the new space
For all your pool and landscaping needs.

http://www.tlclandscapes.com.au

Sean Ramak: 0417006769

http://www.norwoodproducts.com.au

1300 551 248

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The best bit is they DELIVER AUSTRALIA WIDE.
Dear Parents

As you would be aware, all Victorian schools and early childhood services listed on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) are required to pre-emptively close if they are located in a Bureau of Meteorology district where a Code Red Fire Danger Rating day has been determined. The key objective of such a closure is the safety and wellbeing of students and staff at all times.

DET and Emergency Management Victoria (EMV) have worked closely to develop a new policy to further support schools in the highest bushfire risk locations. In exceptional circumstances, some government schools may pre-emptively close when an Extreme Fire Danger Rating day is forecast; the decision will only be taken with explicit authorisation from the Regional Director, supported by advice from EMV.

Principles of pre-emptive school closure:

- Pre-emptive closure is the temporary shutting down of a school on a day forecast to have an Extreme Fire Danger Rating.
- No alternative accommodation or provision of educational services will be made for staff or students.
- All stakeholders (parents, students, staff and other site users) can be notified of the pre-emptive closure.

The parent and staff members of Warrandyte Primary School Council have carefully considered the new policy and have agreed that school closures on extreme days is highly advisable. The Warrandyte Primary School Emergency Management Plan, has procedures in place to inform the school community of a closure when a Code Red day has been declared. In the event of an Extreme Fire Danger day forecast, each family will be notified via tiqbiz as well as a personal phone call once confirmed. To ensure all families understand this arrangement, we ask that you complete the form below and return it to the school/office as soon as possible.

Gill Binger
Principal

Warrandyte Primary School: Pre-emptive School Closure on Forecast Extreme Fire Danger Rating Days

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO OFFICE

FAMILY NAME: ........................................ Grades of Children ......................

Please tick ✓

I am aware of the school’s plan for pre-emptive close on Extreme Fire Danger rated days.

I/we have the tiqbiz app on a phone or computer.

Our personal Fire Plan is to leave Warrandyte on an Extreme Day/ or other.
Grand opening of the Outdoor Classroom

Everyone is invited to come along and enjoy Warrandyte Primary School’s awesome new learning space. Please join us for afternoon tea on Wednesday the 9th of March. Just bring your usual after school snack and come and enjoy it in this beautiful space. See you at the Outdoor Classroom straight after school on the 9th.

The Harmony Garden Committee.