Snake Season Sightings

In the past weeks, there have been two very close encounters with snakes within and around our school grounds. We have put in place all of our risk management procedures. We have:

1. Mowed and slashed tall grass. This is ongoing as we have a particularly unusual season with rain and sun encouraging more growth than ever.
2. Removed any debris and refuse where snakes are most likely to be found.
3. Reduced the presence of vermin as they are a food source for snakes. This has included storing the chicken food in air tight containers and disposing of all food scraps.
4. Educated all staff about snake bites and revised first aid procedures in case of such an emergency.
5. Educated our students to play in safe areas of our playground and asked them to let an adult know if they see a snake.

We welcome all community input as we endeavour to keep all members of Warrandyte Primary School safe. Please feel free to tell us if you know of any other measures we could
take. Let’s hope these are our only two ‘snakes alive’ that we will see this season.

**Parents to Thank**

A few weeks ago we found a large motor driven slasher hidden underneath the school buildings. At first, the plan was to sell it on eBay. Tim Curnow took the ‘old beast’ home and in true professional form, was able to service and repair and bring it back to life. On the weekend Tim brought the slasher back to school and gave it a run near the amphitheatre. On Monday I had a lot of fun doing the same after Tim gave me a professional development session on how to use it. This week I plan to don on the gardening clothes and finish slashing this area with our new slasher. Thank you greatly Tim for providing our school with a very important resource which will help us during bushfire and snake seasons to come.

Last week I mentioned that we were on the lookout for a skip company that someone could refer us to. Immediately we had a response from Kirsty and Mark Habel who were able to donate a skip to the school for us to dispose of our unwanted furniture and equipment. This is a huge contribution which we are very grateful for. Once again, our school will be safer and will look fantastic without such junk.

**Please remember that we have a Curriculum Day on Monday 28 November.** Staff will be working on the implementation of the new ‘Victorian Curriculum’. We are committed to keeping up to date with recent DET initiatives.

**I will push a reminder through on Tiqbiz also in an effort to keep everyone fully informed.**

**December Report ‘Package’**

Throughout this term, the newsletter has been used to inform parents about the *Student Report and Student Portfolio ‘package’*. We want parents to understand how the ‘package’ is developed and how it should be read. This week we will look more closely at the links between the two and how they tie together.

The aims and principles that underpin *Student Portfolios* support teachers to explain and share student progress, using clear examples from the student’s portfolio. These examples are used along with formal assessments and classroom achievements to formulate an accurate A-E rating on the *Student Report*. Teachers refer to the current AusVELS Curriculum to moderate and then they develop their judgements. Our teachers work closely in teams to moderate and this is something which we are very proud of being able to do.

Our teachers use the information directly from *student portfolios* when developing *student reports*. We always encourage you to discuss your child’s progress with their classroom teacher.

**Rick Griffiths**

*Acting Principal*
Friends of WPS

See back page flyer for Carols Evening Information

Available from 6.15:
Strawberries and Icecream
Photo Booth props and backdrop provided to take your own special Warrandyte themed Christmas family photos.
Gold coin donations.

7.15pm Students assembled & families seated ready for a 7.30pm start

Liz Heaton - Coordinator
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0425 828 894

Gill’s Retirement Gift

To celebrate and acknowledge her 12 years as Principal of Warrandyte Primary School, we are taking a collection to purchase a collective gift from the school community. Please send your donation to school as soon as possible. There is a collection jar in each classroom.

DOREEN

Gill Binger’s Retirement Book

To all students, past students, parents, past parents, and Gill’s colleagues, past and present, we are creating a book that celebrates Gill Binger’s journey at WPS and we would love for you all to take part. So we are shouting out to anyone that has photos or stories they would like to contribute. Please send these to: warrandyte.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or drop them into the school’s main office. While you are at the main office, please feel welcome to sign the sheets of paper available at the desk, or if you have time jot down a short message. We will be presenting this to Gill at the 2016 final school assembly so the last possible date you can submit items will be Wednesday 30 November. P.S. A note to WPS parents: Students may contribute extra items for the book, but all classes will be submitting their own page(s). CARRIE CAMPBELL

Before & After Care News

CURRICULUM DAY NEWS
14 children will be joining us next Monday for the Curriculum Day Dinosaur Program. I am really looking forward to our day, filled with fun and friends and activities.

We will also have lots of time to play and “chill out”. Children need to provide morning tea and lunch. We are cooking afternoon tea!

ACCOUNTS
Some families may be receiving phone calls in regards to outstanding accounts.

A reminder that it states in our Parent Handbook, “children may be excluded from the program until fees are paid”. As you are all aware there are several ways to pay your fees.

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. DOREEN
Jam Hot Music
Drum Concert
Wednesday 7 DECEMBER
2.30pm-3.10pm

VENUE: Warrandyte Primary in the
BAMPI ROOM
Enquiries please contact
JASON STONEHOUSE
0419 872875 or
jamhotmusic@hotmail.com

Sick Bay Laundry

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

DOREEN & CHERISE

Found

Accu-Chek pack (Blood glucose check machine) in black pack (last used 10/11). This was found on the bus. Contact the office if you have any idea on who owns this as it does not belong to a student from our school.

After School Religious Education Program for 2017
Parish of St Gerard and St Anne, Park Orchards/Warrandyte

We extend a warm invitation to primary aged children to attend after-school religious education classes based on the Catholic Tradition.

Children will learn about the Catholic faith in a friendly and encouraging environment. Those wishing to be involved in the Parish Sacramental Programs for Reconciliation, Confirmation and 1st Eucharist need to enrol in these classes.

The program will be at St Anne’s Parish Centre, Knees Rd Park Orchards on Mondays 4 – 5pm, during school terms.

Enrolment Day is Monday 12 December, 2016 4pm at St Gerard’s Warrandyte

If you have any questions about this program, please feel welcome to contact the Parish Office on 9876 1509 or email parkorchards@cam.org.au.

We look forward to meeting and welcoming your family!

Minemoorong
Open Garden
530 Eltham Yarra Glen Rd
Kangaroo Ground

Sat 26 & Sun 27 November
Open 10am – 4.30pm
Entry $8

Refreshments available, plant sales
Maze & fun activities for kids

www.opengardensvictoria.org.au
WARRANDYTE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Warmly invites you to

Gill Binger’s Retirement Celebration

Wednesday 14th December, 2016
3:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Bampi Building,
Warrandyte Primary School
Formalities will begin at 4:30pm.

Please R.S.V.P. by 9th December, 2016
https://www.trybooking.com/243614
or
Warrandyte Primary School
Ph: 9844 3537

Could current Warrandyte Primary School families please bring along a plate of food to share?
Empty strawberry jars in need!

Empty strawberry jars are in need for the market day! If anyone has any donations could they please give them to the front office. As many as you can if possible. They need to be given to the office by the 3 December.
Thank you, Amber Gedge
You are warmly invited to attend the 2016 Warrandyte Primary School Carols Evening

Wednesday 7th Dec

Held at the ‘Outdoor Stage’
(or BAMPI if inclement weather)

Friends of WPS present:

From 4.15pm:
- Their much loved strawberries and ice-cream available for purchase...and...
- "Photo Booth" — props and backdrop provided to take your own special Warrandyte themed Christmas family photos. Gold coin donation gratefully received.

7.30pm:
Students assembled & families seated ready for a...

7.50pm: Start

Expected finish approx 8.15pm.

BYO picnic rug/chairs, nibbles and drinks.

Merry Christmas 2016