School Calendar

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

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)
Kickball Competition Staff V Students 1.40pm

MONDAY 29 FEBRUARY
Hip Hop all grades incursion

TUESDAY 1 – HOT DOG & DRINK DAY $5

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

FRIDAY 4 MARCH - Walk to School Day

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

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

Thank you to all those concerned (especially Friends of WPS with their food and drinks) for organising a fabulous Family Fun Night. It was great to see all the parents having fun playing games with their children. Thank you to Kelly Sports for providing the coaches and of course the staff for their assistance.

Assemblies
It is wonderful to note the great number of parents who attend Monday morning assemblies.

As a staff we recognise the importance of taking pride in our school and our country. The wearing of uniform and the singing of the anthem are ways of displaying respect. As adults we aim to provide positive role models and so I ask that during the singing of the National Anthem, parents refrain from talking but sing along with the students. If you arrive late with your child and the school is singing the anthem, as a sign of respect, please wait until the end of the song then allow your child to join his/her grade.

Punctuality
It is essential that your child arrives at school on time for the following reasons:
The class program begins at 9am and this is when the teacher marks the roll, collects notices and instruction commences.

Late arrivals disturb classes.

Being ‘on time’ is a good habit to develop. Punctuality can become a key issue in the employment sphere.

Please note: All students who arrive late (more than 5 minutes after the bell) will be registered as late in the class roll.

School Costs
Thank you to all families who have paid Student Booklists and School Council contributions. Like most schools, the extra items such as furniture, computers, play equipment and air conditioners are funded through parent contributions and fund-raising. Last year the school community held many fund raising activities to help support student learning, school programs and building projects. In the past, fund-raising money has helped the school purchase split systems, reading material, ipads and computers. The Friends of Warrandyte Primary School has also assisted various families in need throughout the year. Thank you Warrandyte PS community, family and friends.

Communication
A special booklet has gone home to all families this week. The Warrandyte Primary School Communication booklet, outlines all the ways the school endeavours to communicate information. As you will note there are many! It is up to each family to keep up-to-date with the current events and programs that happen at the school. We know that strong home-school partnerships build and strengthen links with families and improve student learning and well-being.

Education practice is always evolving and improving. How do you want to support your children in their education? Do you feel confused about teaching practices of today?
Parents often ask – how do we teach multiplication or subtraction? How can I help my child in reading and spelling? What is the inquiry method?
This year, instead of ‘information nights’ we are considering holding a series of short workshops, over one night, that parents can attend. These workshops would be interactive and ‘hands-on’.

Please let me know (via the office or email) what you would find informative or helpful.

School Council Election 2016

There are still vacancies for School Council. Please consider becoming involved in the wider school community.

More information from DET:

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category - more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
• A mandated elected DET employee category - members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

• An optional Community member category - members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

Self-nomination forms are available from the office. Warrandyte School Council meets on the last Wednesday of the month. If you would like more information please see me.

Personal Accident Insurance

Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs.

JSC Representatives

Brianna, Sebastian and Max are the JSC representatives for 5/6Y. Their names were omitted from last week’s Alert.
Friends of WPS

My name is Liz Heaton and I’m delighted to have taken over the role of coordinating Friends of Warrandyte Primary School.

Many thanks to my predecessor Jac Payne, who did a fabulous job over the past year and is handing over a well-oiled machine.

I come to the role with lots of enthusiasm but no particular skills or experience, and so would be happy to receive advice, suggestions and support from those who can offer it.

We aim to foster the warm community spirit of our school by organising social events and fundraisers that offer parents and students the opportunity to establish strong connections and to raise funds that will directly enhance our childrens’ educational experience. Where possible, we will also engage with the wider local community.

We have a friendly committee who are ready to welcome anyone who may be interested in getting involved. Please don’t hesitate to get in touch or come along to see if it’s a good fit for you. We aim to meet 2-3 times a term.

The committee is supported by a number of fantastic individuals, who put their hand up to lead, or contribute to the running of, specific events.

As such, we look forward to bringing you the events you’ve come to know and love. So watch this space for information on our stall at the upcoming Warrandyte Festival, a kids’ favourite – the Easter raffle, our Trivia Night in Term 2 and much more….

Thanks in advance for your support. Looking forward to a great 2016

Liz Heaton
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For those on social media, please join our closed Facebook group:
Friends of Warrandyte Primary School-FOWPS

Before & After Care

Families are reminded that fees are to be paid fortnightly when accounts are issued.

We welcome Kristina Servatzis to the OSHC program. Kristina has childcare qualifications and is currently studying for her Bachelor of Teaching.

As always your input is valued at our program. If you have any ideas or suggestions regarding our program please let us know.

CORALIE

Henhouse Helpers

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

DOREEN

Sick Bay Laundry

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

DOREEN & CHERISE
Donations Needed

Hi, my name is Lachlan. For my i-time project I am hoping to raise money for homeless people.

Ben and I will be collecting donations each snack and lunch time up on the asphalt for the next couple of weeks. Money raised will be given to the Warrandyte Rotary Club.

Thanks for your support.

LACHLAN and BEN 3/4L

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Teachers vs Students Kickball Match

This week on Thursday, a teacher’s team will be taking on the Year 6 student team for an exciting kickball match. All students are welcome to come and cheer for their favourite teacher… (or student) on the black asphalt court at lunch after eating time. We hope to see an excited audience!

By SARAH AND KAYLA
Year 6 Yarra House Captains

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Sports News

INTERSCHOOL SPORT
This Thursday our match is a HOME game against Andersons Creek. 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

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For Talented Mathematicians Across Grades 3-6

The Australian Mathematics Trust runs a competition over 3 weeks that challenges students from Years 3-10. Entries close next week.

If you are interested in your child participating and your child’s teacher agrees please send $18:15 to the school by this Friday 26 February.

Entry forms can be found at

Sorry for the late notice.

JENNY MCDONELL

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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.

For more information read the Flyer on the back page.
Good luck!

TYLER, JAXSON AND NOAH F
Science Leaders.
Grade 2/3K

In Grade 2/3K we have been learning about our emotions and how they influence the way we communicate.

The students were asked what they know about our feelings and what they are wondering...

* You can control your feelings - Ella
* I wonder how many feelings you can possibly have in a day - Farrah
* I wonder how do you have feelings? Why do we have them? - Maggie
* I wonder how feelings change the way we talk to ourselves... - Emily
* You can be a little bit angry and really angry - Will
* Feelings can control the way we act - Owen
* I know that when you get angry not very good things can happen - Daniel
* I wonder how we change our feelings... - Jacob
* We talk differently when we feel different things - Ailish
* When I fall over and someone comes and asks me if I am alright, I feel happy - Cade
* You can control your own emotions - Jessica
* When someone is angry they clench up their fists - Lilly
* When I am excited I have a happy face and sometimes my face goes red - Lucinda
* When you’re nervous, people don’t smile and you’re not too sure of what’s going to happen - Bel
* When you are angry you should try and control it because if you don’t you could make things worse - Amy
* I wonder if everyone has the same emotions... - Quinn
* I wonder if anyone has an emotion that no one else has... - Jesse R
* When someone is happy they have a smile on their face - Jesse G
* I wonder how many ways you can make someone else feel happy... - Oska

* When someone is sad and you talk about it, it makes them cry more, but in the end they feel better - Chloe
* If someone is sad they might be crying or on their own, then people get around them and try and help - William
* I wonder how my feelings work and create my body to feel... - Hailey
* When you laugh you know that you’re feeling happy – Trixie

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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/
**Warrandyte Redbacks Winter Season Registration is OPEN**


**REMINDER - ALL players (new and existing) MUST SELECT "REGISTER A NEW PERSON" and then click CONTINUE.**

Please ensure you have valid credit card details ready to process Online Registration.

WBA Administration
DAVID LAWSON
0477 111 971
admin@warrandytebasketball.net.au

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**Play Group**
**Thursday Mornings**
**9.30 to 11.30am**

$40 per term (siblings only $10)

Friendship, fun and learning. Join our playgroup and meet other parents.

Bookings – 9844 1839
Email – info@wnh.org.au
Website – Warrandyteneighbourhoodhouse.org.au

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**Run Warrandyte is fast approaching 6 March**

This year’s new event, The Grand Hotel Warrandyte Gift, is going to be an awesome amount of fun because absolutely anyone could win – male, female, old, young, fit or totally past-it. It is an event of cunning and stealth. It will be a fun opportunity for your organisation to show off.

The RW team ask you to support this event by entering your fastest (or sneakiest) runners to represent your club or organisation. We will (of course) promote your club and organisation on the day and identify your runners. Just remember; Anyone can be the winner of The Grand Hotel Warrandyte Gift – early heats will be run for a range of age groups and running capacities, giving anyone a great chance to gain a favourable handicap. And don't forget there is Prize Money for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

**1st Place - $300  2nd Place - $200  3rd Place $100**

We’d like to make this event a great success and what better way to have your organisation represented in a fun, team building and competitive way.

Each individual needs to enter the event at [www.warrandytesports.com.au](http://www.warrandytesports.com.au) and fill in your club’s name where it says “nominate your organisation”. We know you are busy with your own club promotions so we are happy to support the process, and contact the necessary people in your organisation or club and/or give them all the details on entering.

Please send the contact details of the relevant people in your club or organisation to: bcreate@bigpond.net.au and I will get in touch. You’ve got to be in it to win it.
TUESDAY 1 MARCH
HOT DOG & DRINK DAY - $5
Order form coming home on Friday and must be in Monday

Classroom Literacy Helpers Program

THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY (TOMORROW)

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 TOMORROW. 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…………………
Strawberry Fair
Fun Walk / Run
Sat 5th March 2016
Race starts 8.30am sharp!

$5.00 per entry
(note: family is 1 entry and must cross finish line together)
Forms and payment to be received at St Anne’s Primary School by Mar 4th.
All registrations on the day $10

Registration opens 7.30am at St Anne’s Primary School
(proceed to the rear of the school)
please bring forms completed for on the day regos)

2.5km and 5km
Individual and Family entries

This is a casual fun run with no prizes for placings.
Must self time
Spot prizes from sponsors may be awarded.

NO ROADS!!
Start/finish at St Anne’s.
Course: Domeney Sporting Ground & 100 Acres Reserve Park Orchards.
FULLY MARSHALLED

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TOURIST PARK

Family Fun Open Day!

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 CFS!

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

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR TOGS.
Theme
What is your brain doing when you read this? What was it doing when you were asleep last night? What is it doing when your foot kicks a ball?
We think those sorts of questions are interesting and lots of fun to think about. But we also want to know what you think about the brain.
And we want you to show us by creating an artwork inspired by completing this thought:
'I use my brain to...'
Create a picture responding to this theme on A4-sized paper, using pencil, crayon, markers or paint.

Who can enter
This art competition is open to Australian primary school children and will be judged in three age categories:
* Foundation year and year 1;
* Years 2-4;
* Years 5-6.
One winner will be selected from each category by a panel of judges.

The prizes
Each winner will receive a brain-related prize pack.
Each winner's school will receive a brain-related resource pack and a $1000 voucher to purchase further resources from Modern Teaching Aids.

How to enter
Artworks can be sent as hardcopies to: CIBF Art Competition, Monash Biomedical Imaging, 770 Blackburn Rd, Monash University, Victoria 3800.
Artworks may also be photographed or scanned and emailed to: administrator@cibf.edu.au
Please include the child’s name, age, school year, school name, a parent or guardian’s signature and a school contact on the back of the artwork.
Closing date is March 24, 2016.

Brain Awareness Week
The competition is part of Brain Awareness Week (March 14-20, 2016), which is the global campaign to increase public awareness of brain research. Links to resources for brain-related activities can be found on the CIBF website listed below.

For more details and full terms and conditions, visit www.cibf.edu.au/events/artcomp

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