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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

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

MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER

No Canteen Today

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

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER

Coralie's Retirement Function 3.30-

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

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Creativity

Achievement

Respect

Encouragement

Technological World

We are constantly reading about the technological changes that we are all faced with in today's world. Over the years, education has seen the impact of this change in the classroom and especially on the young people of today. Just check out some of these 21st century technological facts.

- 200 websites are created every hour
- 35 hours of video is uploaded every hour
- 2 billion YouTube clips are watched every day
- Students will have 1000 Facebook friends before leaving school
- If Facebook was a country it would be the third largest in the world behind China and India
- Children are able to connect with others thousands of miles away as if they were in the same room
- Top 10 in demand jobs in 2010 did not exist in 2004
- Schools are preparing students for jobs that do not yet exist using technologies that have not yet been invented

- It is estimated that today's learner will have 10-14 jobs by the age of 38
- In 2006 there were 2.7 billion searches on google
- In 2017 so far there have been 31 billion.....

When technology is used in a positive way, it can be a wonderful learning tool. As an accredited eSmart school, we support our students to use technology in a safe and appropriate manner. The Internet and associated technologies offer many benefits to young people. They can communicate with friends and family from all over the world, access all types of information for school projects, and express themselves creatively, all with the click of a button.

With the popularity of social media in the community, there has been an increase in privacy and defamation issues arising from the inappropriate use of social networks on the internet. Social networking sites that are hosted domestically are held liable for all of the content that users post on their site. Students are accountable for what they post on such sites and there can be dangerous repercussions.

We urge all parents to closely monitor the computer access your child has. Discuss internet issues and share internet experiences. Keep the computer in a public area in the home and set ground rules for the use of the computer. Reinforce safety messages and cyber rules. Remind students about their privacy and the privacy of others and ensure both you and your children understand laws relating to copyright, privacy, hacking and obscenity. Be careful of what is published online. Often children, in particular teenagers, are unaware of the legal, moral and ethical issues related to online activity.

Many sites that our students use, outside of school, have age restrictions placed on them for the following reasons (nothing to do with content!)

- A child under the age of 13 years (U13) is protected by the Children's Online Privacy Protect Act (COPPA)
- Children U13 do not have the intellectual or emotional maturity to handle many social media themes.
- For children U13, there are safer alternatives.

Every time you do something online you are adding to your digital footprint-even though you have deleted it, it is too late, it has gone and it can be traced and can't be taken back. If you wouldn't say it to someone's face then don't say it online.

DET Values

Earlier in the year, the Department launched their values as outlined in the Code of Conduct for Victorian Public Sector Employees. The Code of Conduct applies to all corporate and school staff as part of our employment and includes the following values.

Responsiveness – we respond in a timely way with our best work

Integrity – we are honest, ethical and transparent

Impartiality – we behave in the best interests of the public by making fair and objective decisions

Accountability – we hold ourselves and others to account for the work that we do

Respect – we value others and accept their differences

Leadership – we are genuine, supportive and do the right thing

Human Rights – we uphold and respect the rights of others

Along with our school values, these values guide the actions we take, the decisions we make and the interactions we have with each other, children, young people and families.

Bushfire Survey

Thank you to the many families that have returned the bushfire surveys distributed last week. If you haven't handed your survey in, please do so before the end of the week.

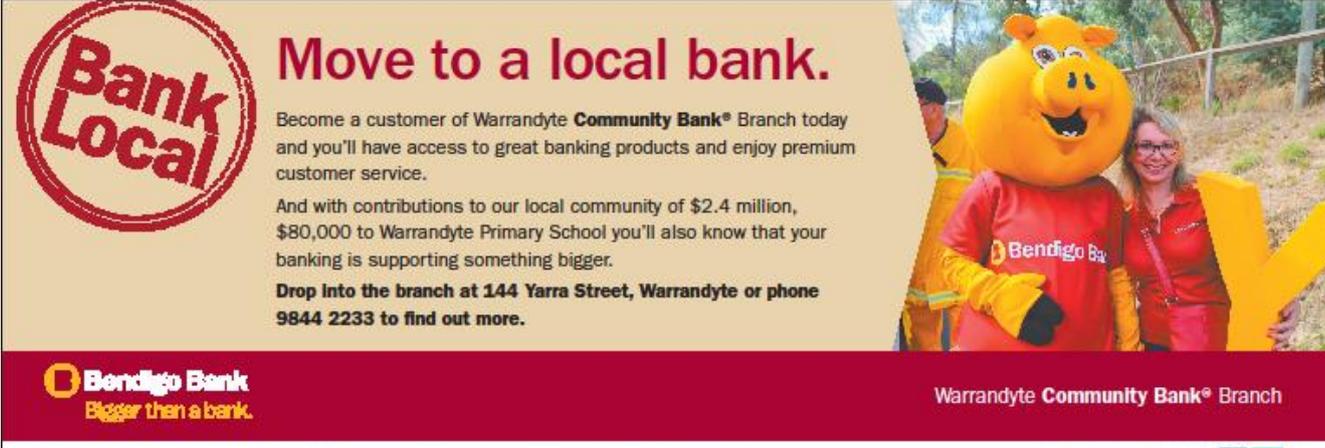
Congratulations to

- Jarrah (Year 6) for his outstanding achievement in scoring the top mark in Victoria (top 1% in Australia) for the ICAS NSW English Test. Jarrah will receive a special medal at a presentation in the coming weeks.
- Charlotte (Discus) and Amy (Long Jump) for making it through to the Regionals Athletics Carnival.
Chloe (800m), Jacob (100m and 800m), Charlotte (Hurdles), Mai (High Jump) for making the Division competition.

Thought for the Week

Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is the most important-*Bill Gates*

Craig Crouch
Principal ☺



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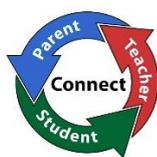
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FOWPS Report



On Friday some of the FOWPS Committee met to plan some events for the rest of the year. The 3 things coming up are the student art

fundraiser, Christmas Hamper Raffle and the Christmas Carols evening.

Christmas Carols Wednesday 13 December – helpers needed

This is always a terrific night, with students performing traditional and contemporary carols under the guidance of their teachers. This is held on the bottom stage, allowing for a quintessential bushy Warrandyte experience. Once again, we will be selling Warrandyte

Berry Farm berries with cream and ice cream and will have a raffle on the night. Due to popular demand we will set up the 'photo booth' again for your WPS Christmas photo for a gold donation.

We are asking for volunteers to help prepare the strawberries on the afternoon of the 13th and to help serve on the night. If you can let Fiona or Meg know if you are available (and when) that would be great.

Christmas Raffle

Donations of non-perishable items are wanted to make a hamper for the end of year raffle. If you would like to make a small contribution, items can be brought to the school office. The winner of the hamper will be drawn at the Carols.

Kids Art Works – Student Art Fundraiser

Steph will be coordinating all students to produce an art work that will be made available to purchase as a calendar, diary, notebook, gift cards or mousepad. When the images are ready you will be provided with a link to view them online and place an order if you want any. This will arrive before the end of school.

Tobruk House

On the 18th of October, the grade 6s visited Tobruk House. This beautiful building is a museum and memorial to the Rats of Tobruk, run by the Rats of Tobruk Association. There, we met two of the original Rats, WWII veterans, along with a group of descendants. The Rats of Tobruk, to provide background information, were a group of Australian soldiers, supported by the British, along with

Arabs, Poles and Free French, who held the tactically valuable town of Tobruk against German and Italian soldiers in WWII, specifically 1941. The town itself was nothing special, but it had one of the few good ports in its part of North Africa. If the Germans captured it, they could move into Egypt and defeat the weak Allied forces there. It was decided that the 9th Australian Division would hold the port of Tobruk. The following siege lasted 7 months, and the soldiers outlasted terrible conditions as well as enemy raids, both in the air and on land. Fleas filled the ground, and one had to shake out their blanket before sleeping. Eventually, the Australians drove off the Germans and the siege ended in victory.

When we went to Tobruk House, two of the original Rats, Keith and Bob, as well as several people who had parents who had been there, were in the building with us. We had a beautiful morning tea and watched a fifteen-minute PowerPoint about Tobruk, before sitting down and talking to the veterans and veterans' children. We rotated every so often and so each group were able to talk to three or four of the people there. As it turns out, Bob was in the artillery, and Keith's job was to deal with equipment, a job that included handing out equipment as well as converting the metric reading on the Italian weapons to the imperial that the Australian soldiers were used to.

When asked his favourite part of the war, Keith replied that his favourite part of the war was actually going home. When asked why he went to war, he answered that he did it for the adventure. When asked how old he was when he enlisted, he replied that he had been 18. He said that at war you have to 'look after your mates', and that 'you gotta get on with each other', and 'support each other'. Keith, when asked, said that he has faith in Australia's military today to keep us safe.

Apparently, to relieve the boredom, soldiers did what is called trench art on empty shell cases. These varied from pictures to writing and messages, and it is now quite expensive to purchase one such specimen. Two examples of

trench art were shown to us. They also told us that dispatch riders on motorbikes delivered messages across the more than thirty-mile diameter of the area around Tobruk held by the Australians.

We all learned a lot, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We were honoured to be there, and we will not forget this event. Tobruk, along with Gallipoli, is one of the most important battles in Australian war history. However, everyone knows about Gallipoli, while few people have even heard of Tobruk. Yet Gallipoli was a defeat, and Tobruk a victory. We must make sure that those who fought at Tobruk will not be forgotten. We will remember them.

By Jarrah Cook

Coralie's Big WPS Retirement Party



As many of you may know, Coralie has decided that she is ready to hang up her OSHC hat and follow Doreen into well deserved retirement after being involved with Warrandyte Primary School for 30 years. Over that time, Coralie has been an RE teacher (15 years), Canteen manager (15 years) and school volleyball coach, as well being the before and after school care coordinator that many know her to be these days. She has also been involved with many of

the school's other groups and associations over the years and she has touched the lives of hundreds of WPS families during that time. Planning is underway for Coralie's retirement party in early December, and current and past students and families will be very welcome to come along. More details will follow. In the meantime, we are gathering together assorted photos of Coralie during her time at WPS. If you have any photos that might be suitable, could you please email them to the Office at warrandyte.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au. Similarly, if you have any funny stories or anecdotes about Coralie's time at WPS, or a message for her, please email them to the school email address with your name. Or you might want to video a short message on your phone (maybe from your children or the whole family) and send it to Carolyn on 0422-988-059. We will then be able to incorporate everything into the festivities on the night of Coralie's Big WPS Retirement Party.

Thank you

Before & After Care News



Thank you to everyone for paying your fees so promptly.

We are currently in full Halloween swing (not me so much). The children are all discussing it so we have taken the opportunity to extend their learning by discussing other countries & their customs, ie Hanukkah, Day of the dead, Halloween etc

CORALIE

Henhouse Helpers



A Message from Coralie : If your family is on 'Chook duty' could you kindly remember to put the chickens away, all too often OSHC staff are having to run around trying to find them & lock them up at 6.30pm.

The Henhouse Helper next week is The Christian 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.

YVETTE

Found

Pair of headphones. Please see me at the office if you think they may belong to you.



Spinach & Ricotta Rolls \$3.20
AMBER category
Nachos available **Monday only**

Unfortunately sunny boys have been deleted so sadly are no longer available.

Please Note The Canteen will be closed Monday 6 November

Many thanks

ROCHELLE

Sick Bay Laundry



Shelley Ridley 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.

Science Talent Search

Trixie entered the Science Talent Search in the category of middle primary creative writing. The focus for the science talent search this year was sustainability for the future.

Trixie wrote a picture story book titled 'Sustainable Me'. It is about a girl named Lily who lives in the year 2050. She has an 'eco' mum which can make life difficult at times. By the end of the story Lily realises it's okay to be different.

Trixie won a major bursary, one of the top stories in her section. She was awarded a medal and a \$40 cheque.

A huge congratulations to Trixie, who completed this in her own time. What an achievement!

Next year we hope to get more people participating in the Science Talent Search, which is run by the Science Teachers Association.

JENNY

Science C-Ordinator



REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2018 WINTER NETBALL SEASON.

New players welcome

Under 9s to Open age groups available

Deadline to register is Wednesday 15 November.

Click the link below or email us at :

registrar@warrandytenetball.org

<https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/welcome.aspx?type=1&entityid=46077&f=1&id=33905>

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