School Calendar

WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER
Finance 7pm & School Council Meeting 7.30pm

THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER
Book Buddies in Library
Wheeltalk for Grades 5 & 6
Chess Tournament P - 3 9.30am – 2.30pm at Rosanna Golf Links PS Rosanna

FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER
Teddy Bears’ Picnic FCB

TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER
CUP DAY – No students at school

THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER
Open Softball Regional Final at Waverley

FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER
9.15 – 10.30am 2017 Foundation Orientation
Boys & Girls Regional Final Volleyball at Dandenong

MONDAY 7 – WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER
Gr 3/4 Camp to Phillip Island

MONDAY 7 – FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER
Gr 5/6 Swimming
BOOK FAIR
FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER
Gr 3/4 Orienteering at Healesville
9.15 – 10.30am 2017 Foundation Orientation

MONDAY 14 – FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER
Gr 3/4 Swimming
MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER
Hands on Science Grades 1 & 2

WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER
Rats of Tobruk Exc Gr 6 students

THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER
Hands on Science FCB
Sport Clinic Grades 5 & 6

FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER
9.15 – 10.30am 2017 Foundation Orientation

WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER
Finance 7pm & School Council Meeting 7.30pm
Ukulele Inc Grades 5 & 6 11.30am

HEAD LICE – FCB

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

OUR SCHOOL VALUES
Creativity
Achievement
Respect
Encouragement

Preparing for a Safe Bushfire Season

Our school continues to make fire safety and preparedness a priority. Our staff are currently updating our Emergency Management Plan with a strong understanding of our context. We have discussed our needs and priorities and any changes that should be considered. As we have had a building upgrade and staffing changes, we have had to update the Emergency Management Plan for our school.

We are planning to have 2 drills this term with all the staff and students to ensure everyone knows how to enact our Emergency Management Procedures. This involves moving into the ‘Bampi’ and utilising the prepared resources.

Warrandyte Primary School and Warrandyte OSHC is listed on the Bushfire-At-Risk Register (BARR). This means we have had to be highly vigilant to put extra procedures in place to prepare for the bushfire season. Our priority is to make sure we keep on top of the community’s needs so our school is as safe as it can possibly be.

Schools are at the centre of the community and often the first point of call for many members of the community. We aim to engage our local community and our parents. Our school is...
taking every reasonable measure to get prepared for summer.

Please refer to the school website link below to find our Emergency Management Plan and information regarding action the school will take during ‘Code Red’ or ‘Extreme Weather’ days.


**Creating a Safe Playground**

Last week we had ‘Two Birds and a Barrow’ come to our school and cut the very long grass in the Prep/Foundation Playground and around the school’s amphitheatre. This is important as we prepare for any snakes that may be on the move. Kevin our groundsman and myself, continue to;

- keep the weeds down around the school
- remove compost, weeds or cuttings
- eliminate all sources of cover under which snakes could hide.

As a staff we are vigilant about snake safety and will remove all children from any area where a snake may have been sighted.

**The Long Weekend ‘Cup Day’**

We realise that many families will turn the ‘Cup Day Weekend’ into a long weekend and hit the road early on Friday whilst also taking the Monday off. If this is the case, I would ask that you email the school to let us know in advance so that I can work with our staff to develop an alternative program. Generally in the past we have had anywhere between 15 – 30 students attend school on the Monday before Cup Day.

**Camp**

I had the pleasure of attending the Grade 2 Camp Experience Day at Ferngully Camp. With spectacular weather, the staff and students had an amazing day. Across the day students worked through fun and exciting outdoor education activities.

On top of this, staff and students were treated to delicious food. I am sure quite a few tired children returned from this highly energetic day. Below I have put some excerpts in about what the students said:

“My favourite was the bushwalk because I learnt a lot about lyrebirds” – Darcy 2K

“My favourite was the zip line because I got to race on the fast zip line!” – Lily 2K

“I thought archery was the best because the arrows were different to Kryal Castle’s” – Andy 23K

“I also loved the archery because it was the first time I have ever done it!” – Oska 23K

“I loved the low ropes because it was all about balance and challenge and I love that” – Henry 2K

“I liked the flying fox because it started high, went slow and then took off like a rocket!” – Jessie R 2K

“The commando course was awesome because it had lots of big ropes and wood to climb” – Will 23K

“I liked the tour of the camp because I loved exploring the cabins and look forward to Grade 3 Camp” – Scarlet 2K

“I like the rock climbing because you could do easy or hard climbs” – Maddie 2K

“I loved the rock climbing because you could do 2 challenges” – Zara 2K

Congratulations to all of the Grade 2 campers who now have a real taste of what the upcoming camps will look, sound and feel like.
Rick Griffiths  
Acting Principal

**Friends of WPS**

**SUNSET CONCERT**  
A big thank you to Velvet Lounge and Neatly Folded Goat for their wonderful performances at our Sunset (‘sun’ in name only!) Concert. All who attended had a great time. Thanks to the event organisers, Jac Payne and Lucy Rogers, and to Catherine Harrison who assisted. Acknowledgement to Warrandyte Treats & Lollies and the Spence, Watts and Rogers families who contributed the raffle prizes.

A final thank you to band members (and school parents) Cath Rutten and Jamie Ferguson, who generously donated their fee back to the school.

**CRAZY CAMEL STUDENTS’ ARTWORK PRODUCTS**  
Final date for orders has been extended until this Friday. Anyone who wishes to participate and has missed an order form/art template please contact Hanh on: 0403 325 364.

**LIZ HEATON** - Coordinator  
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**Before & After Care News**

**CURRICULUM DAY**  
Please note a full day program will operate at OSHC on Monday 28 November if we have 15 children enrolled. Enrolments must be received by **November 19**.

As stated numerous times verbally and through signs at OSHC and via the Alert, also in our Parent Handbook fines apply for late cancellations made after 8am for Before Care and after 3pm for Aftercare.

A Non-Cancellation fee also applies if you forget to call and cancel, this helps cover costs incurred (ie I made 13 pizzas last week and we had 6 cancellations after 3pm). Please see me for any clarification.

**CORALIE**

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**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**
Sport News

DIVISIONAL WINNERS!!
Our Girls and Boys Volleyball Teams and our Open Softball team have all won their Divisional Finals meaning they go onto the Eastern Metropolitan Region Finals. These are being played next week, the Open Softball is being played at Waverley on Thursday 3 November and the Volleyball is at the State Volleyball Centre in Dandenong on Friday 4 November. For the smallest school in the District these really are incredible results. Our talented students have again had very convincing wins in their Divisional final games. Both Volleyball teams won in two sets and the Softball team won 14/2. This a brilliant effort by all students involved: Blake, Sebastian, Daisy, Seth, Jack, Noah F, Sarah, Hugo, Tyler, Connor, Max, Aiden, Angus, Erin, Alayna, Zoe, Kayla (Grade 6) and Bella and Charlie W (Grade 5). Thank you to all the parents who have provided transport for these finals and who have offered to transport to the Regional finals: Emma Freitas, Craig Haslam, Naomi Wright, John Wright, Dale Wilson and Mike Flavel.

MILO CRICKET
Last Tuesday the Grade 1/2’s enjoyed a Milo Cricket clinic run by Warrandyte Cricket Club. There were a number of students interested in following this up and playing in a weekly clinic. Register at: www.playcricket.com.au, or from 5.30pm November 4 prior to the first clinic, which begins at 6pm throughout the summer. Meals and refreshments are available for children and parents. The venue is Warrandyte Reserve, contact Steve Pascoe: 0431 170 963.

5/6 CLINICS
Clinics for the grade 5/6’s have already begun. With Wheelchair Basketball this Thursday, this is a reminder that the term planner has to be paid in order for students to participate in these activities.

3/4 HOOPTIME REGIONAL FINAL
Last Thursday 20 October our 3/4 Future Star team competed in the Regional final of Hooptime. The team: Jake, Eden, Elliot F, Jen, Cassie, Charlotte, Archie and Hamish played extremely well together to make it to the Grand Final on the day. Competing against a team they'd beaten on the day, they ended up runners up in what was a closely fought match, 7 - 15. Well done everyone and thank you to Jacqui Thompson and Irene Vouterakos for transporting/coaching/scoring on the day.

SALLY FREEMANTLE

Sick Bay Laundry

We need a volunteer this week (maybe someone who has forgotten to collect on a previous Friday). You are entitled to collect the washing on Friday and make up the bed again for us.

DOREEN & CHERISE

Lost Property

There is a huge amount of un-named clothing in lost property. Please come and check for any items that may belong to your child.

SALLY FREEMANTLE
Boys Divisional Volley Ball

Girls Divisional Volley Ball

Open Softball Divisional Final