Welcome back to all Warrandyte PS families and a special welcome to the new families who have joined our wonderful community. I am sure you all are as excited as I am with the start of a new year, especially the Foundation parents as they see their children begin their learning journey in primary education.

The staff at Warrandyte PS has already been busy planning and preparing for the new school year. Many days have been spent before the official start of the school year, cleaning, organising furniture, unpacking supplies and meeting with other team members. The first day (Wednesday) was spent on professional learning and team planning.

**Staff 2016**

**PRINCIPAL:** GILL BINGER  
**EDUCATION SUPPORT OFFICERS (ESO)**

**Administration:**  
**OFFICE MANAGER:** DOREEN HENNESSY  
**FINANCE MANAGER:** (Wednesday & Thursday) WENDY FARR  
**OFFICE SUPPORT:** (Tuesday & Friday) CHERISE HIRD  
**OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE:** CORALIE SOUVATZIS
INTEGRATION SUPPORT:
LEA PRICE, CATHY LUCAS, PENNY MACDONALD & KATRI MILLER

SPECIALIST STAFF:
JAPANESE TEACHER: TRACEY MAILE
PERFORMING ARTS: KIRSTY WOLTERS
PHYSICAL EDUCATION: SALLY FREEMANTLE
VISUAL ARTS: STEPHANIE CHIVELL

CLASSROOM TEACHERS:
FOUNDATION: CATHIE BROOKS
YEAR 1: SARAH KELLY
YEAR 2: KATE MARSHALL
YEAR 2/3: KYLIE LEWIS
YEAR 3/4: JO FECONDO, JENNY MCDONELL, LIZ CANE
YEAR 5/6: MERYL TEATHER, YASMIN MILNES, RICK GRIFFITHS,

Term Dates 2016
Term 1: 28 January to 24 March
Term 2: 11 April to 24 June
Term 3: 11 July to 16 September
Term 4: 3 October to 20 December (Tuesday)

2015 Year 6 Student Awards
Congratulations to our 2015 Year 6 award winners, announced at the Graduation ceremony last year.

Encouragement awards (donated by WPS parents): congratulations Byron and Zali.
Sport and Academic Awards (donated by the Rotary Club of Warrandyte): congratulations Brady, Karli and Max.
Citizenship Award (donated by the Lions Club): congratulations Bridie
Leadership Award (donated by Ryan Smith MLA): congratulations Nicola

The William Everard Award
Betty Lynch, the daughter of the late William Hugh Everard, requested that the school set up an award in memory of her father. William Everard was elected to Parliament in the Electoral Division of Evelyn in 1917. He was the elected representative for the constituents from Warrandyte, Doncaster, Templestowe, Eltham and Kangaroo Ground. William represented the early settlers of the Warrandyte area, managing requests for public services such as roads and transport. In 2014 in his memory, $25,000 was donated by Mrs Lynch, in order for a trust to be established. Interest from this fund ensures that a student receives $200 to assist in their future education.
Congratulations Lachlan H!

RATS of Tobruk Award
In 2012 WPS received $30,000 from the RAT Association to establish a patriotic fund. This trust enables the school to choose (each year) a student ‘who by reason of scholastic ability and promise’, to be the recipient of a $1000 scholarship. This scholarship is to support the secondary education of a student who continually strives to do their best and demonstrates exemplary values. Congratulations Cleo!

As Secretary of the Rats of Tobruk Organisation, Reg Lawrence also presented the essay writing awards and the scholarship.
For at least 30 years, Warrandyte PS has been involved in the Rats of Tobruk Association. We have visited Tobruk House in Albert Park and the Year 6 students have written essays demonstrating empathy and understanding of the life of a soldier during WW11.

1st prize: Brady
2nd prize: Nicola
3rd prize: Bridie
4th prize: Paige

YEARS SCHOOL LEADERS 2016
At the end of 2015, the then Year 5 students prepared speeches and spoke to their peers and the teachers about why they would like a leadership role. Every Year 6 student has been asked to take on a leadership or school position in 2016. We encourage the students to take these responsibilities seriously, no matter how small, as each role is important in the operation of the school. Many of the leadership positions give students the opportunity to speak at assembly, organise activities or school programs.

I congratulate all 2016, Year 6 students on their willingness to take on these extra responsibilities.

SCHOOL LEADERS: Angel and Thomas
BRACKENBURY HOUSE CAPTAINS: Oscar and Seth
ANDERSON HOUSE CAPTAINS: Erin and Jack
FORBES HOUSE CAPTAINS: Connor and Ruby
YARRA HOUSE CAPTAINS: Kayla and Sarah D
GRADUATION COMMITTEE LEADERS: Lindsay, Taoh, Emily and Sarah C
JSC: Alayna, Daisy, Brianna, Max B, Sebastian, Max A, Ava and Emma
HENHOUSE: Odin, Blake and Luca
PERFORMING ARTS: Leah, Mia and Ariel
VISUAL ARTS: Zoe and Cassie
SCIENCE: Noah, Jaxson and Tyler
CHESS: Hamish
ICT: Aiden and Angus
HEALTHY KIDS’ CLUB: Bailey, Noah R and Hugo
HELPING KIDS: Dante and Robbie

On Monday 15 February, Mr Ryan Smith, MLA for Warrandyte will present Year 6 leaders with their badges.

Important Notices for Parents
Last week students brought home several important notices that require attention. Please take time to read these and return them as soon as possible.

☐ Student Booklists and School Council contributions. All students were provided with a supply of stationery and books on the first day of school on either an individual or grade basis. These supplies should last all year. (BLUE)

☐ Term 1 Excursions and Activities - payment should be made in one lump sum or prior to the activity. A permission form must be provided for the activities. (BLUE)

The following notices are only for new families:

☐ Head Lice Agreement Appendix A (PINK)
☐ Student Code of Conduct - using the Internet and Email (YELLOW)
☐ Local Excursion Permission Form (GREEN)
☐ Authorisation for the use of Photograph (CREAM)
☐ Authorisation to Watch PG Video/DVD (GREY)

These last notices will be valid for the duration of the child’s attendance at WPS.
I ask that your attention be given to the school voluntary levy component within the list of school costs sent home this week. In order to create the best possible learning environment at Warrandyte, the school relies on the generosity of it’s families.

School costs are divided into 2 sections. 
A. Student’s Individual Supplies – Essential Items, Classroom Materials and Curriculum Resources. The school purchases these items on behalf of parents and they are required to be paid. 
B. School Council Funds – Voluntary Contributions and Working Bee Contributions. We ask that parents finalise Section A as soon as possible as the school has purchased these items and distributed to all students. If you require a payment plan please see Doreen or Wendy at the office.

School Bus Program
A reminder to all parents of students who will be regular uses of the school bus, that due to department regulations, a new application form (available from the office or website) MUST be completed ASAP.

Please note that if you child will be an AD HOC traveller, there is no need to complete a form but you must inform the office (at least 24 hours notice) of intention to travel. That can include play-dates or other arrangements.

Building Update
Stage 1 of the building modernisation is near completion. Handover should be by the end of February, with the new office, staff amenities and staffroom available for use. The next stage is the completion of the 4 classrooms and breakout areas.

Please Note:

Tiqbiz

Could all parents and families ensure that you update your Tiqbiz account or (if you haven’t) download the app. The school will be using this app to communicate to families during the fire season. If a Code Red day is declared all families will receive a notification of school closure. This app is useful when letting the school know if your child is absent. You can also access, the newsletter, the canteen list and uniform list.

I will be running a test next week to see how many families respond.

Don’t forget to tick whole school as well as your children’s grades.
Welcome back to all our families.

2016 Housekeeping – we need new Enrolment Forms. There are 2 forms to be filled in and returned as soon as possible please.

Our weekly program is now displayed in a ‘book’ and all evaluations etc are also on display. Therefore you can see how your child has spent their time in OSHC. You are also most welcome to speak to any of the staff regarding your child’s activities when they attend. Any queries or concerns please direct to me.

Payments – outstanding accounts from 2015 have been added to your first invoice which will go home next week. Prompt payment is requested. Again any queries regarding accounts/payments please speak to me or directly to Cherise (Tuesday and Friday).

Henhouse Helpers

This week’s Henhouse Helpers are the Harbinson Family. The Purnell family are on next week.

Thank you Yvette Harbinson for organising the roster again this year. DOREEN

Sick Bay Laundry Roster

The First Aid room needs parental help to make life a little more pleasant for our sick/injured. If you are willing to be on a roster to wash the sheets and pillowcases please complete the form and return it to the office. In the past due to the positive response, families were only asked to do this twice a year. The laundry needs to be collected on the Friday after school and you are asked to return it no later than the middle of the next week. Children can collect this washing if you can’t make it up to school.

If you would be prepared to be on the roster please complete the tear off slip below and return it to the office by MONDAY.
A copy of the roster will be sent home with your child.

DOREEN HENNESSY

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SICK BAY LAUNDRY ROSTER

I am thrilled by the prospect of being on the Laundry Roster.

NAME: ………………………………………

Child’s Name: ……………………………

Room No.: ……………………………

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Warrandyte & District Community Music Program

Happy New Year! I am very pleased to be coordinating the Warrandyte & District Community Music Program for this year. Enrolments for Semester 1 are now open for Piano, Violin, Guitar, Drums, Flute, Saxophone, Clarinet and Bass Guitar. Theory and ear training sessions are also available.

A handout with information regarding tutors, fees, and session times, along with an enrolment form is available from the office, or you can download it from the school website.

Please note that re-enrolment is not automatic. If you participated last year, you will still need to re-enrol to ensure your place. All enrolments are required to be submitted no later than Monday 8 February.

Any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

CATHERINE HARRISON
wps.musicprogram@gmail.com
0401 015 835

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After School Religious Education Program For 2016

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 which will again be supervised by Ana Saro.

The program will be at St Gerard’s, McCulloch St. Warrandyte, on Mondays 4 – 5pm, during school terms.

Enrolment Day is Monday 15 February, 2016, from 4pm at St Gerard’s. Classes will also commence on this day.

- Enrolment fees are: $50 per semester per family and this year an account will be sent from the parish office

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!
JAM HOT MUSIC
presents
Electric Drum Kit Lessons
Come and learn drums!! Learn a wide range of drumming styles like pop, rock, funk and jazz. Learning to play the drum benefits left and right brain coordination, physical coordination, focus, performance confidence, musicality and creativity. Each student will learn on their own Electric Drum Kit for the entire lesson. Students skills are showcased in two Music Performance Concerts held every year. Drumming is a great way for students to express themselves and have fun musically.

“The Jam Hot Electric Drum Kit Program is a fantastic initiative and great opportunity for any Victorian Primary School student to embrace! Jason, Michelle and their Jam Hot teaching staff are always very attentive and responsive to the needs and requirements of the students and staff.” Peter Luscombe Drummer for Paul Kelly and ROCKWIZ TV SHOW Drum teacher

PLEASE RETURN ENROLMENT FORMS TO THE OFFICE ASAP

Enquiries please call: JASON STONEHOUSE 0419 872 875 or jamhotmusic@hotmail.com

Tennis Coaching & Competitions
State & National Award Winning Program
at Warrandyte TC & South Warrandyte
Hot Shots Coaching Groups
Hot Shots Competitions
Cardio Tennis
Mums & Tots
Squad Training
Kids Tennis Parties
Holiday Programs

For information or bookings:
The Tennis Guru
0488 722 538
info@thetennisguru.com.au

Run Warrandyte
6 March 2016
The Run Warrandyte Events Are:
Ringwood-Warrandyte Osteopathy 15km Run
Hardings Swift Caravan Services 10km Run
Ruby Tuesday Jewellery 5km Run
Quinton’s Supa IGA 2.2km Walk/Run
Crystal Brook Tourist Park U8 Oval Dash

New to 2016
The Grand Hotel Warrandyte Gift - 100m Handicap Sprint

See website for further information:
www.warrandytesports.com.au
Come and join us for the first "Friends of Warrandyte Primary School Fundraising Committee" meeting for the year, which will be held on Friday 12 February at 9.10am in the Music Room. We are looking for a new coordinator for the committee for this year, and anyone else who would like to join the fundraising committee is most welcome to attend. A delicious morning tea will be provided.

JACINTA PAYNE
WARRANTY PRIMARY SCHOOL - SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A reminder that our House Swimming Carnival is this Monday 8 February at Aquarena, Williamsons Road, Doncaster. Please make sure your child has their goggles, underwear, towel, sunscreen, snack and drink for the day. Students are to come to school in their bathers. Thank you to all the parents who offered to help on the day. If you have volunteered to help on the day, a note (explaining your role) will be sent home with your child. Thank you.

SALLY FREEMANTLE

SWIMMING PROGRAM

10.00am start

Freestyle: 50m Boys, Girls
Backstroke: 50m Boys, Girls
Breaststroke: 50m Boys, Girls
Butterfly: 50m Boys, Girls
Freestyle: 25m, Boys, Girls
Backstroke: 25m Boys, Girls
Breaststroke: 25m Boys, Girls
Butterfly: 25m Boys, Girls

Relays:
Open 50m
Girls Open Age 25m
Boys Open Age 25m

Depart: 12.35
Welcoming the new Foundation students to their first Assembly

WARRANDYTE PRIMARY SCHOOL
FAMILY FUN NIGHT
TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY
6 – 8PM

Come and have fun with family and friends.
Kick a ball, play a game or join a team.

Games and activities
Provided by Kelly Sports

BYO picnic chairs, rug and food.
Friends of WPS will be selling a selection of food and drinks.

➢ 6-7pm Picnic with family and friends
➢ 7-8pm Games and activities