Alert
Warrandyte Primary School’s Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 30 November 2016

School Calendar

MONDAY 5 DECEMBER
Barb Hill the school nurse is here for FCB

WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER
Carols 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start

THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER
Y5/6 Market Stall 9 – 11am

FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER
Gr 5/6 Art Exc to Laneways (City)

TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER
Christmas Games Day 9.15 to 10.45am – Sun Smart
Free Dress Day
Parent Helpers Morning Tea 11am

WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER
Christmas Show for FCB, 1S, 2K & 2/3K
Gill’s Retirement Function 3.30 to 5pm at school

THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER
Bushband to Senior Citizens 11.30am
Grade Change Over Day
Reports & Portfolios go home

MONDAY 19 DECEMBER
Grade 6 Graduation at school
No Canteen

TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER
Last Day – 1.30pm finish

2017
TUESDAY 31 JANUARY
Students commence

THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY
Foundation Students commence 9 – 12.30

FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY
Foundation Students here 9 – 12.30

MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY
Foundation Students here all day
House Swimming Carnival at Aquarena

HEAD LICE- 2K

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

OUR SCHOOL VALUES
Creativity
Achievement
Respect
Encouragement

Cutting Crew Wanted This Saturday

Our school grounds are looking fantastic as we continue to target tall grass and clear all refuge. This Saturday Brendan Curtis and I will be at school between 11 – 1. We would like anyone with a whipper snipper or grass slasher to bring it along and join our ‘Cutting Crew’. We will be working right across the school to slash the grass in an effort to reduce the presence of snakes and prepare for the fire season. Refreshments will be provided afterwards. If you are able to volunteer some of your time please email me at; griffiths.richard.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Parks Victoria has been contacted to have the grass cut along the east boundary of our school where the state park is. This should be done by next week.

Again, 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.

No More Junk!

All of the furniture and junk was able to fit into the skip. Kevin and I could not believe it! Once again, we would like to take this
opportunity to thank Kirsty and Mark Habel for organising this. We would also like to thank all the people who took the tyres and especially Ben McKinnon who took most of them. We were glad to see them rolling away down the hill.

**Christmas Carols Evening**

On Wednesday 7 December we will be having our annual Christmas Carols event at our amphitheatre. While the purpose of the event is for each class to sing Christmas Carols, it is also a great opportunity for all families to bring a picnic rug and celebrate together and with other families. The Carols always has such a huge attendance and the Foundation students are a big highlight. We are very grateful to the FOWPS for all of the food, drink and fun things they do to make the evening such a hit. And we are very lucky to have our performing arts extraordinaire, Kirsty, to organise and lead the show. We look forward to seeing everyone next Wednesday at 7:30pm.

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

**Wild Weather and Asthma**

After last Monday evening’s thunderstorm and a rapid drop in temperature, Ambulance Victoria and hospital emergency departments noted a significant increase in patients presenting with respiratory symptoms. Jenny is our school’s Asthma Coordinator and felt that this was a timely reminder to revise all ‘Asthma Action Plans’. This week we are sending home a package to families to ensure that ‘Asthma Action Plans’ are up to date.

Please note that there are new changes to the effective management of Asthma in school settings. Whilst adhering to the Asthma Australia Guidelines, our school requires parents/carers to provide a labelled spacer and reliever medication for use in an emergency. Please update your child’s Asthma Plan and return to the school as soon as possible.

During this week’s Staff Meeting, Jenny will be providing all teachers with refresher First Aide Training for Asthma. We are very fortunate to have a qualified nurse in Jenny as well as a fantastic teacher.

**Congratulations Kate**

Congratulations to Kate (2K) on your successful appointment of a teaching position at Laburnum Primary School. Kate has been at Warrandyte Primary School for many years and has made the difficult decision to leave us to grow professionally in another educational setting. Laburnum are extremely fortunate to have found such an amazing person not to mention highly knowledgeable and professional. Whilst we are very sad to see Kate go, we wish her all the best and know that she will continue to be a face in the crowd at all of our 2017 events.

In further staffing news, we have finalised our Grade Structure and are close to announcing teachers for 2017. The Grade Structure is outlined below.

- One grade of Foundation
- Two grades of 1/2’s
- Three grades of 3/4’s
- Three grades of 5/6’s

There will be four specialist classes run each week for every class including Art, Japanese, Performing Arts and Physical Education. We are excited to offer one hour of each of these classes ‘every’ week.
Rick Griffiths
Acting Principal

Friends of WPS

CAROL’S EVENING ACTIVITIES
WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER

Available from 6.15pm:
- Strawberries and Ice cream available for purchase
- Photo Booth props and backdrop provided to take your own special Warrandyte themed Christmas family photos. Gold coin donations received with thanks.

7.15pm students assembled and families seated ready for a 7.30pm start

See flyer on back page for further details.

NEW COORDINATOR
We are seeking a new coordinator for 2017. Please don’t hesitate to get in touch if you’d like to find out more about what is involved in this very rewarding role and the support available to a new coordinator.

Liz Heaton - Coordinator
heaton.liz@gmail.com
0425 828 894

Before & After Care News

14 children and I spent a wonderful day together on Monday. Check out FOWPS Facebook page for photos.

We are slowly slipping into our Christmas activities program so prepare yourselves. Thanks to all those families who pay fees promptly. CORALIE

Gill's Retirement Celebration

Thanks to everyone who has RSVP'd so far for Gill's retirement event either by contacting the office or by booking online at https://www.trybooking.com/243614. The event is free but we'd love to know how many to expect by December 9 so we can make sure there are enough celebratory drinks to go around. It's also an open invite to former school families, colleagues and others in the community so please help us out with the word of mouth too. More details available later in the alert. Thanks.

FIONA
Congratulations Gill

Congratulations to Gill and Rod on becoming grandparents. Otis Rodney Barry arrived Friday weighing 7 pound 10 oz (3.46). Tara and Glenn are very proud parents.

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 Friday 2 December. 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

House Swimming Carnival

Our House Swimming Carnival is being held on Monday 6 February from 10am - 12.30pm at Aquarena in Doncaster. Therefore this needs to start being organised this term. This week swimming event sheets will be sent home to be filled in and signed by parents. Please make sure this is filled in correctly with Events (ticked), House and the most important detail is the Age. This has to be filled in as of age at 31 December 2017 so your child is in the correct age group for the year. Also I am in need of Place Judges on the day, so if you are available to help on the day please fill in the slip below and return to school. Thank you.

Lost Property

As we get closer to the end of the year and warmer weather the number of items in lost property is not diminishing! Please come and check the clothing as well as the drink bottles and lunch boxes. SALLY
SPORT UNIFORMS
There are still uniforms that have not been returned. Can you please check in your drawers, laundry baskets and wardrobes at home for any that might still be there?

SALLY FREEMANTLE

Foundation Students Thoughts

Last week the Foundation students were asked to think about 4 learning buddies they would work well with in next year’s grade. They were then asked to give a reason why that person would be suitable – here are some of the responses.

- She is a good listener
- He doesn’t distract me
- She is quiet when she works with me
- She helps me learn
- He is so quiet
- She does good writing
- I could ask him for help
- He is a good learner
- She tries hard with her learning
- She reminds me about what I’m meant to do
- She focuses on her own learning
- He is always on the ball
- He is confident
- She would be good to work with
- He is respectful
- I can work with him
- He is a quiet learner
- She does quality work
- She listens to the teacher

WPS Christmas Carols

All students from Foundation to Grade 6 are currently rehearsing songs to share with their families and the school community at this year’s Carols by Torchlight to be held at the school’s outdoor stage next Wednesday, December 7.

There will be some fun activities organised by FOWPS prior to the singing, but all students are required to sit with their classroom teachers from 7.15pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. The program is expected to take under an hour, so please give our performers your full attention during this time and allow time for enjoying a chat with other families either before or after the performance.

Students are asked to wear Christmas colours (white, red and green) with a touch of decoration. This might include a Santa hat, reindeer antlers, tinsel, etc.

Students should bring along a small cushion or towel to sit on (and you might like to spray them with insect repellent prior to the performance!). If the evening is warm, please bring along a water bottle – but all food should be eaten by the students prior to or after the performance.

Many thanks for your support!

Don't miss the Channel Seven broadcast of this year’s Victorian State Schools Spectacular
highlights on Saturday 3 December from 7pm-
9pm.

The show will also be simulcast via
livestreaming on the PLUS7 app and be
available on the PLUS7 catch-up website for
30 days.

The Spectacular contributes to a number of the
Government Education State targets, including
more students reaching the highest level of
achievement in the arts, ensuring our students
are happy, healthy and resilient, and increasing
pride and confidence in our schools.

Warrandyte Primary School was proud to have
twenty Grade 5 and 6 students representing the
school in the Mass Choir at this year’s
Spectacular.

KIRSTY WOLTERS

Warrandyte Community Carols
Saturday December 17

Any children who would like to sing with
Kevin O’Mara on stage at the Community Carols at Stiggants Reserve, on Saturday December 17, are welcome to do so. Kevin is
performing two songs with some of the School Bushband instrumental players accompanying him. He would like children from the school
to join him on stage to sing the second song ‘Warrandyte Christmas’. The performance will begin around 8 – 8.15pm. Kevin will
have a couple of practices at school with the children who will be participating. It is a wonderful community family night, so come
along and join in the Christmas cheer.

KEVIN O’MARA

Whole School Christmas Games Day:
Tuesday December 13, 2016

The Year 5/6 students have organised a
wonderful Christmas Games Day for Tuesday December 13. The games will run from 9:15
to 10:45 and parents are invited to come and join in the fun. This year we are making it a
Sunsmart Free Dress Day, with a touch of Christmas. The children are expected to wear
shoes (runners) that are suitable for participating in sport. The students will receive a small treat for snack, but you may like to send along a piece of fruit for children with a big appetite. Thank you to our Year 5/6 students for all the preparation they have done.

MERYL TEATHER

Henhouse Helpers

The Henhouse Helper next week is the
Tobin 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

Sick Bay Laundry

Brigitte Easton 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
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!

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

Year 5/6 Market

The year five and six students will be holding a market stall on Thursday 8 December from 9 - 11. We have been very busy producing goods and games over this term. The price range for our products will be from approximately 50c to $5. Please note there will be no food sold, so it will not provide morning tea. Friends and family are invited to come, so we hope to see you all there.

HAMISH (5/6)
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?
You are warmly invited to attend the
2016 Warrandyte Primary School

Carol’s Evening

Wednesday 7th Dec

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

Friends of WPS present:

From 6.15pm:

• 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 donations gratefully received.

7.15pm:

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