School Calendar

WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER
Carols 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start TONIGHT

THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER
5/6 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
Warrandyte Community Carols Rehearsal 3pm

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

FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER
Warrandyte Community Carols Rehearsal 3pm

MONDAY 19 DECEMBER
Japanese Assembly 9am outside old multi
Grade 6 Graduation at school
No Canteen

TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER
Last Day
Final assembly (farewell to Grade 6 students) 1pm
School finish 1.30pm

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

Final Whole School Assembly

Our traditional final whole school assembly takes place on the last day of the school year. This year is unusual in that the final day is a Tuesday. We hope that there will not be too many absences as it is one of our special occasions where everyone has the chance to say their farewells to our Grade 6’s. This assembly will take place at 1pm in the Bampi. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

It’s Official, we have a Cutting Crew?

I would like to reiterate my words from the Monday Assembly and thank the parents and children who came to school last Saturday with their slashers and brush cutters to cut the tall grass. The school grounds not only look amazing but feel much safer. We spent time also collecting up all the rubbish around the school and were surprised to find so many lost items including clothes, toys, lunch boxes and sport equipment. Thank you again to Iain Murray, Tim Curnow, Nick Dunkley, Derek Martin, Laurie Scholes-Robertson, Brendan Curtis and Rachael Curtis. Your time and resources were much appreciated. A special mention to Charlie who spent a lot of time helping out on the day.
Warrandyte Primary School in 2017

Warrandyte Primary School has a terrific staff of committed and passionate teachers, aides, administrators and other support personnel. Each staff member brings with them a wealth of experience and understandings in the education and social development of young people and goes above and beyond the call of duty to provide valuable learning opportunities for Warrandyte children. We were very proud this year to have achieved extremely high results on our Staff Survey scoring in the 75th percentile on all components. We go in to 2017 ready to build on this success and collectively working together to give our students the best learning opportunities. The staff are very excited about their positions next year and will continue to work closely in teams and collaborate throughout their teaching and learning.

These are our class structures for 2017:

- **Foundation**  
  - Kylie Lewis
- **Grade 1/2 class**  
  - Yasmine Steel
- **Grade 1/2 class**  
  - Jo Fecondo
- **Grade 3/4 class**  
  - Cathie Brooks
- **Grade 3/4 class**  
  - Katie Penhalluriack (3 days) and Sally Freemantle (2 days)
- **Grade 3/4 class**  
  - Jenny McDonell
- **Grade 5/6 class**  
  - Meryl Teather
- **Grade 5/6 class**  
  - Sarah Riddle
- **Grade 5/6 class**  
  - Rick Griffiths (Gill Prescott Term 1)
- **Visual Arts**  
  - Stephanie Chivell
- **Physical Education**  
  - Sally Freemantle
- **Japanese**  
  - Tracey Maile
- **Performing Arts**  
  - Kirsty Wolters

Rick Griffiths
Acting Principal

**Friends of WPS**

THANK YOU
**WARRANDYTE COMMUNITY BANK!**

A quick reiteration of Rick’s thank you to the Warrandyte Community Bank for generously awarding us a further grant towards resurfacing the oval. The $55,000 the bank has contributed is over half the project cost and without their support this project would not be possible. Thank you Warrandyte Community Bank!

Although we are now in a position to plan for the works to be done early next year, we will continue to fund raise for the project over the next few months, as any further money raised will free up much needed funds within the school budget. So in the season of giving, you can donate either directly through the school office (which, if you require a receipt for tax
deduction purposes, can process a payment through the Australian Sports Foundation) or online at: https://asf.org.au/projects/warrandyte-primary-school/

CAROL’S EVENING ACTIVITIES: TONIGHT
Available from 6.15pm:
- Strawberries, Ice cream and homemade lemonade for purchase
- Photo Booth props and backdrop provided to take your own special Warrandyte themed Christmas family photos. Gold coin donations received with thanks.
- Present the TIQBIZ App on your phone for a free raffle ticket to go in the draw for 2 bottles of champagne, kindly donated by Rob Dolan Winery.

7.15pm Students assembled and families seated ready for a 7.30pm start. See flyer on Page 7 for further details.

CRAZY CAMEL ART PRODUCTS
These have arrived and will be distributed to students by the end of the week. Thanks again to Hanh Truong for coordinating this.

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

Performing Arts News

WPS Christmas Carols

All students from Foundation to Grade 6 have rehearsed songs to share with their families and the school community at TONIGHT’s Carols by Torchlight to be held at the school’s outdoor stage.

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!

KIRSTY WOLTERS

Lost Property

Please come and collect lost possessions before the end of the year. SALLY
Arigatou! Thank you to everyone who has put Woolworths AUSSIE ANIMALS collector cards into Sensei’s pigeonhole in the Staffroom for our pen pal letters. Last Saturday we posted off 351 letters, Christmas cards and photos to our pen pals at Furuta Junior High School in Hiroshima, Japan. Each one contained an Aussie Animals collector card. If you happen to have more of the AUSSIE ANIMALS cards laying around the house, we will need more for next year’s Penpal letters. So please drop them off to Sensei at any time. Thank you.

SENSEI (TRACEY)

JAPANESE ASSEMBLY – MONDAY DECEMBER 19 at 9am outside old multi
Students from Foundation to Grade 6 have been practising their Hiragana this term, working towards achieving coloured “belts” on their Japanese workbooks. Foundation students have started to learn the first 15 Hiragana this year for recognition only, and may achieve the orange belt if they can confidently identify all 15. A number of students in Grades 1 and 2 have achieved all 9 belts and reached Black belt status by being able to read all 46 basic Hiragana characters accurately. And there are quite a few students in Grades 3-6 this year who reached Black belt status by being able to write all 46 characters from memory. This is a significant achievement which will be recognised with the presentation of the Black belts at the Japanese Assembly on December 19. Congratulations to all students who managed to increase their Hiragana score between their first effort and their final Hiragana challenge this year, and to those who achieved some of the coloured Hiragana belts on their workbooks. Learning another writing script is a significant endeavour and it rewards persistence and commitment. Well done to everyone who made progress this year.

In the immortal words of Yoda:

You want to know the difference between a master and a beginner?
The master has failed more times than the beginner has ever tried.

SENSEI (TRACEY)

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.

FIONA

Lost

Speedo 3/4 bathers in black and red. Lost at Grade 3-4 swimming in the first week. Any chance they have accidentally gone home with someone? Please see Lenny in Jenny’s class or contact Georgie 0431089426. Thanks

GEORGIE
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.

Name: ...............................................................
I am
OR
I am not able to help on the day.

Child's Name: ...........................................
Grade (2016): ......................
Contact Phone No: ........................................

HELPERS MORNING TEA
To all my amazing parent helpers over the year who have helped at all the carnivals; with interschool sport; our round robins; Hooptimes; swimming lessons and all our finals with judging, coaching, scoring and transporting I would like to invite you to the Helpers Morning Tea which is being held in the Bampi on Tuesday 13 December at 11am. Thank you so much!

SPORT UNIFORMS
There are still some sport uniforms that have not been returned so could these please be done as soon as possible. Thank you.

SALLY FREEMANTLE

Warrandyte Community Carols
Saturday December 17

Don’t forget if your child would like to sing with Kevin O’Mara on stage at the Community Carols at Stiggants Reserve, on Saturday December 17, he or she is 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. There will be a couple of practices at school with the children who will be participating. First will be on Tuesday, December 13 sometime in the afternoon. The second will be on Friday December 16 at 3pm.

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 Harbinson 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

Simon Delaney is the lucky dad this week. He is entitled to collect the washing on Friday and make up the bed again for us.

DOREEN & CHERISE
You are warmly invited to attend the 2016 Warrandyte Primary School

Carols Evening

Wednesday 7th Dec

Held at the ‘Outdoor Stage’
(or B AmpI 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...

7.30pm start.
Expected finish approx 8.15pm.

BYO picnic rug/chairs, nibbles and drinks.

Merry Christmas 2016
Warrandyte Primary School
Year 5/6 Students’ Christmas Market

Held at Warrandyte Primary School
THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER 2016

9am to 11am

Warrandyte Primary School Year 5/6 students warmly invite you to visit their Christmas Market. Students have been very busy making beautiful gifts as part of their Inquiry based learning. For more information please call 9844 3537