What an enormous week it has been. We had a tremendously successful House Athletics Day followed by our very first Fathers’ Day Breakfast. As a community, we work very hard to maximise the potential of every student and this was very evident last week.

House Athletics
House Athletics was one of the best we have had. We were lucky to have great weather all day. Events ran smoothly and were a lot of fun. It is always endearing to hear the kind words and see the support students give one another as they all compete to do their best. We really do have great students who care about each other.

Our Inaugural Fathers’ Day Breakfast
The Warrandyte Primary School Fathers’ Day Breakfast exceeded all expectations! It was a fantastic way to start a school day too. The FOWPS started very early, setting up on the Thursday evening and beginning at the crack of dawn Friday. What an amazing group of people the FOWPS are! So many dads, guardians, uncles, older brothers and grandfathers attended. Their presence created a buzz and helped our students celebrate the importance of male role models. Whilst enjoying a delicious hot breakfast and fun and games the event was made even more exciting.
with special guests Travis Cloke (former student at Warrandyte Primary School and Collingwood Football Club player), Karyn Bailey (goal shooter, Melbourne Vixens) and David Ellard (former Carlton Football Club player). All of these guests were absolutely wonderful and we thank them for giving up their time to make it a special morning. Once again, thank you to the FOWPS team for what is shaping up to be an annual event?

**Fathers’ Day Gifts**
Steph did a fantastic job through her Visual Arts program as she provided all students with an opportunity to create a Fathers’ Day Gift or a gift for someone special. Steph went above and beyond to provide different creative art projects at each year level and we are certain they were well received last Sunday.

**Japan Tour 2017**
Sensei (Tracey) has put together a Japan Tour for the September school holidays next year which is available to our current Grade 4, 5 and 6 students. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience an amazing country. We have sent the information in an email which will follow today’s Alert. Applications are due in by the end of this term.

**State Schools Spectacular**
Our Performing Arts teacher, Kirsty, continues to provide amazing opportunities for our students to experience the fun and excitement of being on stage or in the spotlight. Kirsty and Yasmin will be taking a large group of students this Thursday and Friday to full dress rehearsals for the 2016 Victorian State Schools Spectacular at Hisense Arena. There will be two performances on Saturday 10 September at Hisense Arena. We wish Kirsty, Yasmin and the Warrandyte students all the best this week as they join a cast of 3000 Victorian government school students. More news will be shared about the TV dates and times for the performance later on.

**Supervision of Children Policy**
The staff at Warrandyte Primary School has a duty of care to all students and a responsibility to identify known and foreseeable risks to students. We always take reasonable steps to minimise these risks and support students in their care. Recently, many students have been arriving very early to school when there is no organised supervision. We have rostered arrangements for the supervision of students in the playground from 8.45 – 9am. Parents/Guardians are responsible for the supervision of students before 8.45am.

Parents/Guardians requiring supervision for children before 8.45am and after 3.45pm, should enrol their child in the school’s Out of School Hours Care.

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Rick Griffiths  
Acting Principal
Summary of WPS School Council Meeting
Wednesday 24 August

On Wednesday 24 August the Warrandyte School Council met to discuss a variety of matters that are involved in the running of our school. We were privileged to have the presence of Mr Mark Flack who is our Regional Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL) for the Victorian Education Department. Mark participated actively in our meeting as an observer.

School Council felt it is important to regularly submit articles to the Warrandyte Diary newspaper to promote our unique school. Subjects raised that could be of interest included the school concert, our chess and robotics clubs and the creation of our outdoor classroom to name a few.

Actions from the previous School Council Meeting included further clarity about gender equity within interschool sport team participation. Our school abides by our regions gender sports team policy which had content that will need reviewing. Mark Flack expressed the need for further investigation. Sally Freemantle would raise the subject and provide further feedback after the next Region meeting.

Gill Binger sent a letter to the School Council informing that she will be extending her Long Service Leave to include next term. As a result Rick Griffiths will continue as Acting Principal for the remainder of the year. The school will be interviewing for a teacher to replace Rick.

Ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all children is our school’s highest priority. The Child Safe Standards were published at the start of this year as a result of recommendations from the final report of the Victorian Parliament’s ‘Betrayal of Trust’ inquiry. These Standards come into force for all Victorian schools from August 1. All schools, if not already, must be fully compliant by the end of the 2016 year. Our school’s assessment of these standards will be submitted before the end of September. As the Victorian Education Department continues to support schools to implement and comply with the standards, a new suite of resources is now available from the ‘PROTECT’ portal on the Departments website.

Warrandyte Primary will submit applications again this year to the ‘Inclusive Schools Fund 2016’. This is a fund to finance proposed innovative projects to assist in creating facilities that cater for the education and social needs for children with disabilities and special needs. Examples are indoor inclusive learning spaces, outdoor sensory areas, or quiet and supportive re-engagement spaces.

Approval for the Phillip Island Camp for Years 3 and 4 was granted. The three day two night camp will involve 70 students, 9 staff, a fairy penguin trip, a full day of obstacle course activities and an educational rock pool expedition. Special mention was made of the recent Canberra trip with great reviews of the many educational experiences for our students.

Rick made mention of the wonderful effort of Kirsty Wolters for the Wizard of Oz production. It was an enormous task and many great life skills were developed by students in the process (teamwork and confidence).

Five companies have now inspected the continuing damage to the Bampi floor and have assessed the cause. At this stage Rick will investigate and involve the Education Department to make a call on who is libel for the repair work.

The raising of funds for our artificial surface oval continues with special mentions to the donations from the Bendigo bank, the Lions Club, the Rotary Club and surprisingly our collection tins at the IGA checkouts ($300).

Naplan test result for our students have been positive, but it must be stressed one test is not the be all and end all to assess a student.
From the Buildings and Grounds Committee a number of defects are being followed up in the new building for rectification. A small Working Bee saw the sandpit more than double it’s size, rocks placed and a timber seat addition. Pencilled in at this stage will be a Working Bee on Saturday 8 October with the aim of cleaning up the various materials stored under the school buildings (timber, seats, tyres and desks etc). If material is something you could utilise it’s up for grabs for a gold coin donation which will go to the oval fund. Rubbish bins for recycling (plastic bottles and paper) will be investigated in an effort to being more sustainable.

An ‘Out of Hours Care Policy’ was ratified and approved by the School Council.

Friends of Warrandyte Primary School continue to kick goals for raising funds with hard work and some well-run efforts, which include the Scout Raffle, Election Day BBQ, Bunnings BBQ, Movie Night (thanks to Jo Thunder for donating the projector) and the Fathers’ Day Breakfast. Take note of the new notice board outside the Administration area to check for upcoming events. FOWPS can always use more volunteers for these activities so don’t be shy about putting your hand up.

Further research is going into the possibility of implementing a BYOD (Ipads) program. The school continues to investigate issues such as the logistics of IT back up, teacher training and reviewing further experiences negative and positive from other schools that have existing programs.

Finally, the success of the ‘Girlology’ program was highlighted. This program was run earlier this year to assist girls in the cause and effect of the way we relate to others. The viability of a similar program for boys will be investigated.

BRENDAN CURTIS
School Council

Friends of WPS

FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST
Thank you to all who made our inaugural Fathers’ Day Breakfast a wonderful and memorable morning. It was a delight to see so many dads and other important male role models across generations sharing in the celebration breakfast. So many people pitched in to make this event possible - please see the list of contributors and photographs from the event on Page 8. We are currently looking at how to best share the many lovely images, captured by Maedy Colenso, with families.

COMMITTEE MEETING:  Friday 2pm at Warrandyte Café. Visitors welcome.

We are planning a more relaxed Friends of WPS calendar for Term 4. In acknowledgement of the significant input provided by parent helpers over the past couple of months, our next event has minimal volunteer requirement – just purchase a ticket, byo picnic and come along for a wonderful evening’s musical entertainment.

FAMILY SUNSET CONCERT:  Saturday 22 October. See flyer on Page 7 for details. Please note, tickets are on sale now and only available through TryBooking at http://www.trybooking.com/MUMA

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Closed FB group: Friends of Warrandyte Primary School.

Sport News

HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
A great day was had by all last Thursday 1 September at the House Athletics Carnival. It was wonderful looking around and seeing the whole school involved. Thank you to all parent helpers and staff who helped with the F
– 2 and 3 – 6 students’ events. A big thank you to Claudine on the microphone who displayed her hidden talent and made the day more enjoyable. Congratulations to all students on the sportsmanship and efforts. The results on the day were very close:

1st place with 297 points: Brackenbury
2nd place with 263 points: Forbes
3rd place with 232 points: Anderson
4th place with 195 points: Yarra

Congratulations to all students who qualified for the District Athletics and who competed today!

STORYTIME
Last Friday the kindergarten children came to have some fun at our Physical Education Storytime. Our PMP equipment was set up and it appeared that the children all had fun. I had wonderful Grade 5 and Foundation students helping out on the day. Thank you to: Archie C, Archie S, Dylan, Amber, Jasmine, Ruby and Maisie (Grade 5) and Harry, Hunter, Luella, Sadie and Sammy (FCB) for helping.

LITTLE ATHLETICS
If your child is enjoying Athletics and would like to continue outside school there are pamphlets in the office with details about the Doncaster Athletics Club.

FUTSAL
Congratulations to: Jack, Noah F, Odin, Tyler, Luca, Sebastian and Connor (Grade 6) and Charlie W (Grade 5) who have been selected to represent the Eastern schools in a tournament on 30 October in the MBFA Futsal Cup.

HOOPTIME
Another great day was had at Hooptime on Monday with our 5/6s. Our Future Star Wizards played off in a semi-final, all other teams competing very strongly in all their matches. A big thank you to our parent helpers who either transported/coached/scored on the day: Michelle Parker, Jacqui Thompson, Dee Dickson, Talei Marriott, Cait Ramsdale, Leanne Handoll, Carly Collins, Sen Dixon and Tammy Gay. SALLY

Before & After Care News

I will be on Long Service Leave from Monday 12 September to Tuesday 5 October. In my absence Hayley Preston will be the “Responsible Person”. Please direct any queries/concerns to her.

We would like to welcome Jack Lavery to our program. Jack attended this school and the Aftercare program. Jack is currently in the school on placement as a student teacher. The children have already met him as he has
visited the OSHC program a few times. Jack will fill the Wednesday vacancy created by Bec who sadly for us, but great for her, is leaving to continue her studies. We will miss her and wish her all the best.

An “Alaskan Inside Passage” tag was found in the gazebo. Please contact OSHC if this is yours.

CORALIE & THE OSHC TEAM

Sick Bay Laundry

The lucky mum this week is Emma Freitas. She is entitled to collect the washing on Friday and make up the bed again for us.

DOREEN & CHERISE

Henhouse Helpers

The Henhouse Helper next week is the Purnell 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

Found

Small ‘Ray-Ban’ glasses and case from 1001 Optical (gold coloured top and brown bottom). These may have been in the Library for some time. Contact the office if you know who owns these.

Lost

Can everyone please double check that they don’t accidently have Jaxson’s (Grade 6) windcheater at home. KRISTY

How would you know if there was a bush fire threat to your home or business?

In the event of an imminent threat, sirens provide a standardised, fail proof and audible ‘call to action’ for residents, businesses and visitors alike.

Warrandyte Sirens Help Save Lives

You are invited to a public meeting to discuss community alert sirens for the greater Warrandyte area. Thursday 15th September 6.45 pm for a 7.00 pm start Warrandyte Community Church 57 Yarra Street, Warrandyte A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

Warrandyte could be a disaster waiting to happen

Professor Kevin Trowell, Sirens Researcher, Melbourne University
The Friends of Warrandyte Primary School Fundraising Committee (FOWPS) are thrilled to present our

2016 SUNSET CONCERT

SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER, 4:30—7:30PM

AT THE WPS OUTDOOR STAGE (DOWN THE HILL)

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:

Neatly Folded Goat

velvet lounge

cath rutten
violin/piano
michael rutten
guitar
jamie ferguson
vocal/accordion

Bring:
- Your tickets (to exchange for a free raffle ticket with great prizes)
- Your picnic dinner, picnic rug/chairs & your dancing shoes

Bookings Essential

ADULTS $15
CONCESSION $10
KIDS FREE

FAMILY & FRIENDS WELCOME!

Book at: https://www.trybooking.com/MUMA

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2016 WPS Father’s Day Breakfast
Hosted by Friends of WPS

Thank you to all who made our inaugural Father’s Day Breakfast a wonderful and memorable morning. Thanks to:

Our special guests: Travis Cloke (AFL player & former WPS student)
Karyn Bailey (GS Melbourne Vixens)
David Ellard (Former Carlton Player)
Ryan Smith MP (Member for Warrandyte)
Gavan Costin (Customer Relationship Manger, Warrandyte Community Bank)

Photographer: Maedy Colenso

Our catering team, led by Rachael Curtis:
Shelley Ridley
Natalie Callow
Dave Wells
Georgie Reddaway
Barbara Eilermann
Carolyn Curnow

Baristas: Peter and Helen

Sponsors: Quinton’s IGA & Smash Enterprises

Event co-organiser: Yvette Harbinson
Bakers: 8 Artisan Bakers

Participants: our wonderful families & extended families
STUDENT LEARNING PORTFOLIO REQUEST

If you would like your child’s Student Learning Portfolio to come home at the end of this term, please complete the cut off slip below and return it to school by Monday 12 September.

Your child’s Portfolio is a co-operative effort between your child and their teacher/s and is an ongoing document of achievements, assessments and reflections. The Portfolio gives you a picture of your child’s level of achievement, strengths and areas of need and tracks how your child’s learning and skills are developing over time. As part of the reporting package, Portfolios will go home at the end of Terms 2 and 4 with a written report. At the end of Term 3 you are able to request if you would like your child’s Portfolio to come home.

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Term 3 Student Learning Portfolio Request

Child’s name:.................................
Child’s class:.................................
I would like my child’s Portfolio to come home at the end this term and will return it to school in the first week of Term 4.
Parent/Guardian signature:

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