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Wednesday 8 February 2017

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From the Acting Principal

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- Raise funds for school-related purposes
- Approve the annual budget and monitor expenditure

The 2017 Warrandyte School Council begins its new year in March. Before the March meeting, an election will need to be conducted for new members. The School Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4pm by Wednesday 22 February. If you are interested in School Council or would like more information, please make a time to talk to me or any other current member of the council.

**Bendigo Community Bank Tuesday Visits**

Warrandyte Community Bank® Branch is a proud partner of Warrandyte Primary School and as such values the opportunity to offer student banking to students and a full suite of competitive banking products to parents.

What makes Warrandyte Community Bank® different from other banks is its unique focus on supporting and giving back to the community. Since its inception, Warrandyte Community Bank® has reinvested more than $2.4 million to various projects across Warrandyte, and local communities. This has included a number of community projects that support and assist local schools like Warrandyte Primary School.

Since 2003 Warrandyte Community Bank® has supported Warrandyte Primary School with $80,000 in grants and sponsorship funding. Small sponsorships such as $4,000 in 2014, to fit out of the Cooking with Special Kids kitchen, to a large grant of $30,000 awarded in 2015, to provide much needed funds to kick start the Project - All Sports, All Year Round oval upgrade. This year a further $25,000 has been committed to see the All Sports, All Year Round project achieve completion.

If you are interested in learning more about our local bank and the products on offer, Warrandyte Community Bank® Customer Relationship Manager, Cheryl Meikle, will be visiting Warrandyte Primary School on Tuesday mornings from 7 – 28 (inclusive) February and will be in the harmony garden area from 8.30am to meet children and parents.

It’s anticipated student banking days will be held weekly and if you choose to open a children’s Piggy Saver Account, a certified copy of your child’s birth certificate will be required as identification (for children 7 and over a Medicare card will also be required), whilst as their parent or guardian; you will be required to provide 100 points of identification such as a drivers licence. Cheryl will be offering a $10 credit to all new Piggy Saver accounts opened. Please drop by, say hello and collect your $10 voucher.

**Curriculum Day**

On March 14 there will be a Curriculum Day. This is the day after the Labour Day Long Weekend. The teachers will be focusing on a school goal around Maths.

**Website Dates**

The school website has had the most important events uploaded to the home page. This is always helpful as families can see the dates for when upcoming events will be happening. Further upgrades to the website will continue to ensure that we have the most up to date and current information.
Standing Approval – School Closure on all days of forecast Extreme Fire Danger rating

Last week several schools on the BARR (Bushfire at Risk Register) received further information from The Department with regards to school closures. The Department is committed to minimising harm to school students and staff from bushfire. Therefore our school has been included within the Bushfire at Risk Register (BARR) ‘upper cohort’ of the most vulnerable schools to bushfire and will have standing approval to pre-emptively close on all Extreme Fire Danger Rating days in Term 1 2017.

This updated position is an extension of the existing policy that provides a process for schools on the BARR to request permission to pre-emptively close on Extreme Days. It is essential that this standing approval and closure on all Extreme Days in Term 1 2017 is communicated to parents and carers to inform you of our Bushfire Survival Plans and that our School's Emergency Management Plan reflects this course of action.

Out of Hours Care services, other users of the site and any relevant bus services will also be expected to close on all forecast Extreme Days.

This standing approval does not preclude our school applying on a case by case basis to the appropriate Regional Director to pre-emptively close or relocate at a lower threshold Fire Danger Rating, such as Severe Fire Danger Rating.

This strategic and more pro-active approach enhances the safety of our school because it gives greater certainty in planning, enabling our school to confirm with our community and key stakeholders that our school will consistently close on every day of Extreme Fire Danger, thereby facilitating safer and better outcomes. Furthermore, we will not have to rely on our Shelter-In-Place (SIP) to keep us safe on extreme fire danger days.

'Upper cohort' schools were identified through a range of means including; engagement with stakeholders, assessing local bushfire risk and site visits conducted by former Country Fire Authority Chief Officer, Euan Ferguson. The upper cohort also includes schools assessed under the Bushfire Preparedness Audits that require major works to nominated SIP that will not be completed before the end of Term 1 2017.

Supervision before and after school

Parents please note that the school will provide staff supervision for students arriving before school between 8.45am and 9am, and after school between 3.30pm and 3.45pm. If students are at school before 8.45 they will be asked to wait on the deck near the office. Students still waiting at school after 3.45 will be directed to the office and a phone call to the parent/carer will be made.

Family Fun Night

On Tuesday 21 February we will be holding our annual ‘Family Fun Night’. The night invites all of our school’s families to come along and have a bit of fun from 6pm – 8pm. Families new and old are invited to come along and enjoy the fun. Many fun activities and events are planned for the night so watch this space for more information to come, and put the date in your diary. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Chess

Chess commences on Friday 17 February and will run for the 1st term till Friday 24 March, at lunchtimes. The cost is $60 for this term. Forms are at the office.
Rick Griffiths
Acting Principal

Friends of WPS

COMMITTEE MEETING
Will be held from 2pm on Friday at Warrandyte Café. Visitors most welcome. We will be planning activities for this term.

COULD THIS BE YOU? We are seeking a New Coordinator for 2017. You will be supported by an enthusiastic and experienced committee. Bring your own personal touch or stick to the previously established program of events. After the flurry of activity last year fundraising for the oval, this year promises to be more relaxed. Please don’t hesitate to get in touch to express interest or for further information.

DATE SAVER: WARRANDYTE FESTIVAL SATURDAY 25 and SUNDAY 26 MARCH
Heads up to new families that Festival Weekend is a massive weekend. Students are involved in the parade on Saturday morning and Friends of WPS, as usual, will be running a cake and fairy floss stall over the 2 days. As well as being a fabulous community event, this is a major fundraiser for our school.

LIZ HEATON - Coordinator
heaton.liz@gmail.com or 0425 828 894

Before & After Care News

Parents, please endeavour to keep payments up to date. If you haven’t given us your email address please do so and accounts can be emailed and paid on line at no cost to you.

New Enrolment Forms need to be completed and returned to OSHC or the office as soon as possible.

Please note I am NOT available after 3.30pm as I am too busy at this time of the night to chat. If you wish to have a discussion with me please see me after morning care or before 3.15pm. I am happy to make an appointment or call you back.

CORALIE

Canteen News

Canteen is opened on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays for lunches and counter sales at recess and lunchtime. Nachos are available on Monday only.

I am trialling a new product – Honeycomb Nipplys Milk for $2. ROCHELLE
AUDITIONS for Victorian State Schools Spectacular - Mass Dance

Every year, thousands of students from Victorian government schools take part in Melbourne’s biggest professionally staged production – the Victorian State Schools Spectacular. This year’s show will feature an 80-piece orchestra, 1500-voice choir, 1400 mass dancers, lead vocalists, principal dancers, ensemble dancers, backing vocalists, roller skaters and circus performers!

Warrandyte Primary school is honoured to have again been accepted to participate in this exciting performance opportunity. This year, sixteen students from Grades 5 and 6 will be selected to represent our school in the Mass Dance. Although the Spectacular is not staged until September, auditions need to take place as soon as possible so we can confirm our school’s registration.

If your child is interested in being involved in this fabulous experience, please read the following important information.

Eligibility for participation in the Mass Dance:

- Students MUST be available for both the matinee and evening performances at Hisense Arena on Saturday, September 10.
- Students MUST attend both dress rehearsals at Hisense Arena on Thursday, September 8 and Friday, September 9.
- Students are required to attend weekly Friday morning rehearsals (8.20am – 8.50 in the Bampi) from March – September as well as four regional half-day rehearsals (TBA).

Audition information:

- Auditions will be held for interested Grade 5 and 6 students in the Bampi at lunchtime on Thursday, February 9 and, if required, Friday, February 10.
- The audition will be a group audition where students are taught a short dance routine from a previous year’s Mass Dance performance. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate a high level of effort and ability.
- Students may also be asked why they wish to be part of the mass dance and what they believe they can contribute to the group. Successful students will demonstrate a love of dance, teamwork and a commitment to upholding the school’s CARE values.

Costs:

While costumes will be provided by the Performing Arts Unit at the VSSS, students will be required to provide their own black runners, black socks and black pants/leggings. Students will also be required to purchase a VSSS T-shirt (approximately $20). Parents will be asked to participate in a car-pool roster to transport students to the regional and dress rehearsals.

I hope to have more details about this year’s Spectacular after attending the next Professional Development session on February 24. In the meantime, should you or your child have any questions, please feel free to contact me at school or via email at wolters.kirsty.1@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Thanks for your support

KIRSTY WOLTERS
Performing Arts Teacher & VSSS17 School Coordinator

Sport News

HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Despite the cool weather on Monday our swimming carnival was able to go ahead with all students enjoying themselves. Possible again because of the large number of parent helpers who volunteered their time to be place judges. Thank you also to staff and our new
house captains who did a wonderful job on the day organising students into relay teams. Our new school leaders did a great job opening our sports day. Thank you to Scout, and Mia for being my special helpers coming early to help set up.

Students selected for the District team will receive notices this week to be returned as soon as possible as District Swimming is Friday 17 February at Aquarena.

Congratulations to all houses on their performances but in particular to Forbes who finished 1st on 183 points; Yarra 2nd on 157 points, Brackenbury 3rd on 150 points and 4th was Anderson on 124 points.

**HOCKEY CLINICS**

Notices went home on Tuesday night with details for any student wishing to go to a free clinic this Saturday at Doncaster Hockey Club. Grades 1 – 4 thoroughly enjoyed a clinic on Tuesday.

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**Henhouse Helpers**

The Henhouse Helper next week is 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

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**Sick Bay Laundry**

Still urgently need people

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 as soon as possible.

A copy of the roster will be sent home with your child.

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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.: ..............................

DOREEN & CHERISE
CSEF Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker or refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is: $125 for primary school students or $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY
Come to the office and obtain a CSEF application form (Yellow colour) or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef Visit this web site for more information.

DOREEN

Run Warrandyte Sunday 5 March 2017

For 2017, Run Warrandyte has partnered with Stop One Punch Can Kill and runners will be given the opportunity to raise money for this charity. As an added incentive we have also added team based fundraising. To be part of the event you can:

- Enter on-line at: www.warrandytesports.com.au
- Have fun raising money for STOP One Punch Can Kill by becoming a fund raiser
- Start a team of your own and ask other people to join
- Join someone else’s team and compete for the Fund Raiser’s Team prize

As an individual or a team member you can participate in any of the following events:

- The Grand Hotel Warrandyte Gift 100m handicap sprint
- Charlie Bins 15k
- Hardings Swift Caravan Services 10k
- Ruby Tuesday Jewellery 5k
- Quinton’s Supa IGA 2.2k, or
- Crystal Brook Tourist Park U8 Kids Run

Register for any of the distance events and you can participate in The Grand Hotel Warrandyte Gift at no extra charge.

Register at: warrandytesports.com.au

For Sale

Martinez 3/4 acoustic guitar with built in tuner and carry bag. Barely used.

Can deliver to Warrandyte Primary for pick up. $75.

Contact: 0403 995 179 - CATHY
House of Muchness presents
The Warrandyte Project for 2017

Drama, theatre, creativity, live-art making for local primary school aged young people

Inclusive, weekly after-school classes during term time
day and times TBA - limited capacity

workshops and rehearsals at the
Mechanics Institute and Arts Association, Mitchell St, Warrandyte

To register your interest, email
info@houseofmuchness.com
Director, Alex Walker
Phone: 0413 994 428
Email: info@houseofmuchness.com / www.houseofmuchness.com

Jam Hot Music
presents

ELECTRIC DRUM KIT LESSONS
2017

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.

PLEASE RETURN BLUE ENROLMENT FORMS TO THE OFFICE & TEXT JASON ASAP

Enquiries please call: JASON STONEHOUSE
0419 872 875 jamhotmusic@hotmail.com
Ladies High Tea

You are invited to join us to celebrate with the women of Warrandyte Cricket Club

Saturday Feb 18 - 4-6pm
Warrandyte Clubrooms

Tickets $30
Your Hi Tea includes a complimentary glass of champagne on arrival and raffle prizes.

DRESS CODE: SMART WITH A DASH OF PINK

RSVP to Cait on 0408 740 850 or email mrscl@bigpond.com by Friday 10 Feb

Come & enjoy a beautiful day amongst other fabulous ladies & be inspired.

Play cricket
& raise funds for the McGrath Foundation
Warrandyte Reserve