No Foundation students on Wednesdays this term
Gardening Club is on Tuesday nights
CONCERT – Friday 12 August

WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH
Grand Opening ‘Outdoor Classroom’ 3.30pm
TODAY AFTER SCHOOL
FRIDAY 11 MARCH
Crazy Scientist Day – Donation please
MONDAY 14 MARCH
Labour Day – No students at school
TUESDAY 15 MARCH
Second Hand Uniform Sale on 3.10 to 3.40 today
WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH
3rd Session of Girlosophy for Gr 3/4 girls
FRIDAY 18 MARCH
Baked goods for FOWPS Cake Stall at Festival to
be delivered to school today
Crazy Hair Day – Donation please
SATURDAY 19 MARCH/SUNDAY 20 MARCH
Warrandyte Festival Weekend
Saturday Parade 10.15 for an 11am start
Saturday Performance on stage – assemble at 11.45
for a 12.15 performance
WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH
Finance 7pm & School Council 7.30pm Meetings
THURSDAY 24 MARCH
Last day of Term 1 – finish 2.30pm

MONDAY 11 APRIL- First day of Term 2
Gr 5 & 6 to Hamer Hall ‘Best of Broadway’
WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL
4th Session of Girlosophy for Gr 3/4 girls
THURSDAY 14 APRIL
House Cross Country
WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL
Photo Day
THURSDAY 21 APRIL
ANZAC Day service at Templestowe 20 students
FRIDAY 22 APRIL
1st Chess day for the year
MONDAY 2 MAY
Curriculum Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

OUR SCHOOL VALUES
Creativity
Achievement
Respect
Encouragement

Next week we welcome a new visitor to the Warrandyte PS community. Christine Travis is an overseas student teacher, completing her final practicum in Australia. Christy is from Mooresville, Indiana. She will be working in the Foundation grade with Cathie. Please come and say G’Day!

School Council 2016

The parent and DET nominations for School Council have closed and I am pleased to announce the following 2016-2017 School Council members.

Parent representatives:
Simone Spence, Liz Heaton, Carolyn Curnow, and Georgie Wilkinson.

Returning members:
Nieta Manser, Nick Dunkley, Carrie Campbell, and Brendan Curtis.

Community Members: David Wells and Fiona Young.

DET Representatives:
Rick Griffiths and Cathie Brooks.

Returning member: Meryl Teather and Joanne Fecondo.

Thank you to these people for volunteering
their time to support the school in its academic endeavours.

**What is the role of School Council members?**
All school councillors need to respect other members’ opinions AND support and uphold all council decisions.

*Parent members bring expertise and views to council on behalf of the whole school community.*

*DET members bring educational expertise and views to council on behalf of the whole school community.*

The next School Council meeting is on **Wednesday 23 March at 7.30pm.** Parents are welcome to attend as visitors. To assist with organisation, please notify the office if you will be attending.

**Warrandyte Festival Saturday 19 March**

**Important Information:**
All students are encouraged to participate in the festival march. This year we ask that parents **not** walk with their children but wave and cheer from the sidelines.

Students need to be at the meeting point (tennis courts by the bridge) by 10.15am for judging. At the end of the march, we ask that parents collect their children from the end of Stiggant Street.

More information about what to wear and times for performances on stage see Kirsty’s page on Page 4 and Steph’s report on the last page of this Alert.

**A message from Annet and her family. PLAN International Sponsored Child**

Dear Warrandyte Primary School.

Annet and her family send you their love and best regards. They very much thank you for the card, letters and sticker pads. Annet goes to school and her favourite subject is Science. She has seven friends. Unfortunately she doesn’t know the number of boys and girls in her class as there are many. Her favourite food is ‘atap’ which is millet bread and fish. Her teacher’s name is Kaisa. Her friends are Christine, Mary, Alex and Akware. She enjoys playing netball. Hoping to hear from you all soon. They all wish you well. Your friend Annet
Reminders:

CHESS
Chess lessons resume next term. Sessions will be held in the school library and start on 22 April until 10 June (8 sessions). Enrolment forms are at the main office.

CRAZY SCIENTIST DAY
*Friday 11 March.* Support the Science leaders (Noah, Tyler and Jaxson) in raising money for Science activities at WPS.

CRAZY HAIR DAY
Please note the new date for **CRAZY HAIR DAY** is **Friday 18 March**. On this day students are encouraged to make their hair ‘crazy’ but using colour, ribbons or hair-ties. Oscar Bennett will be shaving off his blonde locks. A tin for donations can be found at the school office.

URGENT – PLEASE RETURN THE PRE-EMPTIVE SCHOOL CLOSURE ON FORECAST EXTREME FIRE DANGER RATING DAYS FORM

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**Friends of WPS**

**Warrandyte Festival** is rapidly approaching on March 19 & 20. It’s a great opportunity for the school to raise its profile in the community and to showcase that ‘something special’ about us, as well as to raise funds more widely than parents digging into their own pockets. So don’t forget to put your name down on the **roster for our stall**, located in the office foyer. Also, packing and information regarding baked goods for our stall will go home early next week, to enable baked goods to be sent to school on **Friday 18 March**.

If you’d like to join the festival team or have any other queries please contact Wendy Gooley on 0403 419 433 or wendylgooley@gmail.com

Attention new families, did you know you can help raise valuable funds by **donating** your IGA shopping rewards points to the school? It’s easy to join. Simply enquire in-store, complete the form, specifying Warrandyte P.S. as the recipient of your points on the back, grab your rewards key tag and off you go! (Note, to redirect points to the school from an existing rewards account is even easier - just enquire at a register). Rewards points are utilized for fundraising activities, most notably to provide the major prizes at the Trivia night, which was an i-watch last year. Every point counts, so I encourage you to get on board!

**LIZ HEATON**
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Closed Facebook group:
Friends of Warrandyte Primary School-FOWPS
Performing Arts News

“Boogie in the Bush” at the Warrandyte Festival

The Art room is filled with a raft of well-dressed ducks and boogie beats are being heard throbbing from the Music Room – so Warrandyte Festival time is clearly drawing near! On Saturday, March 19, after marching in the parade dressed as Australian animals and playing instruments made during Performing Arts classes, the Grade 1 – 6 students will celebrate the theme of this year’s festival with a ‘boogie in the bush’ on the Stiggants Reserve stage. Grade 1 and 2 students will be singing and dancing to some fun disco boogie tunes, while the Grade 3 and 4 students have re-written a boot scootin’ classic to relate to our special bush festival. The Grade 5 and 6 ‘Jillaroos’ and ‘Jackaroos’ will once again join Kevin O’Mara in performing some entertaining Bushband songs. Good luck to all our new instrumentalists who will be enjoying their playing debut!

The performances begin at 12.15pm – but all students need to assemble beside the stage by **11.45am**. I hope to see you all at what promises to be a great day!

Just in case you haven’t already heard the exciting news from some of our little munchkins, this year’s whole school musical is “The Wizard of Oz – Young Performer’s edition”. Our Grade 6 students have been having fun over the last week bringing some of L. Frank Baum’s best loved characters to life during auditions for this year’s whole school musical. Good luck to all students auditioning! The cast list will be announced the final week of term. Although class item rehearsals will not begin for some time, the senior students will start preparing their scenes early in Term 2. The musical will be performed at George Wood Performing Arts Centre on **Friday, 12 August**.

Anyone interested in assisting with props, sets or costume preparations – or anything else related to the show – is encouraged to see me or your classroom teacher.

Parent helpers

Just a reminder to the many talented WPS parents and family members with professional experience in the Performing Arts, that you are most welcome to come along and share your musical skills with the students. Feel free to contact me at school to organise a visit to the Music Room!

KIRSTY WOLTERS
Performing Arts

accepted to participate in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular.

Congratulations to the twenty Grade 5 and 6 students selected to represent Warrandyte Primary School in the mass choir.

The students are looking forward to commencing weekly rehearsals in preparation for two performances at Hisense Arena on **Saturday, 10 September**.

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. WPS is delighted and honoured to have again been
Before & After Care

Just a reminder that the mobile phone number we are currently using (0408 650 231) is in operation ONLY during Before and After Care sessions. The school telephone number is the number to use at all other times.

Also please keep those accounts paid up. If you have any queries about accounts please speak to Cherise (Tuesday and Friday) or to me and I’ll pass the message on.

Our Parent Handbook states “fee payments must be kept up to date, paid fortnightly”. If your account is not paid, myself or a committee member may need to contact you. Thanks.

CORALIE

Henhouse Helpers

This week’s Henhouse Helpers are the Whetters Family. The Welsh family are on next week.

DOREEN

Sick Bay Laundry

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

DOREEN & CHERISE

Sports News

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

This week we have a HOME game against Our Lady of the Pines (OLOP). Cricket and softball will be at Warrandyte Reserve; bat tennis and rounders at school. Please remember correct sport uniform, hat and drink bottle.

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY/FUN RUN

On Thursday 14 April all students will be competing in the House Cross Country/Fun Run. Foundation – 2 will have a Fun Run held at school on the court area, whilst Grades 3 – 6 will compete in the Cross Country down at Stiggants Reserve. These events will be held before recess and full details will be sent home this week.

These events are a fundraiser and this year all money will go towards the resurfacing of the oval. It would be great if all families could please support this. A sponsor sheet will go home with information for the day. To help this event be successful and safe for your child, we need parent helpers at both events. If you can help on the day please fill in the following slip and return to school as soon as possible.

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY/FUN RUN

I am able to help at the following event:
(Please circle)

F – 2 Fun Run

OR

Grade 3 – 6 Cross Country

NAME: ..................................................
Contact no.: ........................................
Child’s name: ........................................
DISTRICT TENNIS
Last Friday Blake (Grade 6) competed at St Kevin’s Tennis Club in the District Tennis Competition. Blake finished top of his pool and 3rd overall. Well done Blake!

FUN RUN
A number of our students competed in Run Warrandyte last Sunday. Great training for our Cross Country and Fun Run next term. Congratulations to Charlotte (Grade 4) who came 2nd in the 5km race receiving a medal and $200. Jacob (Grade 4) who came 2nd in the 2.2km race for his age group. Well done to all the other students who competed.

SALLY FREEMANTLE

Second Hand Uniform Sale
TUESDAY 15 MARCH

Due to Tuesday 8 March being so hot, the second hand uniform sale was postponed to Tuesday 15 March. Thank you.

MICHELLE & RENELLE

Easter Egg Raffle

The Easter Egg Raffle is on again this year. 3 great prizes per class to be drawn on the last day of term. Tickets cost $2 for 3 tickets. All proceeds go to the Friends of Warrandyte Primary School.

Blackburn High School
High Achievers’ Program for Year 7, 2017

Applications are now open

How to Apply
Applications are online at: www.blackburnhs.vic.edu.au

Test date:
Saturday 14 May 2016, 8:30am for 9:00am start Concludes 12 Noon

High Achievers’ Program Information Evening
Tuesday 19 April, 2016 – 7pm – 8pm at Blackburn High School

The Information Evening is an opportunity for parents to learn more about the program and the examination and interview process.

GEORGIA PASHIAS
Primary School Links Coordinator
Blackburn High School

Kids Market

Come along to the Warrandyte Festival’s Kid’s Market where you can show and sell your smart handy crafts, clever arts and cooking skills. There’s something for everyone with awards for amazing colour to environmental achievements and much more!

Sunday March 20 from 10:30am-12:30pm
Stiggants Reserve Warrandyte
(Upper Reserve adjacent to Main Stage)
http://www.warrandytefestival.org/participants/application-form/kidsmarket-2016/
Open Night
Thursday 17th March
4-6pm and 6.45-8pm School Tours
6.15 Information Session

Further Information:
9844 2749
whs@warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au

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Warrandyte High School has a designated bus parking zone inside the school grounds with school bus services running from North Croydon, Warrandyte, Park Orchards, Wurunna Park, Research, Kangaroo Ground and Eltham. This is in addition to the regular National Bus service which stops just outside the school.
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INFO SESSION:
Wednesday 16 March
7.30pm
Heimat Centre
125 George Street,
Doncaster East
Register online at: anglicarevic.org.au/events

Grand opening of the Outdoor Classroom

Everyone is invited to come along and enjoy Warrandyte Primary School’s awesome new learning space.
Please join us for afternoon tea on Wednesday the 9th of March.
Just bring your usual after school snack and come and enjoy it in this beautiful space.
See you at the Outdoor Classroom straight after school on the 9th
The Harmony Garden Committee.
Beautiful street banners hanging along Yarra Street can only mean one thing....
The Warrandyte Festival is coming!!

Hello Everyone,

If you haven’t already heard, this year’s festival theme is ‘Boogie in the Bush’. The students have been making connections between the theme and a story called ‘And Kangaroo played his didgeridoo’. All students have read it in class, discussing the various Australian animals and Australian sayings found throughout. Needless to say, it has been fun watching the kids, trying to work out what ‘crocodile tears’ were...

In Art, students have nearly finished creating their costumes for the parade and will be dressing up as Australian animals from the story. Kirsty has been busy making instruments and teaching them some awesome songs to sing on stage – so get ready to boogie!

As in previous years, students will need to wear specific items of clothing, along with anything they have made for the parade. Items made in class will come home in the week before the parade. Look for your student’s grade below, to find out what they need to wear. Use your judgement re. shorts or pants/ t-shirt or jumper, depending on the weather forecast.

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Warrandyte Festival Ducks
This year in Art, every student will decorate a festival duck. Some students have indicated that they have a tradition of decorating it with someone special at home. If this is the case, your child will have the option to bring it home. However, if your child does take their duck home, please ensure it is returned promptly so it can be entered into the best dressed duck competition and the duck race! Anyone that would like to join in the fun, please feel free to come in to your child’s art session and help make the winning design!!

STEPH
ART TEACHER