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**Warrandyte
Primary School**

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Principal's Report

Emergency Management

BUSHFIRE SEASON - CODE RED DAYS.

We are getting closer to the Bushfire season and the safety of all our school community is paramount. Please note that nothing has changed for Code Red days. The school will be closed, with prior notification by 1pm the day before, and parents are expected to make safe alternate arrangements for their children. It is important for all families to be prepared and enact their individual Bushfire action plan when they feel appropriate. I attended an information session on our Emergency Management and Bush Fire plan Monday and we are currently going through the process of reviewing and updating our Emergency Management Plan as per DET requirements. In the next few weeks the school will conduct 'Shelter in Place' drills, in readiness for the upcoming bushfire season. We will be working with our school community and DET to ensure that we are prepared.

We encourage all families of Warrandyte Primary School to ensure you are subscribed to Flexibuzz as this is an important communication tool that we depend upon and will use along with others across the fire season.

Please continue to watch this space as we work together to be fire ready and prepared.



School Calendar

*Uniform Shop Open 9.00
& 3.15-Every Tuesday*

Friday 2 November

*Japanese Cooking Incur-
sion*

Monday 5 November

No Assembly

Canteen Closed

Tuesday 6 November

Melbourne Cup Day

Wednesday 7 November

*Year 5/6 School of Rock
Excursion*

Friday 9 November

Prep's Teddy Bear's Picnic

Monday 12-14 November

*Year 3/4 Phillip Island
Camp*

Friday 16 November

Year 3/4 Orienteering

*Prep Transition-Session 1
9.15-10.15am*

Sunday 18 November

Working Bee 9am

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Snakes are Active

Our students and staff are heightened and always alert at this time of the year, as we know that snakes are very active. We want students, parents and staff to take care and implement strategies to be safe. So how do we manage this risk?

- We ask that everyone wear appropriate footwear.
- We educate staff. This includes revising our First Aid and Emergency Management documents and procedures.
- We educate students to play in safe places.
- We ensure that grasses are cut and maintained across this time of the year.
- We ask students not to put their hands into hollow spaces under rocks or into pits or drains.

Rick Griffiths

Acting Principal

Remembrance Day

There will be a memorial service at Warrandyte RSL on Sunday 11/11/18 at 10.45am.



Canteen News

Please note that the canteen will be closed on Monday November 5.

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Sport News



All Star Girls Regional Final

Congratulations to our talented All Star Girls team : Lily, Darcy, Phoenix, Zara, Maddie and Scarlet who competed at the region finals on Tuesday 30 October at Nunawading. The girls played so well they reached the grand final on the day, coached brilliantly by Max Bell. Although they didn't win the grand final they should be very proud of their achievements to reach this level. A big thank you to Susie and her son Max for all their help.

Cricket Blast: Join the Fun

Junior Blasters for ages 5-8 at Warrandyte Cricket Club beginning 2 November at 6pm.

For more information contact Steve Pascoe 0431 170 963 or steve.ann1alvv.com.au

Region Volleyball Finals

Good luck to our boys volleyball team : Elliot F, Zande, Phin, Kyan, Eden and Jake playing at the State Volleyball Centre in Dandenong on Friday. Unfortunately we will be without Wes who has helped the team get to this level. Well done boys!

Sally Freemantle



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Reg Lawrence – In Memorium

On Monday 22nd October, Rick, Sensei and ex-WPS teacher, Gail Parke had the privilege of representing the school at the memorial service for Reg Lawrence OAM. Many past WPS students and families will recall that Reg was the Rats of Tobruk Association representative who read all the Grade 6 essays and presented the Rats of Tobruk awards at our Grade 6 Graduation for many years, including in 2017 when he was in declining health.



Just one week before the memorial service, the 2018 WPS Grade 6 students had attended the annual WPS excursion to Tobruk House in Albert Park to meet surviving veterans of the 1941 Siege of Tobruk and learn all about the siege, which was the first Allied victory against Rommel's Afrika Korps in WWII. It is also of particular importance in Australian military history since the Allied troops at Tobruk were commanded not by the British High Command, but by Australian Lieutenant-General Leslie Morshead, and most of the troops there were Australians. These veterans are now in their late 90s.

Reg Lawrence wasn't at Tobruk, but he became involved in the Rats of Tobruk Association when he realised that with dwindling veteran numbers, there was a risk of the Association being closed down in Melbourne, and the story of the Siege of Tobruk being gradually lost. He and his wife, June, then became very active members of the Association and worked tirelessly supporting the veterans and their families, as well as promoting the history of the Siege of Tobruk to school and community groups. As he told us last year, the Siege of Tobruk was as significant in Australian WWII history as Gallipoli was in Australian WWI history. At various times, Reg volunteered as the Treasurer and Secretary of the Rats of Tobruk Association as well as maintaining Tobruk House. It was noted that for many years, Reg and June were usually the first to arrive at Tobruk House to set up for functions, and the last to leave after cleaning up.

Reg's was truly a life well-lived. His selflessness and dedication to others shone through his memorial service. He was friends for life with 3 boys he met in primary school. They grew up together and when each got married and had a family, the four families became inseparable. When one of these friends lost his wife in the prime of her life, Reg became 'like a brother to him'. When he saw a need anywhere, he stepped in to help, including building up the declining Rats of Tobruk Association. It was noted at his memorial that receiving the Order of Australia Medal was probably the proudest day of Reg's life. And while we mostly see celebrities in the media being honoured on Australia Day, it was a powerful reminder that the majority of these honours and awards are actually given to people like Reg. Ordinary men and women who see a need and step in to help - and by doing so, they become extraordinary.

Warrandyte Primary School honours Reg Lawrence OAM. Lest We Forget.



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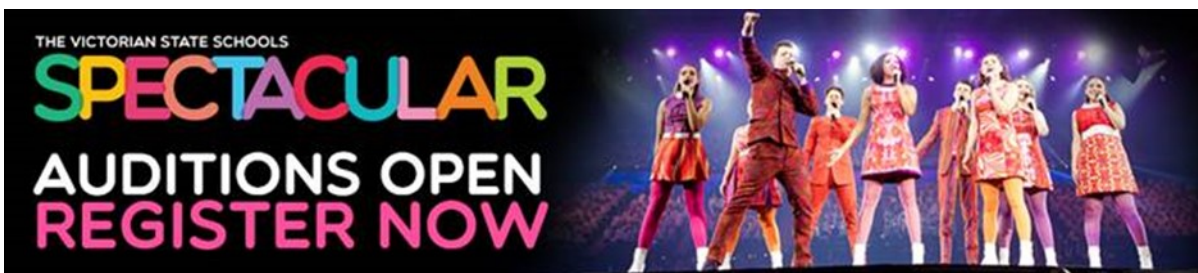
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Performing Arts News

Congratulations, Spec dancers!

At Monday's assembly, our fabulous mass dance performers from this year's State Schools Spectacular were presented with their official certificates of participation. Registrations are now open for the 2019 Spectacular. Our school has again expressed an interest in participating in mass dance (as voted ahead of mass choir by the eligible students). We will find out if our application has been successful later in the year, and if so, auditions will be held at school early next year.

You will be able to watch this year's dancers in action when the show is broadcast on Channel 7 in December.



Auditions for individual performers and crew for 2019

Government school students (both primary and secondary) can also register individually for an audition to participate in the 2019 Victorian State Schools Spectacular, which will be staged at Melbourne Arena on Saturday 14 September.

Students can perform on stage or gain hands-on experience behind the scenes across all creative disciplines under the guidance of industry professionals.

The program helps to develop each student's performance skills, resilience, perseverance, cooperation and confidence over months of training in a non-competitive environment. It involves industry partnerships and mentorship from groups such as the Australian Chamber Orchestra, which provides tutoring and mentoring to student string musicians, as well audio-visual staging companies for the behind-the-scenes crew.

Students who take part in the Spectacular are provided a rare experience: performing in a world-class arena for a television broadcast.

Students can get involved in several ways:

- Talented musicians, dancers, and singers can register to audition for the main vocal, dance and orchestra cast at the Department's Performing Arts Unit in Collingwood, or submit a video audition.
- Students who have other specialty skills – such as skaters, acrobats, skippers, cheerleaders or circus performers – can register to audition at the Performing Arts Unit or submit a video audition.
- Students interested in audio, lighting, film, photography or stage management can register to participate in a structured program of workshops, as well as production week at Melbourne Arena.

Leongathatha SC Band visit

The whole school enjoyed a performance by the Leongathatha Secondary College Band on Wednesday, October 17 as part of their week-long Melbourne tour.

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The thirty-five students, led by Alastair Campbell, entertained our students with a range of music from their big band, rock band and choir. Ella P did a great job of being 'guest conductor'! Student favourites included big band's circus music and singing along to 'Baby Shark'. The staff favourite was the rock band's rendition of 'Abracadabra' (complete with really cool dance moves from Jo!). Many thanks to Leongatha SC and Alasdair for kindly giving us your time and sharing your love of music with our school.



Kirsty Wolters

ROCKvember!

The Year 5 & 6 students are studying Rock music in Performing Art classes this term in preparation for our exciting excursion to see "School of Rock" at Her Majesty's Theatre in November. We'd like to share our love of Rock with the whole school with a special "Rockvember" celebration!

On Friday, November 16 we will be DJ-ing some classic rock songs from the Bampi at 1pm. All students are welcome to come along – there will be dancing, games and prizes! We'd also love to hear from any students who are currently learning instruments and might be interested in playing a live rock song either at the lunchtime event or at assembly

Ned, Eva, Jen and Imogen – Performing Arts Leaders

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Japanese Cooking workshops

Students from Grades 1 to 6 will be doing the Japanese Kyaraben (Character Bento) cooking workshops this month. If there are any other parents who would like to come along and help, these are the times and location for each grade.

Friday November 23rd – Japanese cooking in the Old Multi

9 a.m. 34J

9.50 a.m. 56J

11.10 a.m. 56S

12 noon 56R



OSHC News

This week at O.S.H.C we have been exploring spooky crafts for Halloween! Students have created scary spider pom-poms and creepy dangling monsters. We have had some wonderful backyard cricket games in the sunny afternoons and all students have especially loved our new summer afternoon treats of frozen oranges and watermelon.

Tara, Hayley, Sarah, Hannah and Indah

Year 6 News

Sausage Sizzle—Sunday 28 October

Thank you to all the year 6 parents & students that helped last Sunday at the Bunnings BBQ. We raised \$542 which is fantastic.

Graduation Bear/Football/Soccer Ball

If you have not returned your order form to purchase a graduation bear/football/soccer ball please do **before 9 November**.

Sick Bay Laundry Roster

Deanna Poole is the lucky mum on duty this week. Thanks for coming up to change the linen, make the beds up and return it next week all fresh and clean, much appreciated.

Cherise



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FOWPS News

Election Day BBQ

On Saturday November 24th our local community members will be heading to WPS to vote in the Victorian Election. This is a great opportunity to promote the school and also to raise funds from the community (rather than just school parents' pockets). If you could spare an hour of your time on election day (and you aren't already BBQ'd out), there is a roster at the office or you can contact me to nominate your preferred time to help out. Older primary school students are welcome to assist.

Crazy Camel Art Fundraiser

Order forms and a copy of your child's artwork have started coming home this week, so please check your child's bag. If your child has not finished their work they can be collected from the office and once finished please return to the office. Orders must be finalised by Friday 9 November so to avoid disappointment return your order by Friday 9 November.

Liz Heaton & Meg Bailey

0425 828 894

heaton.liz@gmail.com

Our very own Harrison & Henry will be representing Australia in the U11 Futsal Cup in Spain in December. To help all families that will be travelling to Spain a fundraiser has been organised, with fabulous first aid kits available for purchase which are well under recommended retail price. There is a sample first aid kit and order forms at the office.

Please note, when ordering please select 'MBFA-St Kevin's PS' and in the delivery notes put Warrandyte Primary School. Your kit will be available for pick up from the office early December.

Thanks for your support .



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WFC SPAIN 2018 FUNDRAISER



All proceeds will go directly to help the MBFA
Spain junior teams travelling to Spain for the
World Futsal Cup in December
in the U11, U13 & U15 Age groups

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Class name: _____



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Submit photo invoice number (if applicable): _____

Photos, artwork, forms and payment to be submitted to the office by: Friday 23 September (last day of Term 3)

Queries: Meg 0406 949 491 or Steph (art teacher)

	Art Qty	Photo Qty	Unit Pricing	Total \$
Calendars			\$14	
Family Planners			\$14	
Greeting Card			\$14	
Diaries			\$16	
Notebooks			\$16	
Sketch Pads			\$16	
Pillowcases			\$20	
Tea Towels			\$20	
Tote Bags			\$20	
Total amount				

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