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**Warrandyte  
Primary School**

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## Principal's Report

### State School Spectacular Awards

Congratulations to our students involved in the State School Spectacular late last term. Twelve Grade five and sixes worked hard over many months to prepare for two amazing performances that were held at Hisense Arena in Melbourne. At our Monday Assembly we will be proudly awarding Holly, Jake, Eva, Trixie, Hailey, Amy, Ella, Emma, Cameron, Eden, Mia, and Ailish with individual certificates of achievement for their Student Portfolios. We would like to invite the families of these students to this Assembly also.

### 2019 Class Structures

Preparations for 2019 continue. It is vital at this stage that we receive information about students who may not be returning next year. Or if you know of any families who have not yet enrolled their child please remind them to do so as soon as possible. Teachers will begin discussions relating to classes for 2019. A number of factors are taken into consideration when placing students in class groups. If parents feel their child has specific educational needs in relation to class placement, all communication regarding this will only be accepted in writing, addressed to the Principal and must be received **by Friday 26 October**. **Please note that it is not acceptable for parents to request specific teachers or friendship groupings for their child.**

### Grade 1/2 Ferngully Camp Experience

There was great excitement as the Grade 1/2 classes participated in a whole day camp experience at Ferngully Campsite. As part of our whole school camp program, this is a fantastic opportunity for the children to build their independence and understandings about how a camp site looks and feels. For many children, the experience might challenge them to step outside of their comfort zone. I have heard so many positive comments about the day and believe that these experiences will become the foundation for all of the upcoming camps which these children will be a part of in the years to come at Warrandyte Primary School.

## School Calendar

*Uniform Shop Open 9.00  
& 3.15-Every Tuesday*

### **Monday 22-26 October**

*Yrs 5/6 Swimming Program*

### **Sunday 28 October**

*Bunnings BBQ-Ringwood-  
Graduation Fundraiser*

### **Monday 29 October**

*Prep 2019 Information  
Night 7pm*

### **Thursday 1 November**

*Bushband Performing  
9.30am*

### **Friday 2 November**

*Japanese Cooking Incur-  
sion*

### **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*

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## **Being Fire Ready Updates**

As mentioned in a previous ALERT Newsletter, we are on the Bushfire at Risk Register (BARR) which means we are most at risk from bushfire. It is important that our community prepares for and ensures that we are fire ready. During terms 1 and 4 our school activates our Emergency Management Plan to ensure the safety of students, staff and school visitors; especially on days of forecast elevated fire danger. We work closely with the Department of Education and Training to do this.

I will be attending an Emergency Management Training session run by the Department of Education next week. This training supports our school to be across everything.

Our staff will be revising and updating the Warrandyte Primary School Emergency Management Plan and this is to be uploaded to the Department and onto our school's website by the end of October. We will also invite the CFA into our school to provide us with support.

This term we will be practising 2 evacuation drills from the class room and playground to our Shelter in Place. Our school will be closed on CODE RED days and we encourage all of our families to activate their fire ready plans in place.

The Department of Education have also allocated us with funding to further support us with our preparation of school grounds and buildings for the fire season ahead.

We encourage all families of Warrandyte Primary School to ensure you are Flexibuzz ready as this is an important communication tool that we depend on 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.

## **Snakes are Active**

As previously mentioned, it is that time of the year again, when snakes are active. As part of our school's risk management plan we ensure that students, parents and staff take this into consideration 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

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If you have any other ideas or suggestions to support our work around this, please let us know.

### **Popular Pie Day**

What a wonderful event our Pie Day was. We would like to thank all who organised this fun and popular day. A special thank you to Cathy, Penny, Lea and Carolyn Curnow who planned and ran our Pie Day. We are proud to announce that we raised about \$230 as a result of the many student orders. Well done to everyone who got involved and enjoyed one of our great Australian traditions; the meat pie (with sauce of course!)

### **Extended Absence for Mr Crouch**

Unfortunately, Mr Crouch has had to extend his time away from school as his injury continues to cause much pain. The Leadership group comprising of Jenny, Rick, Steph and Kylie have continued to work within their own areas and share the responsibility of the Principal higher duties. I would like to thank these leaders and our staff and community for all of your fantastic work this term so far. We are a truly wonderful school and whilst our Principal is absent we continue to achieve great things. I think Craig would be very proud of us all. We wish Mr Crouch all the best and look forward to seeing him return soon.

Please see one of the School Leaders for anything you may need in Craig's absence.

## **Rick Griffiths**

### **Acting Principal**

### **Get ready, get set for Walk to School 2018!**



Warrandyte Primary School has joined the hundreds of primary schools across Victoria for a fun month of walking, riding and scooting to and from school. By participating, we have a chance to win some great prizes! We'll be logging our students' activity so every time our students walk, ride or scoot to or from school during October, we increase our school's chance of winning!

In 2018, we're encouraging our kids to get creative and active. Students will be learning about the benefits of physical activity during classroom activities and they will have the opportunity to participate in walk to school events that will be held each Wednesday for the month of October. The **walk** to school events will begin at the Warrandyte Bakery, mustering at 8:15am for an 8:30 set-off (no bikes or scooters for this please). The aim is to provide opportunities for students to learn valuable lessons about building healthy habits for life.

You can also encourage your children to get creative and celebrate their participation by:

- Decorating an old pair of shoes
- Creating decorations to add to their shoes, bikes or scooters.

By sharing your children's designs (videos or photos) on the Walk to School Facebook page and tagging @WalktoSchool with the hashtag #walktoschool, students will be eligible to win some great prizes. Children can also take part in Walk to School without decorating their shoes, bikes or scooters—just by being active as they travel to and from school

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# Sport News

## **Eastern Region Athletics**

Congratulations to all our students who competed at this level of athletics competition last Thursday. First and second place getters go on to State competition. Whilst we didn't get any students going through, Ella (Year 5) finished 3rd in shot put. A fabulous effort by every student to reach this level.

## **Division Open Softball Final**

Last Thursday our open softball team headed to Rieschiecks Reserve in Doncaster to play against Templestowe Valley in the division final. Our students were the undefeated district premiers. After a slow start we were 0-6 down after the first innings. After the third innings runs were level at 6-6. We did very well to keep Templestowe Valley to one home run in the fourth, however we were then unable to score a home run ourselves. Therefore a very close game 6-7. Well done to all students involved and to Sharni Pearce and Nat Callow for driving the team.

## **District Girls & Boys Volleyball**

After many training sessions in the wind, sun and rain these teams competed last Friday at Milgate Primary. Conditions were much more 'stable' in their stadium and enjoyed by our students. Our girls, Ella, Charlotte, Alana, Jen, Farrah, Olive and Cassie played in the morning and were undefeated going into their final match against Serpell Primary. The best of 3 sets was played, we won the first set, but unfortunately Serpell won the next two meaning our girls were runners up on the day. Well done girls on your team work and sportsmanship on the day!

## **Boys District Volleyball**

The boys team, Wes, Jake, Kyan, Zande, Phin and Elliot F only lost one set for the day to end up being premiers. These boys have already played the next level, which is the Division final against Templestowe Valley. They won this match 2—0. It was great seeing the improvement in skill level over these matches and the growing confidence the boys had in each other. The next round is the region finals at the State Volleyball Centre in Dandenong next Friday 2 November. Unfortunately we lose Wes for these matches. We will have to win it for you Wes and his great serving! Good luck boys and thank you to Shelley Ridley and Yvette Harbinson for driving the boys .

## **Swimming Lessons**

Swimming lessons at Carey Sport Complex have again run very smoothly for our year 3-6 students. Thank you to the many parent helpers who have assisted.



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## OSHC News

It's Children's Week, and to celebrate we have encouraged students to demonstrate their talents, skills and abilities. We have had magic shows, dress up plays and all kinds of slime and plaster making. Outside we have had cricket classic catches and music jam sessions. The OSHC team would like to also thank our wonderful families that have recently donated fabulous new resources.

**Tara, Hayley, Sarah, Hannah and Indah**



## FOWPS News

### Date Saver: Election BBQ Sat 24th Nov

This is a great opportunity to promote WPS to the wider community, as well as to raise valuable funds for all the wonderful initiatives happening, especially with improving our outdoor spaces. The volunteer roster will be up in a couple of weeks but in the meantime please save the date and feel free to get in touch with early requests for time

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## Year 6 News

### **Sausage Sizzle—Sunday 28 October**

We have been fortunate to secure a date at Ringwood Bunnings for a sausage sizzle. Funds raised will go towards the year 6 graduation. We are in need of more cooks, if you could spare an hour or two please put your name on the roster at the office. And if you are in the area please drop by for a sausage to support our year 6 students.



### **Graduation Bear/Football/Soccer Ball**

Order forms went home this week for students wanting to purchase a bear/football/soccer ball. Please return the order form and payment (\$16.50-cash or credit card) **before 9 November**.



## Sick Bay Laundry Roster

Shelley Ridley 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.

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