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**Warrandyte
Primary School**

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Principal's Report

Cyber bullying and inappropriate use of social networking sites continues to be a rapidly growing issue among children. Cyber bullying is a form of bullying which is carried out through an internet service such as email, chat room, discussion group, online social networking, instant messaging or web pages. It can also include bullying through mobile phone technologies such as SMS.

Cyber bullying involves the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) to support deliberate, repeated, and hostile behaviour by an individual or group that is intended to harm others (*Bill Belsey, cyberbullying.org*).

There are major privacy and defamation issues that are continually arising from the inappropriate use of such social networks on the internet. Social networking sites that are hosted domestically are held liable for all of the content that users post on their site. We question whether students within our community are actually aware of how accountable they really are for what they post on such sites and the dangerous repercussions this may have. Once messages, photos etc. have been sent, a footprint has been set. Even though you may have deleted them on your device, they have not been deleted for ever and can be retrieved if needed.

Students at the school use a variety of apps to stay in touch with their friends. For example, Instagram is a social networking site that is very commonly used amongst students of all ages. It is a social imaging site where connected users communicate and share by posting photographs and videos. The app is free, it can be downloaded on any device and it allows users to alter their images using filters before sharing them with their communities. Many of the sites that students are using have an age restriction placed on them. Instagram requires everyone to be **at least 13 years old** before they can create an account.

The Internet and associated technologies offer many benefits to young people. They can communicate with friends and family from all over the world, access all types of information for school projects, and express themselves creatively, all with the click of a button.

We urge you to closely monitor the computer/device access your child has. Discuss internet issues and share internet experiences. Keep the computer/device in a public area in the home and set ground rules for the use of the computer/device. Reinforce safety messages and cyber rules. Remind students about their privacy and the privacy of others and ensure both you and your children understand laws relating to copyright, privacy, hacking and obscenity. Be careful of what is published online.

School Calendar

*Uniform Shop Open 9.00
& 3.15-Every Tuesday*

Monday 19-23 November

Book Fair

Friday 23 November

Japanese Cooking Inc

*Prep Transition-Session 2
9.15-11.15am*

Saturday 24 November

FOWPS Election Day BBQ

Friday 30 November

*Prep Transition-Session 3
9.15-11.15am*

Thursday 6 December

Year 1 Movie Night-3.30

Friday 7 December

*Prep Transition-Session 4
9.15-12.15pm*

Tuesday 11 December

*Parent Helpers Morning
Tea*

Wednesday 12 December

Carols 7pm

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Often children, in particular teenagers, are unaware of the legal, moral and ethical issues related to online activity.

Health and Wellbeing

This week at our assembly, I retold the story of my experience traveling in Cambodia and how myself and my family were so inspired by how happy the people were, especially the children. We wondered what it is that makes them so happy and content even though they have very little to call their own. There are three key ingredients that are practised each day by these children. They show empathy towards others, they display gratitude and they practise mindfulness. The research shows that it takes 21 days to create a change in our mental health and wellbeing. My daughter and I are currently taking the 21 day challenge, completing a journal that contains 21 days of wellbeing tasks. Each of our students in Years 3-6 next year, will receive a wellbeing journal that will focus on daily activities to improve their health and wellbeing. Try allowing a time in your day when, as a family, you sit down and talk about what you are grateful for, discuss what went well today and what you are looking forward to tomorrow.

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. **When there is an extreme rating the school will be also be closed and students and staff will relocate to Templestowe Heights Primary School.** Parents are expected to transport their child/ren both to and from **Templestowe Heights Primary School.** **There will be no bus or before or after care on these days.**

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

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.

Congratulations to:

- Kyan S (5/6R) and Jamie C (5/6S) for showing empathy and supporting others in their time of need-well done.
- Liam D (5/6R) for learning how to use our new 'virtual conferencing equipment' so he can support staff and students in the future.

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- Stanley C (PL) for writing an outstanding story which used advanced language and a brilliant storyline – well done.

Craig Crouch

Principal

Thought of the Week

It is not happy people who are thankful. It is thankful people who are happy.

FOWPS News

Election Day BBQ: 9-3pm Sat 24th Nov

There are still spaces available for volunteers during all time slots between 9am and 3pm. If you could spare an hour of your time on Election Day we'd love to hear from you. You can add your name direct to the roster in the office or call the school and the office staff will gladly assign you a time.

In past years, this has been a fabulous fundraiser and is an opportunity to connect with others in the school community as well as to promote the school in the wider local community. Older primary school students are welcome to assist.

Thanks in advance.

Liz Heaton

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School Council Report

School Council met on Wednesday 24th of October.

Warrandyte Primary School has been allocated an “Inclusion Funding Boost” from the Department of Education. Our Inclusion and Diversity Policy has been updated by the Education Sub Committee and WPS is currently deciding on what resources are to be purchased with the funding.

The data from the 2018 NAPLAN results was discussed. High relative growth has increased in all areas, except for spelling which has stayed the same. Though results showed high growth in reading, writing is still an area where improvement is needed. Rick and Katie have spent time working alongside and supporting teachers with writing this year.

A school working bee is planned for Sunday the 18th of November. Craig Crouch has met with *William Ready* (a group who specialise in sensory and sustainable garden spaces). We will work together to plan a sustainable garden space which will be discussed in further detail before the end of 2018. The Warrandyte Community Association has money available to Community Groups in return for help at the monthly market. Council discussed plans for a monthly volunteer roster in 2019.

Linda Hamilton who volunteered last year with our school community on talks about family fire plans is offering her time and knowledge again this year. However, we may offer this to the wider community and reduce the amount of times available because there was not much participation last year.

The Education Sub Committee has done a massive review of the current WPS Policies in relation to DET Guidelines. Thanks to the new DET Guidelines, many of our own policies were no longer required and thus rescinded.

The FOWPS team are very happy with the result from the Father’s Day Breakfast in Term 3. Not only is this a really positive community event, FOWPS also raised \$490. Now and Not Yet and the Crepes stall were very helpful towards the smooth running of the event.

Kate

OSHC News



We have been exploring elements of design and pattern this week with the Hama beads. They have been wonderful for developing fine motor, visual perceptual cognitive and social skills. All educators have been astounded that we have seen nearly every child engaged in the activity at least once. We have also been loving our newly donated train track, if you have anything to donate please let the OSHC team know!

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Japanese Cooking workshops

Students from Years 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. 3/4CS

9.50 a.m. 5/6J

11.10 a.m. 5/6S

12 noon 5/6R



Coles Mini Donations for Japanese Penpals

In 2 weeks time, we will be posting Christmas Cards to our Japanese penpals. As a little bonus gift, we are sending boxes of the Coles Mini collectables to each class. The Japanese students will be able to use them to practise their English language 'shopping skills' using the Australian product miniatures. If any WPS family has extras that they no longer want, could you please drop them off to Cherise in the Office or to Sensei. Our Penpals in Japan are sure to enjoy 'shopping' with them. Arigatou! Sensei (Tracey)



Sick Bay Laundry Roster

Kate Riley 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



Year 6 Cup Cake Stall

A massive thank you to all the families that baked, sold and ate cupcakes. We raised \$280.50, a great effort.

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Performing Arts News

Wowed by 'School of Rock'!

Our Year 5/6 students recently enjoyed an excursion to Her Majesty's Theatre in the city to watch the foot-stomping musical, "School of Rock"! For many, it was an exciting first experience of a professional theatrical production. We were especially lucky to have one of our WPS Dads in the band, James Kempster - rocking the audience with his fabulous bass playing! Congratulations to all our students who demonstrated perfect theatre etiquette and who generously showed their appreciation to both staff and performers. Many thanks to Rick, Jayde, Sarah, Tara and Sally Freemantle for coming along to supervise students and for supporting the Performing Arts program at WPS.



Bush Band performance

Many thanks to Kevin O'Mara and the Year 5/6 Bush Band for entertaining the whole school with a fabulous performance in the Bampi! The Preps, in particular, loved joining in with the actions they had learnt during a very special Buddies session. Students from all year levels eagerly watched as different instruments were demonstrated, with many Year 5 students choosing a favourite instrument to audition for next year!



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Bush Christmas Carols

Remember to mark in your diaries the date for this year's evening Christmas Carols which will be performed by the whole school on our beautiful outdoor stage – **Wednesday, December 12**. This year, the school would like to invite not only our current students to perform, but also any past students or families who specialise in Music Performance. Please contact me if you are keen to be involved!



Kirsty Wolters

Kirsty Pring GoFundMe Campaign

<https://www.gofundme.com/kirsty-pring-lets-help-her>

Many in the WPS community will know Kirsty Pring, whose 3 children attended the school a few years ago. Kirsty was School Council President for a number of years, as well as being a lynchpin in so many school events while her children were students here, and afterwards. She was also famous within the school community for sewing hundreds of costumes for WPS school concerts over many years. As recently as March this year, Kirsty was sewing bunting to decorate the school float for the Warrandyte Festival parade.

Kirsty is now very unwell and a GoFundMe campaign has been recently established by the Victorian Men's Netball League to support her and the family, since both of Kirsty's sons play in the VMNL Under 18 Championship teams.

On 1st of January 2015 Kirsty discovered she had Leukemia. She had an extremely tough time but eventually recovered in late 2016 thanks to a stem cell transplant. This year, Kirsty was diagnosed with bile duct cancer. The two are unrelated – it's just incredibly bad luck. She is currently having chemotherapy but is facing a tough prognosis, as her bone marrow is not recovering well due to the previous stem cell transplant. The current treatment affects all aspects of her life.

Kirsty and her husband Brian, with children Megan, Ronan & Lewis arrived from the UK 19 years ago, and have no family support here in Melbourne. Like most of us, Kirsty has a bucket list and the GoFundMe campaign has been established to help her tick some of these things off. Kirsty would love to see the sights of Tasmania or New Zealand whilst she is well enough to enjoy them, and perhaps even travel back to England to see her family again.

If any WPS families wanted to support this GoFundMe campaign, it would be very much appreciated.

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Uniform Shop News

In line with the new uniform policy regarding skorts, we are now stocking a new design skort in a nicer quality fabric (see image), great value at \$18. Sports tops are now in stock for Grade 3-6s. Come in and look at our second hand uniform range, all items \$2. We also have our clearance stock, limited new items now at \$5.

Donations of second hand uniforms are always welcome, please leave at the office at any time. All profits go back to our school.

Reminder that the uniform shop is open every Tuesday at 9am and 3.15pm, or use an order form at the office at other times.

Robyn & Na



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Warrandyte Bridge Bus Stop Information

We're upgrading the bus stop on Yarra Street at the Warrandyte Roundabout on to make it longer, safer and more accessible to passengers.

This means longer (bendy) buses on route 906 can safely operate from the stop every 5 minutes during the morning peak hour and every 15 minutes during the day on weekdays.

Permanent changes to bus routes

From 19th of November buses on routes 364, 578 and 579 will bypass this stop permanently.

Temporary changes to the 906 during construction

While the bus stop is being built the Yarra Street bus stop will be temporarily closed to the 906, for four weeks, commencing 19 November.

A summary of the changes is below for you to share with your students, parents and local community.

Bus Route	Change
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364	From 19 th of November buses will no longer stop at the stop on the Warrandyte bridge roundabout. Nearest stop is at Webb Street.
578	From 19 th of November buses will no longer stop at the stop on the Warrandyte bridge roundabout. Nearest stop is at Webb Street.
579	From 19 th of November buses will no longer stop at the stop on the Warrandyte bridge roundabout. Nearest stop is at Webb Street.
906	From 19 th November for four-weeks, buses will not use the stop at the Warrandyte bridge roundabout while it's being upgraded. Temporary stop is located at Webb Street.



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Christmas Crafts for Children with Julie Harmsworth

Ages 8-12 years

Lots of fun making lots of different Chrissie crafts. We'll use clay, felt, card glitter and lots more to make a wreath, felt star, fridge magnet, candle holder and more.

Starts Nov 22nd, 4-5:30pm, 3 weeks. Cost: \$69

www.warrandyteneighbourhoodhouse.org.au



JOB VACANCY – GARDENER

Local garden maintenance business looking for casual worker for 2-3 days per week during school hours.

Someone with horticultural experience preferred but not essential. Looking for someone: with a reasonable level of fitness as the work can be strenuous; who is prepared to work in all weather; have a good eye for detail; good interpersonal skills; reliable

Please email resume to: gardener3113@gmail.com



FIRST AID KIT FUNDRAISER

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, or order online at



<http://mymedikit.com.au/mbfa>

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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FIRST AID KIT**

\$20



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