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**Warrandyte  
Primary School**

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## Principal's Report

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Jack Lavery who has been successful in acquiring a position at Alphington Primary School for 2019. On behalf of the Warrandyte community, we would like to thank Jack for the work he has done this year and wish him all the best at his new school.

Congratulations also to Tara Day, Out of Hours School Care Coordinator, who after only 12 months in the job, has received a promotion to work with a community services group overseeing out of hours care programs at a number of different schools. Well done Tara, this is well-deserved promotion and a great step in your career in this industry. We will be sad to see you leave after the work you have done but the program is well established for a new coordinator to take over.

### Warrandyte Carols Evening

A highlight in the lead up to Christmas is the Warrandyte Primary School Carols evening being held at 7.30pm on our outdoor stage next Wednesday 12 December. This is a great opportunity for our community to collectively come together to celebrate the festive season before the end of the school year; please make sure you have this date and time marked on your calendar. A sincere thank you to Kirsty for coordinating this event.

### Classes 2019

Classes for 2019 will be announced on 20 December. On this day, students will have the opportunity to meet their teacher/s for 2019. Your ongoing support in this process is most important and appreciated. Teacher judgment, parent concerns, social and ability groupings and a range of factors influence the formation of our classes each year. You can be assured that a great deal of thought, time and consideration has been given to this process. In most cases, teachers will have already taken into account concerns that have been expressed by parents and as always, we ask for your support in putting a positive perspective on your child's placement for 2019.

### 2019 Student Leadership roles

Our 2019 School Captains, who were nominated and voted for by staff, will be announced at Assembly on Monday 10 December.

Our House and Vice Captains will be announced at the final Assembly on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

## School Calendar

*Uniform Shop Open 9.00  
& 3.15-Every Tuesday*

### **Friday 7 December**

*Prep Transition-Session 4  
9.15-12.15pm*

### **Tuesday 11 December**

*Parent Helpers Morning  
Tea 10.40am*

### **Wednesday 12 December**

*Carols 7.30pm*

### **Friday 14 December**

*Year 5/6 Market Day*

### **Tuesday 18 December**

*Whole School Christmas  
Games Day*

*Reports sent home*

### **Thursday 20 December**

*Year 6 Graduation*

### **Friday 21 December**

*Canteen open for counter  
sales-**NO LUNCH ORDERS***

*Last Day of Term*

**1.30pm Finish**

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Our House and Vice Captains are voted for by students from their house. Students have the opportunity to present to their peers before the vote.

### **Snakes are Active**

During the last week, we have had two sightings of snakes in the school. 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.

### **Fire Safety**

Last Tuesday, Troy Lowther from the CFA spoke to a small number of our parents about Fire Safety. There was certainly some interesting points to take out of the presentation. So much of fire management is about risk assessment and what risks you and your family are prepared to take. As part of Troy's education, he discussed possible scenarios and what options we have to deal with them.

For example,

- What do your family do if they get home before you of an afternoon?
- On a severe rating day, and the school enacts their emergency management plan, would you drive to pick your children up? (Knowing the dangers of driving in fire conditions, the closures of roads, which may not make this possible and if you did make it to school and collect your children would you travel on the roads with them in the car?)
- If your plan says to evacuate or relocate when do you return? Often the worst conditions can be a result of a cool change because the wind changes direction.

There is much to think about at this time of year. My advice to all families is to make sure you have thought about how you can best keep you and your families safe during the summer months.

### **Have you completed your fire plan and discussed it with your family?**

### **Congratulations**

- Year 6 students who attended the Senior Citizens club this morning-well done
- Kate Khazour for taking a pro-active stance and organising fire education for our community-great work Kate!

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## **Thought of the Week**

Empathy is....

*Seeing with the eyes of another*

*Listening with the ears of another*

*Feeling with the heart of another*

**Craig Crouch**

**Principal**

## **FOWPS News**

### **Election Day BBQ**

Thank you to all the wonderful people who made our Friends of WPS Election Day BBQ a big success - we raised over \$1000 towards enhancing our school! Thanks to IGA for donating over \$200 of BBQ supplies and to our fabulous volunteer team: Fiona, Michelle, Kate R, Carolyn, Simone, Sarah Q, Andy, Hu, Shelley, Rachel H, Kate K, Kate L, Sally, Tori, Matt, Sybille, Wade, Carrie & Maisie. Finally, thanks to everyone who supported us on the day by purchasing a snag.



### **Carols Evening: Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Carols night is upon us again and we are keeping with tradition and selling strawberries and cream/yoghurt or strawberry ice-cream from 6.30pm, so don't forget to arrive early and bring along some coins.

Cup strawberries \$2.50

Strawberries & cream/yoghurt \$3.00

Strawberry ice-cream \$4

We are seeking volunteers from 2.30 - 3.30pm at the Bampi to assist with cutting up and prepping the strawberries. Please BYO chopping board and knife if possible. If anyone is able to assist with set up from 6pm or selling ice-cream and strawberries from 6.30pm on the night please see the roster in the office. We are also seeking the use of two large eskies for the evening. We would like them by Wednesday morning if possible and will return to the office Thursday morning. For further information please call Deanna 0412 122 098.

Thanks

**Deanna, Yolande and Fiona.**

## **Canteen News**

Canteen will operate as usual for the remainder of term. Final day for lunch orders will be Thursday 20 December, and the canteen will be open for **counter sales only** on the last day of term, Friday 21 December.

**Rochelle**



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# Performing Arts News

## **Don't miss watching our Spec dancers on TV!**

Get the popcorn ready! Tune in to Channel 7 on Saturday 8 December at 7pm for a two-hour broadcast of the 2018 Victorian State Schools Spectacular. The show will be simulcast nationally via live streaming on the 7plus app and website. An extended version of the Spectacular will be available to watch nationally on 7plus following the December 8 broadcast. [www.7plus.com.au](http://www.7plus.com.au)



## **Bush Christmas Carols**

Remember to mark in your diaries the date for this year's Family Christmas Carols which will be performed by the whole school on our beautiful outdoor stage – **Wednesday, December 12 at 7.30pm** (students need to be at school by 7pm). 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**

## **Warrandyte Community Carols—Saturday December 15th**

Don't forget, if your child would like to sing with Kevin O'Mara on stage at the Community Carols at Stiggants Reserve, on Saturday December 15th, he or she is welcome to do so. Kevin is performing two songs with some of the School Bushband instrumental players accompanying him. He would like children from the school to join him on stage to sing the second song, *Warrandyte Christmas*. The performance will begin around 7.30 – 7.40pm. Kevin will have 2 practices at school with the children who will be participating. The first practice is THIS FRIDAY DECEMBER 7th at 10.00am.



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# Sport News



## **House Swimming Carnival**

Our House Swimming Carnival is being held on Monday 4th February in Doncaster at Aquanation from 10.00am-12.30pm. Event selection forms have been sent home and need to be returned before the end of the year. Even if your child is a non-swimmer this notice has to be signed and returned to school as it is the permission for going on the bus. Please note that the age asked for is the age on the 31st of December 2019. This is so your child is put in the correct age group for the year.

If you are available and able to help on the day could you please fill in the following slip.

## **School Uniforms**

There are several uniforms that students borrowed for Basketball, can these please be returned asap.

## **Lost Property**

As the end of the year is quickly approaching can parents please take a moment to check through the piles of clothing, lunch boxes, drink bottles and personal items. Lost property can be found in the old multi purpose building.

## **Parent Helpers Morning Tea**

We are holding a parent 'Thank You' morning tea next Tuesday, 11 December in the Bampi from 10.40. I would like to invite each and very parent that has helped me during the course of the year. I look forward to seeing you there.

***Sally***

House Swimming Carnival—Tuesday 4/2/19



Child's Name : .....

Grade : .....

Name : .....

Contact Ph No .....

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## 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.

### St Mary's House of Welcome Collection

With Mr Crouch's approval some of the year 6 students are again collecting items for St Mary's House of Welcome in Fitzroy. Last year we donated over \$1000 worth of items to this wonderful charity who welcome over 200 homeless and disadvantaged people each day into the centre for a hot shower and food. Last year we had donations in lieu of Kris Kringle gifts, Christmas cards etc.

This year we will again be seeking donations of : underwear and socks—teenage/adult sizes, toiletries, feminine hygiene products and sunscreen. We will also be creating 'gift packs' to be handed out at their "Big Gift" Christmas lunch and welcome items such as make up, body spray, face creams, earphones, backpacks etc suitable for adults and teenagers. We have also pledged to gift them with 8 packs (for primary school aged children) that will include sun smart hats, stationary items (please no character merchandise, eg Paw Patrol, as trends change so quickly)>

All items should be **NEW** and **UNUSED** and **NOT** require batteries or power. Donations can be left at the school office by Monday 17 December.

Thank you in advance for your support and kindness.

## Sick Bay Laundry Roster

Brigitte Easton 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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## OSHC News

We are definitely into the Christmas spirit at O.S.H.C! The elves have been busy decorating our eucalyptus Christmas tree and the foyer is very sparkly. Students have begun creating beautiful stockings and origami star ornaments.



If you require care leading into Christmas please book in advance as some mornings and evenings are at capacity.

***Tara, Hayley and Sarah***



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### ***Follow the Star...it's on again!***

Warrandyte's Christmas tradition of 'Follow the Star' is happening again. For the past couple of years at the local uniting church, stars, angels, Christmas trees and presents have delighted all and contributed to the excitement of the season. Everybody is invited to come to this already well-known community space with its beautiful mosaic wall artwork, labyrinth and peace garden. Visitors can follow the stars and enjoy the Christmas story as it unfolds outside the church. There will also be a Giving Tree and the opportunity to place a gift for those who can't afford to celebrate Christmas. Other features of this event include free kids activities, ethical market stall, nativity display, sausage sizzle and a photo booth where you can dress up as an angel or a wise man or any part of the Christmas story and take your own photo. 'Follow the Star' is an inclusive community project and free event at Warrandyte Uniting Church, Taroona Avenue which will be open to the public on **Sunday 9th December from 3pm to 9pm.**

# **'Follow the Star'**

- \* Free Kids' Christmas Activities**
- \* Ethical Market Stalls – Gifts & Decorations**
- \* Nativity Photo Booth & Display**
- \* Giving Tree**

**3PM to 9PM  
SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER**

**Warrandyte  
Uniting  
Church**

**Cnr Taroona Ave  
& West End Road**



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# WARRANDYTE NETBALL CLUB

[www.warrandytenetball.org](http://www.warrandytenetball.org)



**term 1  
netsetgo for  
5-7 year olds**



**starts:  
monday  
4th Feb 2019  
(8 weeks)**

**To register email us at: [registrar@warrandytenetball.org](mailto:registrar@warrandytenetball.org)**

## 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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