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**Warrandyte
Primary School**

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Principal's Report

Assembly

It was terrific to witness our young leaders speak with such confidence and enthusiasm at our first assembly last Monday. Our School Captains, Emily and Oscar and Anderson House Captains Farrah and Lily are excited by their role and even though speaking at Assemblies can be a little daunting initially; the reward of doing so successfully makes it all worthwhile.

It was wonderful to see our new Foundation (Prep) students in attendance for their very first assembly. It is great to see how quickly they have settled into school, confidently learning new routines and getting to know their classmates. It has been a very smooth start to 2019 for all students and staff. Once again, may I thank and congratulate parents, staff and students for ensuring such a successful commencement to the year.

Information Evening

A sincere thank you to the many parents who attended our information evening last night. There has been much positive feedback from staff and parents. Already we have begun to reflect on the evening and ensure that next year will be 'bigger and better'. As with all that we do, I encourage parents to provide any constructive feedback so we can continue to work together to ensure the best outcomes for all.

Not only do these evenings provide the opportunity to learn more about school life but it gives parents the chance to mingle and meet/catch up with each other. We are most fortunate and grateful to have such a wonderful community in Warrandyte and we look forward to working together to ensure that our school community is just as strong and connected.

I am also very grateful to have such a wonderful staff to work with. A tremendous amount of work and effort was done behind the scenes for the evening and I would like to thank staff for their support.

At our initial introduction in the BAMPI, I shared our vision and some of our goals for 2019.

In summary, our areas of focus will include:

- Wellbeing

School Calendar

*Uniform Shop Open 9.00
Every Tuesday & Friday*

Friday 22 February

District Swimming

Wednesday 27 February

*Finance-7pm/School
Council Meeting-7.30pm*

Thursday 28 February

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday 1 March

District Tennis

Monday 4 March

Division Swimming

Tuesday 5 March

*2020 Prep Information
Evening 6.30pm*

Friday 22 March

Musica Viva Incursion

Saturday 23 March

*Warrandyte Festival Pa-
rade 10.30am*

Wednesday 27 March

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- Literacy and Numeracy (Every child can achieve 12 months growth in one year)
- Student Voice
- Whole school communication

I will share more detail on these focus areas in future newsletters.

Warrandyte Walk

Today, our two school captains, Oscar and Emily joined me in a walk down the streets of Warrandyte to introduce ourselves to the local community and talk about our wonderful school. We handed out some flyers, highlighting what our school has to offer and chatted to some local businesses about how we could support them and how they might be able to assist the school. Our walk finished with an informal meeting at a local café where we discussed all things about Warrandyte Primary School from what we are doing well to how we could improve our school.



School Council Elections 2019 – Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Warrandyte Primary School.

All Government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of the school within centrally provided guidelines.

There are 3 possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected parent category. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school.

A mandated elected Department employee category. The Principal of the school is automatically one of these members

An optional community member category. Its members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills interests or experiences.

The term of office for members is two years. Half the membership must retire each year and this creates vacancies for the annual School Council elections. All you need is the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Vacancies:

Parent members of Council - 5

Department of Education and Training employee member - 3

Nominations close at 4.00 pm. on Monday 7th March 2019

'Notice of election and call for nominations' forms will be available at the school office from Monday 18th February. If you require further information about School Council or the process for filling vacancies, please contact the office.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th March, after which the 2019 School Council will meet.

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Thought of the Week

your body hears everything your mind says - stay positive

Craig Crouch

Principal

Flexibuzz App



Warrandyte Primary School currently uses Flexibuzz as one of our communication tools with parents. For new families joining us this year please go to the App store, search FlexiBuzz and download it. Once the App is on your phone, open it and go to 'Find & Tick'. Search for 'Schools, Primary'. Search for 'Warrandyte Primary School'. Then choose 'Emergency Management' and your child's specific grade. If you have an apple device be sure to click 'Allow Notifications'. For all our returning families please update your child's grade for notifications specific to your family.

Canteen News

Welcome back to all our returning families, and a big welcome to our new families.

The canteen is open for counter sales and lunch orders on Monday, Thursday & Fridays. A price list is available at the office, or online.

It appears that many families had a wonderful break travelling far and wide. How do I know this??? Because I am receiving (already) foreign coins in lunch orders. Parents please take a moment to double check coins before you place them in the lunch order bag. I know a dollar here or there may not seem like a lot but it adds up quickly and has a big impact on a very small operating budget.

I appreciate your assistance with this.

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Unearthing kids's strengths

by Professor Lea Waters (PhD)



Personality strengths – our character – play a big role in helping us build our talents. Think about anyone who has built a talent and imagine if it could have been done without character. Imagine Einstein without curiosity, The Beatles without creativity, Mother Teresa without compassion or Neil Armstrong without bravery.

Yet for decades, scientists were blind to character strength. We focused on talent, often on physical strength and skills. In fact, when I first ask young children what they think a strength is, they almost always point to their biceps or talk about being able to lift something heavy.

Once you get familiar with the language of strengths and a framework for seeing them, you'll see character strengths easily in your child. In fact, you may find your child calls on their character strengths more often than on talent to meet life's challenges.

Three key elements of a strength

You've probably seen a child joylessly perform at a piano recital. They may hit all the right keys, but there's no energy or enthusiasm. It's as if they don't want to be there. On the flip side, we've seen the child onstage who's clearly motivated and energised and who fearlessly flails through every mistake – of which there are many.

It turns out that three elements come together to form a strength. For purposes of strength-based parenting, we need to keep our eye on all three:

1. Performance (being good at something).

Watch for when your child shows above-age levels of achievement, rapid learning, and a repeated pattern of success.

2. Energy (feeling good doing it)

Strengths are self-reinforcing. The more we use them, the more we get from them. They fill us with vigour. You'll notice your child has abundant energy when using a strength.

3. High use (choosing to do it)

Finally, look for what your child chooses to do in their spare time, how often they engage in a particular activity, and how they speak about that activity.

For true strengths, these three elements form a beautiful feedback loop: great performance provides the child with a shot of high energy, so the child naturally chooses to do more. In turn, high use – also known as effort or practice – improves performance levels. So, for example, if you notice that your child is energised when they play

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the piano, and you provide enjoyable opportunities for them to play, if they're mining a true strength they will likely practise more, which improves their performance, which then energises them ... and so the loop continues.

Keeping this triad in mind will help you avoid pushing your child into an area that seems like a strength just because your child is good at it. It will also help you differentiate between whether your child is bingeing on an activity in an escapist way or expressing a true strength.

For example, when a parent asks me, 'My son is great at computer games and wants to play all the time. Is that a sign of a strength?' I reply, 'Observe his energy levels at the end. Is he drained and cranky? Or energised and full of life? Are you seeing the full triad?' Computer games can tap into a child's strategic and problem-solving skills or stimulate creativity (in some games, you invent whole new worlds). Or they might just be about filling time.

So look for all three signs. When you see your child do something well, with energy, and repeatedly, you'll know you've unearthed a strength.

Professor Lea Waters (PhD)

Lea is the best-selling author of *The Strength Switch*, the President of the International Positive Psychology Association, and the founding director of the Positive Psychology Centre at the University of Melbourne. For further details visit leawaters.com.

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It's nearly Warrandyte Festival time again!!

Applications are again online, the application form can be found at:

<https://warrandytefestival.org/participation/applications/>

Applications are open now, until the Wednesday before the festival.



Let's Do This!

Want to participate in a fun, community event while raising money for Warrandyte Primary School? We have an exciting opportunity for you.

Warrandyte Primary School are raising money to create a sensory garden and play space. Students and parents have the opportunity to register in Run Warrandyte on the 3rd of March and fundraise for our school. Bendigo Bank are providing a grant of \$1000 if one of our students raises the most amount of money for a registered primary school student.

All the information is provided in the flyers at the end of the newsletter. If you have any questions please contact genevive.stephens@gmail.com.

Have you heard about Dinner Drop?

Dinner Drop is currently run by a local Warrandyte mum of 4, Patricia. She is also a lover of cats and a passionate volunteer who loves giving back to the community at every opportunity.

Her desire to set up Dinner Drop was borne from being witness to many families in varying levels of crisis whilst working as an Emergency Clerk for Monash Hospital. Working in this role she intimately understands the impact a crisis can have on a family and the need for a service to help out with a meal or two when busy families need extra resources.

Dinner Drop is here to support our community when families find themselves in any level of crisis - not just for a child in emergency - it could be temporary financial hardship or any manner of challenges that life throws us!

Dinner Drop has no set boundaries in who we can help - if you or a family you know are just struggling, please let Dinner Drop know and it would be a privilege to help a family for the night or a few nights. If you would like to volunteer please send an email to dinnerdropwarrandyte@gmail.com or find us on Facebook -dinnerdropwarrandyte

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Performing Arts News

Welcome to the Music Room, Preps!



Last Thursday, the Foundation students enjoyed their first Performing Arts class in the Music Room! They tapped out different rhythms on the maracas while playing the 'Name Game', danced some cool hip-hop moves as they sang along to 'The Alphabet Rap' and shared their inner Rockstar while drumming an 'Around the World' combination on the drum kit.

During Term 1, the students will study the sounds and rhythms of tuned and un-tuned percussion instruments as well as exploring the role of air and breath (woodwind) in preparation for the Musica Viva 'The Air I Breathe' incursion.



Spec Mass Dance selection

Last week, during a very hot lunchtime, thirty enthusiastic Year 5/6 students danced non-stop to the sounds of Justin Timberlake's "Can't Stop the Feeling" while auditioning to represent WPS in the Mass Dance at this year's State Schools Spectacular.

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Congratulations to all students who auditioned! It was great to see everyone putting in 100% effort while happily supporting each other. The sixteen students who were selected will rehearse every Friday at 1pm in the Bampi from March – September, before joining thousands of students from Victorian government schools in Melbourne’s biggest professionally staged production. Our first public performance will be on the Stiggants Reserve Stage at this year’s Warrandyte Festival in March!



This term in Performing Arts, all WPS students will explore and create different styles of wind music in preparation for a whole school incursion of ‘The Air I Breathe’ by Musica Viva on **Friday, March 22**. Three members of Arcadia Winds will demonstrate in their show ‘The Air I Breathe’ how, through musical instruments, the human body can harness the power of air and use it to express our identity in a unique way. A clarinet, a bassoon and flute magically conjure up a rainy day in bed, a fairy tale world beyond imagination, the god of the East Wind, and a steaming locomotive. Students then learn how to master their own breath and use it as a creative, joyful and life affirming force.

Open Choir for students in Years 1 - 6

Following on from our exciting staging of ‘Mary Poppins Jr’ last year, many students have expressed an interest in engaging with the music from the recently released film ‘Mary Poppins Returns’. Over the next month, all students from years 1 – 6 are invited to come along to join an ‘Open Choir’ in the Music Room where we will sing a song or two from the movie, starting with ‘Where the Lost Things Go’. This is a great opportunity for students to trial singing in a choir setting before deciding whether to commit to joining Junior or Senior Choir. Rehearsals began today at 1pm. We hope to share our singing with the school community at an assembly performance later in the term!



The theme for this year’s Warrandyte Festival is ‘Stars of Warrandyte’. Warrandyte Primary School will be represented on stage by our own Year 5/6 stars, with performances by Bush Band and the State Schools Spectacular Dance Team. Please save the date – **Saturday, March 23**. Our performances are scheduled for 12.45 – 1.15pm. Fingers crossed for some mild weather this year so we can enjoy a fabulous festival!

Kirsty Wolters

Sick Bay Laundry Roster



Thank you to those parents that have offered to help in our first aid room. The roster is filling nicely, however a few more helpers would mean everyone would only have to help out once a term. If you are willing to be on the roster to change, make the beds & wash the linen, preferably on a Friday afternoon please let me know at the office or via email. Thanks

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OSHC News



2019 has been a great start for the children at OSHC – full of games and crafts! We welcomed our new staff member Davin – who is settling in well and the children are enjoying his enthusiasm!

We are also saying goodbye to Hayley – a long time loved member of OSHC. We congratulate her on her new full-time role as an Integration Aide. Her last day will be Thursday afternoon, 14 February.

We will also be welcoming two new girls in coming weeks at aftercare. Look out for them and say hi!



Amanda, Hayley and Davin



WJFC 2019 Season Launch

Save the Date! Sunday 17 February 2019

Meet your 2019 coaches and catch up with your team members

More Information, and to register visit :

<https://mailchi.mp/865ae690c64c/2018-football-registrations-now-open-1816545?e=4b57790062>

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Below is an example of Fundraising Page Creation for your School

Put a name in here:
something like:
Stephanie for Warrandyte Primary

Fundraising Goal (optional)

Enter the End Date of 3 March 2019

Select your Primary School Here

Put information about why in here
and who is helping you or entering the
event with you.

Add an image here this will show on
the campaigns page

Campaign Details

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End Date *

Select Your Charity or Cause *

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AN AFTERNOON WITH JACKIE WRAFTER MBE

Co-founder and director of the Kianh Foundation



Come and hear about the **Kianh Foundation**,
an inspiring special school changing the lives of
those with **disability** in **Central Vietnam**

Sunday 3rd March
4pm till 7pm
River Garden
St Stephens Anglican
5-7 Stiggant St
Wonderful Warrandyte

****Adults \$5 / Kids free****

*Wood fired pizza,
drinks & cake for sale
Live music!
Yard games!*

All welcome. Bring your family, your dog & a picnic chair.

All proceeds from the afternoon will go to the Kianh Foundation
Please call 0467 639 981 for more information. Cash only event.



Warrandyte Netball Club is looking for Under 9 age group players to join us for the Autumn Season. Anyone born in 2011/2010 is eligible and no experience is necessary. Training commences next week on Friday Feb 15 from 3.45 - 4.30pm at the Taroona Ave courts. First game is Saturday Feb 23 at the Templestowe courts (normally 8.30am or 9am games). For more info or to register please email registrar@warrandytenetball.org as soon as possible.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS TOURNAMENTS

TOURNAMENT 1

Labour Day Weekend

Saturday March 9th
Warrandyte Tennis Club

Monday March 11th
St. Mary's Tennis Club

TOURNAMENT 2

Week 2 of School Holidays

Monday April 15th
Warrandyte Tennis Club

Wednesday April 17th
St. Mary's Tennis Club



TOURNAMENT 3

Queens Birthday Weekend

Saturday June 8th
Warrandyte Tennis Club

Monday June 10th
St. Mary's Tennis Club



TOURNAMENT 4

Week 2 of School Holidays

Monday September 30th
Warrandyte Tennis Club

Wednesday October 2nd
St. Mary's Tennis Club



TOURNAMENT TIMES & PRICES

RED BALL | 9am to 11am | Ages 7 - 8 | \$20

ORANGE BALL | 1pm to 5pm | Ages 8 - 10 | \$30

GREEN BALL | 9am to 5pm | Ages 10 - 18 | \$40 | lunch included

JUNIOR OPEN | 9am to 5pm | Ages 10 - 18 | \$40 | lunch included

Kids can enter one day, or everyday!

Enter online: www.thetenniscguru.com.au/tournaments and hit 'ENTER NOW'

Enter by email: info@thetenniscguru.com.au - Participants name, DOB, session date, mobile.

Warrandyte Tennis Club
Taroon Ave, Warrandyte

St. Mary's Tennis Club
Yando St, Greensborough



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BE PART OF SOMETHING WONDERFUL

at the WARRANDYTE CALISTHENICS COLLEGE

We are offering FREE “Come and try” introductory classes for the month of February.

ALL CLASSES ARE HELD AT THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE, ANDERSON'S CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL,
DRYSDALE RD WARRANDYTE

Vacancies still exist for the following classes

TINIES (aged 7 years and under) - Thursdays, 4.15 to 5.15pm

SUB-JUNIORS (aged 7 to 9 years) - Wednesdays, 4.15 to 6.15pm

JUNIORS (aged 9 to 12 years) - Thursdays, 5.30 to 7.30pm

INTERMEDIATES (aged 12 to 16 years) - Mondays, 6.00 to 8.30pm

For further information, contact Katrina – 0425 796 259 warrandytecali@hotmail.com or
just turn up on the day!



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From Diagnosis to OAM

A Personal Autism Journey

Warrandyte

**Wednesday 27 February 2019,
1pm & 6:30pm (doors open 30 mins prior)**

Daniel and Daryl will discuss Daniel's journey from diagnosis to present day giving an insight from Daniel's personal perspective of living day-to-day as a person on the Autism Spectrum.

Topics explored include diagnosis, school journey, independent living, employment and strategies used to achieve the best outcomes.

There will also be an opportunity for question time.



Presented by

Daniel Giles OAM
Autism Self-Advocate

Daryl Giles
Parent Perspective

William Ready
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Venue

Warrandyte Mechanics Hall
180-183 Yarra St, Warrandyte

Tickets


Individuals on the spectrum,
family members & carers \$25
Professionals \$50

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





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Open Night

Tuesday 26th March

4-6pm and 6.45-8pm **School Tours**

6.15 **Information Session**

Further information:

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