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Primary School**

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Principal's Report

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the 2019 school year. I hope that everybody managed to find some time to relax, enjoy the holiday period with family and friends and recharge the batteries.

A warm welcome in particular to the new families commencing at Warrandyte Primary School this year; 20 new students across Years P-6 have started this year. I am sure you will find your time here most rewarding and enjoyable.

In welcoming new parents, I hope you will take the opportunity to involve yourself as fully as possible in the life of the school this year as far as time permits.

We got off to a fabulous start yesterday. Our 14 Foundation/Prep students commenced officially today; a few hours in the classroom followed by a very special school picnic to begin the school year. Staff officially returned to school on Tuesday. Staff attended two hours of CPR training in the morning followed by an insightful and engaging session on the 'School Wide Positive Behaviour Model' that we will be introducing across the school over the next few years. Jo Braden, from the Department of Education, presented the session and will work in a coaching role during this time. Staff spent the remainder of the day preparing their classrooms in readiness for Wednesday.

Along with our usual focus on Literacy and Numeracy this year and our ongoing goals regarding student engagement and wellbeing, we will also be implementing some exciting initiatives centred around whole school communication.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns at anytime regarding the general welfare and wellbeing of your child please do not hesitate to make a time to see myself, however your first port of call should always be your child's classroom teacher.

Assembly

Our first Assembly for the school year will be held on Monday 11th February in our BAMPI where we will have the opportunity to present our Year 6 students and gather together for the first time.

School Calendar

*Uniform Shop Open 9.00
Every Tuesday & Friday*

Friday 1 February

Foundation Students 9-12

Monday 4 February

House Swimming Sports

Foundation Students 9-3.30

Tuesday 5 February

Tobruk Garden Committee Meeting-7pm

Thursday 7 February

Canteen Resumes

Wednesday 13 February

Information Evening-6.30pm

Friday 22 February

District Swimming

Thursday 28 February

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday 1 March

District Tennis

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Information Sessions

Throughout Term 1, we will be providing parents with the opportunity to attend the school and provide information about the year ahead. Next Wednesday 13 February, we are inviting all parents (and carers) to the school for an information session. Parents will meet in the BAMPI at 6.30pm before moving to classrooms to meet their child's 2019 teacher. Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 classes will be open from 6.45, Year 3/4 from 7.00 and Year 5/6 at 7.15. I encourage you to take this opportunity to attend these sessions as it will provide information on student and parent expectations for the 2019 school year. It will also give you the opportunity to meet your child's 2019 teacher and ask any questions that you may have.

Formal Parent/Teacher 'getting to know you' interviews will be conducted for students in Years 1 - 6 on Thursday 28 February. Notices for you to request an interview time will be sent home with your child next week.

Uniform

It is an expectation that all students wear school uniform. Its purpose is to promote a sense of pride, equal status and belonging amongst the students at Warrandyte Primary School. Please note our school uniform does not include bike shorts, coloured shorts or hoodies, excluding the Year 6 school hoodie. It is also an expectation that jewellery is kept to a minimum. All staff appreciate your cooperation. Uniform items are purchased via an order form available online via the school website. A sincere thank you to Natalie and Robyn in the uniform shop who have been busy filling orders and enquiries.

Sunsmart Hats

A reminder that students must wear a school uniform brimmed or legionnaire hat until the end of April which covers all of Term 1 and the commencement of Term 2.

Students who do not have a hat during recess and lunch breaks will be required to sit in the rotunda adjacent to the green basketball court.

Mobile Phones

The number of students who have mobile phones and bring them to school is on the increase. It is not appropriate for students to use a mobile phone whilst at school, either in the classroom or the playground. Please discuss this issue with your child's classroom teacher if you feel it is a necessity for your child to bring a mobile phone to school.

Nut Free Zone

The Department recommends that schools do not label themselves as nut free zones but **request that parents do not provide any food that contains any product that children may have an allergic reaction to.** At Warrandyte Primary School, we do have students that have severe allergies to various nuts. We appreciate your cooperation in this area by not sending your child to school with foods containing nuts. Students at no time are allowed to share food.

Medication – Asthma Plan and Epipens

Can I please remind parents of students with Asthma (or have an epipen) that they must provide an up to date action plan. It is also the parent's responsibility to ensure that all medications are in date and the school is notified of any medications being taken by their children. Staff are not allowed to administer any medication without parent consent.

School Parking

Parent parking is available in Brackenbury Street. Between the hours of 8.00—9.00 and 3.00—4.00 Brackenbury Street is one way and cars must enter from Anderson Street. For safety reasons parents must reverse park. There is a kiss and drop zone, on the school side, where parents can drop students off in the mornings.

There is no parking available in Forbes Street. **This area is for staff parking only.**

And finally a big thank you to Kate Khazour for the work she has done with the local council on improving the front of our school. Due to her commitment, the school has a new, safer fence, smoother asphalt path and improved and safer drainage system at the front of the school. Her current and latest project has been communicating with our State Premier and Minister for Education to improve our Shelter in Place.

Craig Crouch

Principal

Welcome

To all new and returning families joining us at Warrandyte Primary School this year, welcome! We hope you and your family have a wonderful year of learning, fun and friendship.

Kind Regards,

Carolyn Curnow

School Council President

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Performing Arts News

Dance auditions at WPS next week!

Warrandyte Primary School is honoured to have again been accepted to participate in Melbourne's biggest professionally staged production – the Victorian State Schools Spectacular. This year, sixteen students from Years 5 and 6 will be selected to represent our school as part of the Mass Dance team, joining thousands of students from Victorian Government Schools at the two Melbourne Arena shows on Saturday, September 14. The show will feature an 80-piece orchestra, 1500-voice choir, 1400 mass dancers, lead vocalists, principal dancers, ensemble dancers, backing vocalists, roller skaters and circus performers!

Although the Spectacular is not staged until the end of Term 3, auditions will take place at school next **Thursday, February 7 at 1pm** in the Bampi so we can confirm our school's registration. Rehearsals will start soon afterwards on Fridays at 1pm.

Eligibility for participation in Mass Dance:

- Students **MUST** be available to participate in both the matinee and evening performances at Melbourne Arena on Saturday, September 14.
- Students **MUST** attend both dress rehearsals at Melbourne Arena on Thursday, September 12 and Friday, September 13.
- Students are required to attend weekly lunchtime rehearsals on Fridays at 1pm from February – September. They must also attend four regional half-day rehearsals at Mont Albert Primary School on March 7, May 2 and June 6 (final regional date TBA).
- Successful students will be given participation and media release forms which must be returned by **Thursday, February 14.**

Participation is offered to Year 5 and 6 students only (we have found that older primary students have the physical and emotional stamina needed to meet the demands of long dress rehearsal and performance days).

A notice detailing audition format and the success criteria for selection will be sent home to Year 5 and 6 students on Friday. I strongly encourage all students and families who are interested in participating in this fabulous experience, to closely read the notice before the auditions. I'm looking forward to seeing lots of energetic dancers next Thursday!

Kirsty Wolters - Performing Arts & VSSS19 School Co-ordinator



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Uniform Shop News



The lovely Nat & Robyn are again running the uniform shop this year. The shop will be open Tuesday & Friday's from 9—9.30am.

A completed order form can also be left at the office at any time.

Nat & Robyn

Sport News



House Swimming Carnival

Our House Swimming Carnival is being held on Monday 4 February in Doncaster at Aquarena from 10.00am-12.30pm.

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

House Swimming Carnival—Monday 4/2/19



Child's Name :

Grade :

Name :

Contact Ph No

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OSHC News

We welcome Amanda to the OSHC team. She would love to meet all our wonderful families so feel free to drop in and say hi. Also a reminder to families that a new enrolment form will need to be completed.



Sick Bay Laundry Roster



Our First Aid room needs parental assistance to help make life a little more pleasant when students are unwell. 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

Cherise

Canteen News

The canteen will re-open on Thursday 7 February.

Rochelle



Get prepared for a tennis experience to rival the Australian Open with Warrandyte Tennis Club

OPEN DAY

2 DAYS OF FREE COACHING SESSIONS

TUESDAY FEB 12TH

Warrandyte Tennis Club
Taroon Ave, Warrandyte

4pm - Kids aged 5 to 8
4.45pm - Kids aged 8 to 12

SUNDAY FEB 17TH

South Warrandyte Tennis Club
Coleman Road, Warrandyte South

9am - Kids aged 7 to 10
9.45am - Kids aged 10 to 12
10.30am - Kids aged 5 to 7
11.15am - Cardio Tennis ages 16+
(and adults)

**You must book in to secure your place
and make sure your friends do too...**

FREE Hot Shots racquet and T-shirt
for any kids who sign up for lessons on the day

Please call or email to book in
0488 722 538 - info@thetennisguru.com.au



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Help Needed

Calling all parents interested in joining a dynamic group to redevelop the front garden of the Old Multi into the beautiful
Tobruk Garden

Interested? Or have you got some expertise to assist in this project? We would love to meet with you in the **Bampi on Tuesday the 5th of February 2019 at 7pm.** Join us for our first planning meeting.

The Buildings and Ground Committee.

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.

