

Alert

*Warrandyte Primary School's
Weekly Newsletter*



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Wednesday 1 March 2017

School Calendar

**2017 CONCERT ANNIE JR. Friday AUGUST 7
WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH**

Parent Teacher Meetings for Foundation 2.30pm

SATURDAY 4 MARCH

WORKING BEE to build retaining wall on oval

THURSDAY 9 MARCH 2018 Prep Tours 10am

MONDAY 13 MARCH

Labour Day – No students at school

TUESDAY 14 MARCH - CURRICULUM DAY

No students at school this day

SSS Rehearsal at Macleod 9 – 2.30

**THURSDAY 16 MARCH (Note change of date
from April 20)**

House Cross Country 9 – 11 for Grs 3 – 6

Fun Run 9 – 11 for F - 2

FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2018 Prep Tours 12.30pm

*World's Greatest Shave Day – Free Dress (dress in
either purple, green, blue or pink and bring a gold
coin donation (See page 7)*

WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH

Finance 7pm and School Council Meeting 7.30pm

THURSDAY 23 MARCH

5/6 Incursion – Chris's Zoo

FRIDAY 24 MARCH

F – 4 Incursion Chris's Zoo

SATURDAY 25 MARCH

Warrandyte Festival Parade

SUNDAY 26 MARCH

Warrandyte Festival (Kids Market etc)

FRIDAY 31 MARCH End Term 1 2.30pm

TUESDAY 18 APRIL Term 2 commences

WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL

Photo Day

WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL

Finance 7pm and School Council Meeting 7.30pm

TUESDAY 25 APRIL

Anzac Day – No pupils at school

MONDAY 1 MAY

District Cross Country

WEDNESDAY 3 & FRIDAY 5 MAY

Japanese Drumming Group here

TUESDAY 9 MAY – NAPLAN (Writing)

WEDNESDAY 10 MAY – NAPLAN (Reading)

THURSDAY 11 MAY – NAPLAN (Numeracy)

HEAD LICE – 3/4J, 3/4KS & 5/6S

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Creativity

Achievement

Respect

Encouragement

Head Lice

It has come to my attention that some students in the school may have head lice and I seek your cooperation in checking your child's hair this week.

Head lice do not transmit infectious diseases – they are transmitted by having head to head contact with someone who has head lice. You may be reassured to know that head lice are commonly found in places other than at **Warrandyte Primary School**. Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on humans for 10,000 years!!!!

What can you do?

I seek your cooperation in checking your child's hair and in those instances where head lice or eggs are found, treating your child's hair.

If head lice or eggs are found on your child's hair you need to inform:

- the school and advise when the treatment has started
- parents or carers of your child's friends so they too have the opportunity to detect and treat their children if necessary.

When can my child return to school?

Health regulations requires that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until the day after appropriate treatment has started. Please note, this refers only to those children who have live head lice and does not refer to head lice eggs.

Warrandyte Primary School is aware that head lice can be a sensitive issue and is committed to maintaining your confidentiality.

Very Important to Note!

Warrandyte Primary School
will **CLOSE** on
EXTREME or **CODE RED**
fire rating days.

The Oval Work Has Started

Last weekend the first of 2 Working Bees was held to build a retaining wall around the school oval. The old sleepers were pulled out, holes were dug and the uprights were put in place to be set. It was a fantastic team effort and our parents were absolutely outstanding. Their knowledge, resources and muscle ensured that the work was completed to a high standard. I would like to thank all of the parents who attended and worked very hard.

Our next Working Bee will be this **Saturday 4 March**. The goal is to build the retaining walls, backfill, plant and mulch. We have several parents from the first Working Bee who are returning to complete the works and welcome anyone else who is able to help out.

Enrolment for Prep 2018

Prep enrolments for 2018 are now open. To be eligible to enrol for Prep 2018, your child will need to turn 5 years of age by 30 April 2018.

School Tours

In order to assist you in making this very important and exciting decision, we have arranged the following school tour dates. These will enable you to see the school at work and to ask questions of

the Principal, teachers and students. Please call our office staff to make a booking. Tours will leave promptly from the school office.

Term 1

Thursday 9 March at 10:00am and Friday 17 March at 12:30pm

Tour Dates for Term 2 will be announced later in the term. Enrolment forms may be collected from the school office or downloaded and sent to the school.

Documentation required includes:

- a completed 2018 Enrolment Form
- a copy of the child's birth certificate or passport
- an immunisation certificate (this can be added later as the vaccinations are completed)

Enrolments will be confirmed by the Principal.

Curriculum Day

On March 14 there will be a Curriculum Day. This is the day after the Labour Day Long Weekend. The teachers will be focusing on a school goal around maths.

Student Leadership Program 2017

I would like to take this opportunity to complement all of the Grade 6 students on their leadership roles and the initiative they have shown so far. The concept of school leadership has grown considerably over the last years. We have such a diversity of leadership roles and this has been very encouraging as students learn how to lead. We want to encourage student voice and school pride and this is certainly the case when considering the work our Grade 6 students have done so far.

Our **Chess Club Leader** has created a 'Board Games Club' which is being run in the Bampi at lunch time each Wednesday. This has had fantastic attendance to date.

Our **School Leaders** are now running Assembly with a highly organised PowerPoint presentation to engage and guide the school.

Our **SRC (Student Representative Council)** are actively encouraging student voice. They have developed a survey to give to students with some fantastic questions including;

1. How can we hear more about what you want?
2. Do you have any ideas to make our school better?
3. What are the most important things about our school?
4. What do you enjoy at school?
5. What should we do more of?

Our **Science Leaders** have worked together with teachers and students to introduce Tony the Turtle to our Prep classroom. They coordinate feeding times for Tony and our Stick Insects.

Our **Sport Captains** have shown excellent organisation whilst completing their responsibilities.

It has been fantastic to have so many Grade 6 students organising meeting times with teachers and myself as they work on new ideas as part of their leadership. Congratulations.

School Council Elections

School Council Elections are in full swing. Last week families will have received 'Ballot Papers' with a list of those parents who have nominated. Already we have had so many of these returned which is fantastic. Ballot Papers are to be returned by Monday 6 March by 4:00 pm. On the next page there is a timeline explaining the process upon closure of the ballot.

1. Vote count – Monday 6 March
2. Declaration of poll – Tuesday 7 March
3. Special Council Meeting to co-opt Community members (the Principal will preside) – Wednesday 22 March
4. First Council Meeting to elect office bearers (the Principal will preside) – Wednesday 22 March

It is fantastic to have such an active and enthusiastic community. This is very encouraging and shows what a great school community we are a part of.



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Rick Griffiths
Acting Principal

School Council Report

School Council met on Wednesday 22 February and I am also reporting on the previous meeting from November 23 2016.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

School council members have overseen some major changes to the physical aspects of the school across 2016 and it appears this will be continuing in 2017.

Congratulations Warrandyte Primary – our school has been granted \$127,000 by the Department to spend on refurbishment of our school facilities. The money is to be directed to areas that were highlighted in the most recent condition assessment.

The 2016 major renovation to the main school building (awaiting final sign off with the builders) did have some areas that were unable to be funded in the final costs and School Council will look at these plans when considering priority areas.

Over the school holidays the floor covering in the Bampi building was replaced. The replacement was again funded by the Department as it was due to problems in the original design.

The School Oval refurbishment is underway and retaining walls are currently under construction. The major works will occur in the April school holidays. Thanks to all of the volunteers many of whom also donated the use of serious equipment to construct the retaining wall for the oval. Thanks to Yvette Harbinson who has driven this project.

You may have also noticed a few changes to the siting of the mosaic murals around the school. Thanks to the staff and parents who got these back up in a prominent location.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Warrandyte Primary has been participating in all relevant local area planning. The school will NOT be open on Extreme or Code Red days. Discussion occurred as to how best to ensure all parents are aware of this policy.

This policy is consistent with other schools in our area.

Snake response has also recently been added to emergency management and in late 2016 Jenny provided training to staff around snakebite first aid.

Over the holidays Warrandyte Primary has undergone an assessment of bushfire risk and will receive funding for anything required to ensure that the 'shelter in place' plans are adequate to our children's safety.

EDUCATION

Rick presented a draft copy of the 2017 Annual Implementation Plan. School Council will review this at the next meeting.

School Council heard about the upcoming Japan Trip occurring in September. Students applied in September last year to attend and two students from WPS will be attending, along with students from a partner school.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

School Council heard about some big changes at the Out of School Hours Care including looking at increasing the capacity of the program in terms of student numbers, and increasing staffing where required to support the continued growth in this very popular program. Thanks to Coralie and the staff for keeping School Council up to date as the changes progress.

FIONA YOUNG, ON BEHALF OF SCHOOL COUNCIL

Friends of WPS

The term is rapidly passing and we have many projects on the go. Thankfully we have many hands to share the work. See below for the people leading various events and feel free to approach them if you want to help out.

OVAL (COORDINATOR: YVETTE)

Thank you to all the families who attended the Oval Working Bee. It is amazing how much skill and experience we have within our school community.

The next event on the FOWPS calendar is...

WARRANDYTE FESTIVAL SATURDAY 25 and SUNDAY 26 MARCH

(Coordinator: Wendy)

Friends of WPS, as usual, will be running a cake and fairy floss stall over the 2 days. As well as being a fabulous community event, this is a major fundraiser for our school. Please save the date and think about a time that might suit you to help on our school stall. Notes will go home in early March regarding the baked goods and volunteering.

EASTER RAFFLE (Coordinator: Shelley)

Leading up to Easter there will be an in-class Easter Egg Raffle. Students will be able to purchase a ticket for \$2.

WPS TRIVIA NIGHT FRIDAY 2 JUNE

(Coordinator: Meg)

The annual Trivia Night and Silent Auction promises to be a super night and another major fundraiser for the year. If you are in a position to donate a prize...or know someone who might, please let Meg know.

WPS ON FACEBOOK

If you are a Facebook user you might be interested to know that there are two Warrandyte Primary groups; a general school information one, 'Warrandyte Primary School', and a 'Friends of Warrandyte Primary School' group. Please feel welcome to join both!

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Before & After Care News



CURRICULUM DAY TUESDAY 14 MARCH

We have a fun filled day planned (we are off to the jungle). If you need care for your child please let Coralie or the office know before **THURSDAY 9 MARCH.**

We're using lots of recycled items in our crafts of late. Check out the Facebook page.

URGENT

Does anyone have any ZhuZhu pets (battery operated guinea pigs) that their children no longer use as we would love them at



Aftercare?

CORALIE



Hello Everyone! It's that time again... The Warrandyte Festival is this month and the theme for this year is, 'Celebrating 40 years', since 1977. The students are still working on how we will represent the theme, but when a decision has been made, I will be sure to send out more information, detailing what we'll be doing on the day. I am wondering if there are any generous people, who could volunteer their time to decorate the truck? Depending on the weather, it might be possible to decorate it, after school on the Friday night, before the festival... If you're free, send a quick email to:
chivell.stephanie.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

Fingers crossed it will be a beautiful sunny day, as opposed to the record rain we had last year!!

STEPH

Sport News

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY/FUN RUN THURSDAY 16 MARCH



I am able to help at the:
(Circle only one)

Cross Country (Grades 3 – 6) YES

OR

Fun Run (F – 2) YES

NAME:

Child's Name:

Grade:

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

We have a HOME game against Anderson's Creek PS this Thursday. Softball and Cricket are played at Warrandyte Reserve and Rounders and Bat Tennis are played at school. Students are to remember correct uniform, hats and drink bottles. A big thank you to Nat Dunkley who has volunteered to drive our equipment down to the oval for our games. Thank you to Judith Lightfoot for driving it back last week. Please let me know if you are able to help. Thank you.

SALLY



Hi everybody I'm **KYAN IN 5/6R**. I'm colouring my hair for the **World's Greatest Shave**. I'm either going *purple, green, blue or pink*.

Please make a **gold coin** donation and wear **Free Dress (dress in the colour you would like the hair colour to be) on Friday March 17** and you will see the winning colour on Monday 20 March.

Thank you **KYAN**

Henhouse Helpers



The **Henhouse Helper** next week is the **Close family (again)**.

If there are any families who would love to be included on the **Henhouse Roster** (you get to keep the eggs) then please ring Yvette Harbinson on 0416 020 088. **DOREEN**

Sick Bay Laundry



Sally Marshall is the lucky mum this week. She is entitled to come up and change the linen and return it next week all fresh for us.

DOREEN & CHERISE



HELP NEEDED

Support your club
Show your Warrandyte spirit!

SUNDAY 5 MARCH

Be part of the community who will band together to make "Run Warrandyte" a success and support our local sporting clubs.

If you are not running on the day, you can still take part. Many volunteers are needed for this event to run smoothly.

Please assist the Netball club by volunteering for one of the many marshalling positions required.

Please click on the link below and tick that you are part of the Marshalling (WNC)

REGISTER NOW



Kids Market

Come along to the Warrandyte Festival's Kid's Market where you can show and sell your smart handy crafts, clever arts and cooking skills! Enter for your chance to win one of four awards for sustainability, baking, charity or creativity. Each award winner receives a trophy and has their name and photo published in the Warrandyte Diary!

Sunday March 26 from 10:30am-12:30pm
Stiggants Reserve Warrandyte

(Upper Reserve adjacent to Main Stage)

Application Forms/Details?

(Some forms at office - green)

<http://www.warrandytefestival.org/>

participants/application-form/kids-market-2017

Registration: \$10

Student Banking

Warrandyte Community Bank's Community Relationship Manager, Cheryl Meikle has spent the last month visiting Warrandyte Primary School, opening student bank accounts and providing information to parents about all the different banking products our local bank has to offer.

Cheryl would like to thank all the children and families who stopped by to say hello and find out more. She was especially thrilled to see the smiley faces of our students "who have the best manners and wonderful enthusiasm for saving".

If you missed Cheryl at school but would like to open a student banking account Cheryl and the staff would be more than happy to help. Drop into the branch at 144 Yarra St, Warrandyte. Remember, the more banking we do at our local community bank the more funds available to return to our school and the whole community - \$2.4 million to date.

Parent volunteer needed: To collect student banking from the office one morning per week at 9am and deliver to Warrandyte Community Bank for depositing in the branch. You choose which day of the week suits you. There will be no need to wait while the funds are being processed. Bank staff will return student banking packs to the office. Please let Doreen in the school office know if you are willing / available to assist with this. Many thanks. **DEE DICKSON**

NEW SCHOOL OVAL RETAINING WALL WORKING BEE

The new oval resurfacing will be under construction very soon, which is very exciting!

As this is a huge expense, we are committed to completing as much as we can by ourselves.... with the help of our fantastic community - that's you!

One of the jobs that needs doing is to **build a retaining wall** to replace the old one. This needs to be completed before any turf work commences so we will be holding a Working Bee for this job on both the following dates:

Saturday 4 March



Iain Murray has very kindly volunteered his time and machinery and materials at cost to make this happen. We currently have a few builders helping but we do need more. This is really a job for men as it will involve a lot of heavy lifting, sawing, machinery work etc...women are more than welcome to come and help but just have to have some strength and knowhow!

Also if you have any of the following tools, please bring them along:

- Excavator & auger
- Cement mixers
- Wheel barrows
- Post hole shovels
- Bobcat and pallet forks
- Power leads
- Water hoses
- Cordless drills
- Laser level
- Set out paint
- Circular saws
- Tape measures

ALSO ON THIS DAY BETWEEN 10am & 1pm we will need extra support (maybe the ladies) to plant out 500 donated tube plants. Thanks to Iain Murray for donating these plants.

Please ring me - **Yvette Harbinson** if you are able to help out.

Thanks so much - 0416 020 088

