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*Warrandyte Primary School's
Weekly Newsletter*



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School Calendar



THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER

Year 6 Graduation

FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER

Final assembly (farewell to Grade 6 students)

12.45pm

School Finishes at 1.30pm

No Canteen Today

2018

WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY

Years 1-6 Commence

FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY

Foundation Students Commence

MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY

Swimming Carnival at Aquarena

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Creativity

Achievement

Respect

Encouragement

Farewell

Tomorrow we farewell some staff members who will not be at Warrandyte in 2018.

As you would all be aware, Coralie has decided to 'hang up the boots' after a long association with the school. Coralie has made an outstanding contribution to the school over many years and we have been very privileged to have her lead our OHSC program at Warrandyte. Her commitment and passion for education and her ability to relate to children is second to none. Congratulations Coralie on a wonderful career and all the very best for your retirement.

A sincere thank you also to Gill Prescott, for her contribution to Warrandyte PS and the work she has done in both 5/6 and 1/2 this year. We also wish Meryl all the best for her long service leave in 2018. After many years in the classroom and also as a Leading Teacher, a well-deserved break is overdue.

We also say 'Goodbye and Good Luck' to our Year 6 students. We have the opportunity on Thursday night at the Graduation Dinner and Presentation ceremony to farewell these students and acknowledge their individual and collective contribution to Warrandyte Primary School over the past seven years.

Sincere thanks to all staff who have contributed to our graduation evening - Year 6 teachers, Meryl, Sarah and Rick as too, all teachers who have had input along our Year 6 students' journey.

Thank you for the fantastic support from the Year 6 parent helpers and Graduation Committee who have made a most significant contribution to this year's graduation, assisting with outstanding hall decorations, preparing and serving the food, setting up and clearing the hall. Thanks also to Kirsty for assisting Year 6 teachers with preparing graduation dances.

Congratulations to all Year 6 students for the way you have presented and conducted yourself throughout 2017. We will say a final goodbye at Friday's Assembly.

A number of families will conclude their association with Warrandyte Primary School as their child graduates this year. Our best wishes and thanks go to these families for their support and assistance over the years.

I would like to express my appreciation to all School Councillors for their support and advice throughout the 2017 school year. Your hard work and dedication to your role may go unnoticed by many but behind the scenes you play a vital role in the success of the school. I would especially like to thank Carolyn Curnow for her support of the school and her positive and passionate leadership of School Council.

Thank you to all parents of the school. I have been most impressed with your efforts in supporting the school and the wonderful sense of community that we have at Warrandyte that ensuring that our school continues to be the learning community that it is.

Finally, a sincere thank you to all of the staff for their unwavering support, commitment and expertise that they bring to Warrandyte Primary School every day. Thank you, your work does not go unnoticed!

Next year promises to be an exciting one and I look forward to everyone joining together to ensure that we provide learning opportunities for all at Warrandyte Primary School.

Final Assembly

Our final Assembly for the year will commence at 12.45pm. A feature of this year's final Assembly will be the 'handing over' and announcement of House Captains for 2018. It will also give the opportunity for the school to farewell our graduating class of 2017.

Staffing 2018

Our staff for 2018 has now been finalised. It's very exciting to welcome four new staff members to our team. Kiah, Jayde, Jack and Sally will all join Warrandyte Primary School next year. The students get the opportunity to meet these new staff members on Thursday when they spend some time in their 2018 classes.

Classroom

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| Prep | Kiah Waqanivalu |
| Prep | Kylie Lewis |
| 1/2 | Jo Fecondo |
| 1/2 | Katie Penhalluriak / Sally Martin |
| 3/4 | Jenny McDonell |
| 3/4 | Cathie Brooks / Sally Freemantle |
| 3/4 | Jack Lavery |
| 5/6 | Rick Griffiths |

5/6 Sarah Kelly
5/6 Jayde Cairns

Specialists

Visual Arts Steph Chivell
Performing Arts Kirsty Wolters
Physical Education Sally Freemantle
Japanese Tracey Maile

Support Staff

Penny Macdonald, Leanne Price, Cathy Lucas

Admin

Cherise Hird, Wendy Farr, Penny Macdonald

Uniform

Early next year we will be revising our school uniform policy. Until this is reviewed, we are asking that families with students in Year Prep-4 do not order a senior school sports top.

Collection of Used Stationary

Our two school captains, Lily and Scout are collecting any stationery from students that is still in good working order so that they can donate it to a worthwhile charity. They have placed a box outside the desk at the front office to place your items in.

Congratulations

On Sunday evening, I was invited to attend 'Christmas with the National Boys Choir of Australia' at Hamer Hall. One of our students, Jasper (5/6S) was performing as part of the choir. Unfortunately, Jasper had injured his arm at school the previous week and had a real challenge to hold his song book, but he didn't let this little challenge stop him. Congratulations Jasper on your singing and your commitment to the choir.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone associated with Warrandyte Primary School a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Enjoy the festive season and have a relaxing and safe holiday.

Thought for the Week



Craig Crouch
Principal ☺

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Before & After Care News



OSHC 2018

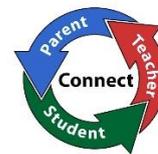
Enrolment forms are now available at the office or aftercare. Bookings for 2018 are also being taken. Staff will resume on 29 January and you can ring then if you need to book in for the first day, Wednesday 31 January.

Accounts were issued this week, if you did not receive yours please contact me as it would be greatly appreciated if all accounts could be finalised by Friday.

A last farewell to all my families. I will miss you all.

CORALIE

FOWPS News



FOWPS Update

Wow, what a year! Fiona and I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents and helpers who supported the FOWPS activities this year. Not only have we raised useful funds, but these create great opportunities to make new friends in the school community and we really value all of your time and energy. We also want to thank the WPS staff, especially Cherise, Wendy and Doreen in the office for their support and Stef for organising the art work for the Christmas Art Fundraiser.

WPS Carols

The Carols was a beautiful evening made even better with those delicious berries and amazing ice cream. A huge call out to the Berry Farm and Quinton's IGA for their generous support every year, and to all of the people who donated items for the raffle. Well done Deanna for taking the lead in organising the food and to the parents who helped on the night; it was a huge success.

Kids Art Works – Student Art Fundraiser

The art work fundraiser has been split into 2 groups. Group 1 closed on Sunday night and those who managed to place an order will have it by Friday. Those who missed the cut off or whose artwork was not available in the first batch have until Friday 22 December to place

an order using the same code. This second batch will be delivered in the first week of school in 2018.

Note, the second batch have the facility to upload their own photo for printing, which wasn't an option for the first group.

FOWPS Change of Guard

Fiona and I will hand over the coordinator role/s to another parent/s early in the New Year. If you are interested in taking a leading role in the FOWPS group we would love to have a chat.

Finally, a big thank you to Fiona for all of your time and passion for WPS amidst the business of family and work. It has been a pleasure working with you.

We both wish all of your families a happy and safe holiday,

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Fiona Young – Co-Coordinator
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School Council Report

A representative from an Out of School Hours Care program came in to present their offer to council as options are being discussed for 2018 now that Coralie is retiring.

The Finance Committee have completed the budget process for 2018. Workforce planning has been completed and as outlined on the previous newsletter, there are 10 classes allocated for 2018. Two new staff members will be joining the WPS team. All classes will be composite for the exception of Foundation.

A decision has been made between the Department; the CSIRO and WPS to relocate WPS on an Extreme Fire Danger Day to Templestowe Heights Primary School. Those parents who choose for their children to attend Templestowe Heights on an Extreme Fire

Danger Day are required to transport their children to and from that location. There will be no school bus operating on an Extreme Fire Danger Day and there will be no OSHC.

Mobile phone applications for school/parent communication were discussed and the importance of a "read/accepted" response on the app for when emergency messages are sent out.

School data and the Annual Implementation Plan was shown including the NAPLAN results, Attitudes to School survey; Parent Opinion survey; School Performance report; Staff Opinion survey.

Results from the Attitudes to School were of particular interest making this a focus for classroom and whole-school environment in 2018.

The last working bee was another great success. Buildings and Grounds committee are looking toward future projects for 2018 dependent on funding and donations and of course, good turn outs during working bees. The lack of funds towards building and grounds is also a constant struggle to get things done.

The Communications committee reported that the Warrandyte Diary had six articles relating to WPS last month thanks to Tracy Maile; such a brilliant form of advertising for the school! The notice board at IGA is being well maintained and updated with current news and events. The Facebook page and website are running smoothly.

FOWPS are able to confirm \$14,000 has been raised in 2017. They are now busily preparing for the Christmas Carols and putting a call-out to anyone who might be interested in taking on the role as FOWPS co-ordinator for 2018.

Kate Khazour

Performing Arts News

A fabulous night!

Many thanks to all families who came along to support our Christmas carols last Wednesday – the students loved sharing their songs and getting into the Christmas spirit! We were lucky to have a beautiful summer's evening and a serene Warrandyte bush backdrop for our outside stage. Thanks again to everyone who helped make the evening possible, including FOWPS, our soon-to-be-retired hosts Coralie and Doreen, sound & lighting technicians Sam & Liam, Kevin O'Mara, Lucy Rogers, Kevin Jones, the families who attended the grass cutting working bee and all our wonderful teaching staff.



Junior Choir

Congratulations to the Junior Choir who last Thursday performed for local kindergarten children at Warrandyte and Yarra Warra Pre-Schools. For many of the students it was their first visit back to their old pre-schools since starting at WPS. Their excitement and pride in their singing was obvious to all! Thank you to the staff at both Pre-Schools for welcoming us so warmly and for sharing some of your own fun Christmas songs.

WICKED, The Musical – Discounted tickets

I have a limited number of half-price tickets (A reserve) to the January performances of 'Wicked' at the National Theatre (\$24.50 instead of \$49). If you are interested in seeing this quality production by YABC, please contact me by Friday.

THANK YOU, parent helpers!

Finally, many thanks to all the parents who have supported the Performing Arts program at Warrandyte Primary School this year. To those who have transported students to State Schools Spectacular rehearsals and performances, "Annie Jr" costume fitters and parents who have visited the classroom to share their musical talents with our students – your help has been most appreciated by me and students. We are one of very few Government schools in Victoria which offer so many annual Performing Arts experiences for our students, including an annual production/concert, performances at a community festival, involvement in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular and a whole school Christmas carols night.

KIRSTY

Sick Bay Laundry

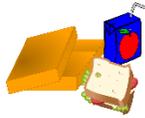


Carmen Greenhill is the lucky mum this week. She is entitled to come up and change the linen and return it next year all fresh for us.

Found

A large number of toys were left in the gazebo near the art room. If they are yours they can be collected from the office.

Canteen News



A reminder to parents, please double check coins that are put into lunch order bags. Just in past weeks I am short almost \$5 as I received New Zealand coins. The canteen does not make a lot of money and every time I receive foreign coins it has a huge impact on my costs.

I would really appreciate your assistance with this.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all WPS families a very Merry Christmas and a Safe & Happy New Year.

Please Note the Canteen will NOT be open on the last day, Friday 22 December.

Warrandyte Bridge Safety Improvement Project

Bridge works are scheduled to begin in mid January 2018 and are expected to be completed by September 2018. For further information about this project visit www.vicroads.vic.gov.au and search 'Warrandyte Bridge'.

In order to receive the most up to date information on the project you can subscribe to the e-newsletter by sending your details to mnw.communications@vic.gov.au or call Jacqueline Novoselac VicRoads Strategic Engagement Coordinator on 0459 875 551.

Sport News



House Swimming Carnival

The house swimming carnival is being held at Aquarena, Williamsons Rd, Doncaster on Monday 5 February, **not** Monday 6 February as stated in the previous notice that went home. Students need to return their signed event sheets before the end of this week. If you are able to help on the day please fill in the slip below.

House Swimming Carnival



I am able to help

NAME:

Phone No:

My child's name:

Grade:

Lost Property

Please come and check lost property before the end of the year! Any items not collected will be donated or disposed of.

Thanks

SALLY



JAM HOT MUSIC CONCERT

PERFORMANCE DATE : Friday 22 December, 11-11.30am at Warrandyte Primary School.

Students will perform hits from Bruno Mars, AC/DC, Ed Sheeran & Katie Perry and a percussion ensemble.

Please bring your best Outfit in a bag to school on the day

Enquiries please contact

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