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*Warrandyte Primary School's
Weekly Newsletter*



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School Calendar

2017 CONCERT ANNIE JR. Friday AUGUST 4

WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE

Finance 7pm and School Council Meeting 7.30pm

MONDAY 19 to WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE

F-2 Swimming Program

MONDAY 26 JUNE

5/6 Tent City

THURSDAY 29 JUNE

3 Way Conference – Pupil Free Day

Grade 6 Cast-Annie Jnr Rehearsal

FRIDAY 30 JUNE

Free Dress-Gold Coin Donation-Red Nose Day

Term 2 ends 2.30pm

MONDAY 17 JULY

Commence Term 3

THURSDAY 20 JULY

Dist Teeball & Netball

FRIDAY 21 JULY

2.15pm Stepping Stones for 2018 Preps – Art

WEDNESDAY 26 to FRIDAY 28 JULY

Gr 3/4 Camp to Mt Evelyn

TUESDAY 1 AUGUST

ICAS English

FRIDAY 4 AUGUST

Concert Rehearsal at George Wood Centre all day

Concert at George Wood Centre start 7.30pm

TUESDAY 8 AUGUST

SSS Rehearsal at Macleod

Foundation '100' Day Celebration

FRIDAY 11 AUGUST

2.15pm Stepping Stones for 2018 Preps-Performing

Arts

TUESDAY 15 AUGUST

ICAS Maths

WEDNESDAY 16-FRIDAY 18 AUGUST

Gr 5/6 Camp to Rumbug

WEDNESDAY 23 AUGUST

Finance 7pm and School Council Meeting 7.30pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL OUR SCHOOL VALUES

**Creativity
Achievement
Respect
Encouragement**

June Reports

You may notice some changes to our student reports this semester in line with the implementation of the new Victorian Curriculum in all government and Catholic schools from the beginning of 2017. The Victorian Curriculum replaces the previous AusVELS curriculum.

As a result, schools now have the flexibility to design their reports to show each student's learning progress. We have endeavoured to provide a report that best meets the needs of our school community.

The Victorian Curriculum is structured as a single developmental learning continuum and is organised by levels not years of schooling. The curriculum consists of Towards Foundation Levels A to D and Levels Foundation to 10. All curriculum areas have achievement standards, describing what students are able to understand and do.

All students are able to progress along the learning continuum at their own rate and from their own starting point. Students are taught at the level that suits their needs, rather than just the year level and age group they are in.

Teachers provide learning opportunities to support the learning for all students, including those students with additional learning needs or a disability.

Please keep in mind that as this is a new curriculum this report is not designed nor should be compared to previous years' reports, however student progress in English and Mathematics will be shown in Semester 1 reports as these learning areas were introduced in 2016. For all other curriculum areas being introduced with the new curriculum, student progress can only be shown in reports from Semester 2, 2017 onwards.

One of the changes in curriculum means that students are required to be performing 18 months ahead to receive an 'A' rather than the previous 12 months. To avoid confusion and place more of a focus on individual growth we have removed the A – E letter grading. As with the many schools also adopting this change, students will still have the curriculum score shown as a dot on a pictorial continuum, clearly capturing at a glance their results compared to the expected level of achievement. Reports will be sent home on Tuesday 27 June and Three Way Conferences will be held on Thursday 29 June. A reminder that Thursday 29 June is a pupil free day. If you have any concerns or issues relating to reports, please contact myself at the school or your child's classroom teacher.

NEVR (North Eastern Victoria Region) Principal Forum

On Monday and Tuesday, I attended our region's Principal Forum at the Melbourne Convention Centre. The two days focused on education reform and the Victorian Government vision to create school environments that promote excellence and inspire pride. The forum allowed for Principals to connect, collaborate and explore purposeful direction to ensure high impact teaching practices are in place to maximise student learning. A number of keynote presenters from around the world, provided evidence based research on school systems that provide exemplar practices in teaching and learning. I look forward to sharing some of these practices with staff to ensure that at Warrandyte PS we implement best practice to improve learning outcomes for all of our students.

Local MP visits Warrandyte Primary School

Last week we had a visit from our local parliament member, Mr. Ryan Smith. Ryan and I spoke about a number of ideas and options for the school and ways he can best support Warrandyte Primary School. Ryan also came bearing gifts, providing a poster for each student of the 12 times tables. Students will bring these home this week. Please find a place at home to display the tables and ensure that students practise them as automatic recall of the tables will make maths that little bit easier.

Congratulations

- Cross country runners, Jamie, Jacob and Henry who competed in the Regional Cross Country Championships this week in Yarra Glen. This is a terrific achievement and the boys should be very proud of their efforts.
- Year 3/4 students for their excellent efforts in the Hoop Time competition
- P-2 students who completed their first week of swimming
- Families who assisted in the working bee on Saturday, thank you

Thought for the Week

Education is the most powerful weapon that you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela

Have a great week.

Craig Crouch
Principal ☺



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Friends of WPS

MOVIE NIGHT

Last Friday saw another fantastic movie at WPS, with all that attended walking away with a 'Troll' groove in their step and a bag full of goodies.

Such events don't go ahead without a great parent group. Special thanks to all the helpers leading up to movie night and on the day/night: Carrie Campbell, Carolyn Curnow, Rachael Curtis, Sarah Parker, Deanna Whitehouse, Maddie Taylor and Nat Dunkley.

A special thanks to Tim Curnow for setting up the projector and sound system and to James Kempster for supplying the sound system.

Another big shout out to the Grade Six students that stepped up and ran the drawing comp, unassisted. It is just another example of how much respect the WPS students, both young and old, have for each other.

Lastly, thanks to all the kids and families for coming along to Family Movie Night. Looking forward to next year's movie night already.

WANTED : VOLUNTEER OR CATERER TO RUN THE FATHER'S DAY

Unfortunately, all of our usual suspects are unavailable to cater for the Father's Day breakfast at school. Last year this was a hugely successful event and it would be a pity to not

have one this year. Yvette has lined up some **AFL players** to come along. To ensure we can hold this event we are looking for a **volunteer** to organise the food **or** a **caterer** we can employ to cook breakfast. If you are interested or know of anyone suitable please let Yvette, Liz, Jacinta, Meg or Fiona know.

Thanks for your ongoing support of our great school.

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR DONATION OPPORTUNITY

Thanks to the overwhelming support of school families and the local community, our students are enjoying a wonderful newly resurfaced oval! The second phase of this project is to provide goals, seating and storage for sports equipment, as well as completing landscaping to provide accessible pathways to our new oval. Friends of WPS are continuing to fundraise for this project through the Australian Sports Foundation. Should you wish to make a tax-deductible donation, please go to :

<https://asf.org.au/projects/warrandyte-primary-school/>

or enquire at the school office.

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Currawong Excursion

Last Tuesday 13 June the Grade 4 Students attended an excursion provided by Manningham Council at Currawong Bush Park. They really enjoyed the experience and learnt a lot about being environmental leaders in our community. They participated in 4 separate activities that you can read about below.

SURVIVAL

We went on a survival walk in the bushland. Firstly we stopped at a log, flipped it over and investigated the leaf litter. We found millipedes, slaters and centipedes. We learnt that some slaters roll to survive and some flee. Next we learnt about building lizard lounges to provide habitat for our native lizards. Then we played a game of lizard survival. Firstly we had 13 large steps we could take to find a hiding spot away from the kookaburra. A few of us were caught. Next, to show the impact of reduced habitat, we were only able to take 5 steps. Naturally more of us were caught. We also had a few minutes to build some huts that would keep us dry. Last but not least was the scar tree. I found it pretty amazing. We learned how the Wurundjeri survived and a bit about their culture.

We all enjoyed the worthwhile walk.

CAMERON

RECYCLING

The Grade 4's faced the challenge of recycling by having to place something on the floor in either the garden waste, general waste or recycling bins. After the sorting we talked about the types of materials we can recycle.

Some suggestions were to:

- Take unwanted toys and clothes to the op shop
- Recycle batteries at the correct place as they are not allowed in any of the bins. There is a local recycling spot at our local Aldi.

- The Warrandyte Uniting Church and the Manningham Council run recycling days twice yearly. You are able to take things like old computers to be recycled.

The Grade 4's enjoyed learning how to recycle properly and hopefully will pass it on.

MAX

LEADERSHIP

We all thought we were not going to survive the millipede challenge. It is a trust game where everyone, except the leader, shuts their eyes. Our hands were placed on the shoulders of the person in front. To direct the person in front you would tap them on the shoulder on the same side you wanted them to turn. Our challenge was to reach the tree a couple of hundred metres away. We had to open our eyes a few times but all made it there.

During the orienteering challenge we learnt to trust our classmates and stick together. It was so much fun.

JARRAH

On Tuesday 13th June we went to Currawong Bush Park and we did an activity called Chris's Zoo. It was an activity where people brought real animals to show us and we were able to hold them. The animals included: koalas, tawny frogmouths, lorikeets, turtles, a banjo frog, sugar gliders, an owl, a goanna, a diamond python, an eastern python and a blue tongue lizard. The koala was as soft as wool. It was a fabulous day!

MAGGIE

Cathie and I would like to thank the parents that attended, Katrina Bennett, Natalie Callow, Tania Porter and Carrie Campbell. We would also like to congratulate the students on their enthusiasm, participation and excellent behaviour.

Spiny Leaf Stick Insects for Sale



We have successfully been raising spiny leaf insects and would like to sell some to support our science program.

At this stage they are about 3-4 cm in length. They are easy and cheap to care for as they just need local eucalyptus leaves to eat. The main cost is an enclosure.

The Australian Museum has an excellent information website which should answer all of your questions.

<https://australianmuseum.net.au/care-of-stick-insects>

The cost will be \$5.00 for 2 insects.

It would be great if we could organise the sale before the upcoming holidays.

Please contact Jenny 3/4J if you have any queries.

JENNY

Sick Bay Laundry



Kylie Dunscombe 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.

CHERISE

Sport News

Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to Henry & Jacob (Gr 3) and Jamie (Gr 5) who competed yesterday at Regional Cross Country at Yarra Glen Racecourse. All boys finished mid 40 from a field of 80! Great Effort!

Results: Henry – 42, Jacob – 45 & Jamie – 48.

Interschool Sport

Our weekly interschool sport competition has now finished for the year. A BIG thank you to Michelle Parker, Jason & Yvette Harbinson who helped coach/umpire the soccer team. Unfortunately none of our teams from this competition made finals.

AFL Visit

Next Tuesday, 27 June, we will be having 2 Hawthorn players visit the school to speak to the level 3/4 students about nutrition and a healthy diet. This will happen from 2.30-3.30pm.

Soccer and Football Uniforms

Could these uniforms please be washed and returned to school ASAP at which time the \$20 deposit will be returned to you. Thank you.

SALLY

Before & After Care News



PUPIL FREE DAY/3 WAY CONFERENCES – THURSDAY 29 JUNE

Wow! 26 Children are booked in for the pupil free day on Thursday 29 June.

We have a day full of fun activities plus we are providing Fish'n'Chips for lunch (what else would you eat on a 'Sun, Surf, Sand & Sea' Day). Don't forget your towel, morning & afternoon tea.

Bookings close this Friday, only 4 places left! (Everyone that has booked already **definitely** has a place).

The day operates from 7.15am – 6.30pm, and costs \$40. Your usual CCB rebates will apply.

Please Note : Cancellations made after this date will incur a late cancellation fee.

Accounts have been emailed/sent home this week and your prompt payment would be greatly appreciated.

CORALIE

Found

Last Friday a fidget spinner was left on our school bus, and a phone charger was found in the kitchen of the old multi-purpose hall.

Please see me at the office if either item belongs to you.

CHERISE

Henhouse Helpers



The Henhouse Helper for next week is the **Tobin Family**. 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.

CHERISE



In September 2014 our family experienced the unimaginable loss of a baby, our son Hudson. He was born at 8 months gestation; beautiful, perfect ... and still.

Red Nose (formally SIDS and Kids) provided our family with a wealth of support and helped us navigate our way through the tremendous grief that has followed. Today, Red Nose focus much of their resources on finding an answer to sudden and unexplained stillbirth, such as ours. In honour of their brother, Scout, Ella and Bridie would like to raise as much money as possible to support this amazing charity. You can help by ...

- Wearing free dress June 30: gold coin donation
- Purchasing Red Nose Products available at the office
- Buying a cupcake on June 30

Thank you for your support,
The Parker family





YARRA WARRA PRE SCHOOL 3 & 4 year old vacancies

Connect with your community

Yarra Warra provides a stimulating, safe and nurturing program that addresses the developmental needs of the 'whole' child. Spontaneity, risk taking and discovery are all part of the daily fun at Yarra Warra with sessions that are lead and inspired by our exemplary teachers, in our unique environment of flexible indoor and outdoor areas.

Our kinder families cumulate from both sides of the river, encouraging friendships for life within our community.

Bush Kinder program

Bush Kinder sessions are part of the four year old program and is filled with a variety of learning areas to explore and learn more about our natural environment, sustainability, ecosystems and the native flora and fauna of Warrandyte.

03 9844 3808

www.yarrawarrapreschool.org



Host Families and Exchange Students

A number of Exchange Students from Italy, France, Germany, Japan, Austria, Norway, Sweden and Finland are hoping to come here this July and August because they wish to study here for a term, a semester or even two (which would mean they would be with the family who chooses them over Christmas and the summer holidays) with a family that would like to experience the differences and similarities of having an extra boy or girl aged 15-17 stay with them while they enjoy the experience and feel it is worthwhile.

I'm hoping that's you and your family, so if you'd like to give it a try for a length of time, can afford an extra member of your family at mealtimes and have a spare bed, share room or own, please call Klaus Schumann on 0472 771 785. (There is no payment involved as these are exchange students). Look forward to hearing from you or receiving an email or text.

Yours sincerely,

Klaus Schumann

SCCE Community Coordinator

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Warrandyte Tennis Club

State & National Award Winning Coaching Program

Holiday Tennis Programs

Mon July 3 & Tues July 4

10am to 2pm (lunch included)

Ages 5 to 15

\$35

All new participants get FREE T-Shirt

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The Tennis Guru

0488 722 538

info@thetennisguru.com.au





On behalf of the WPS community, our trivia night organisers would like to thank the following businesses / organisations for their generous support of this event:

Asterisk Kitchen	Balance Gymnastics	Beasley's Nursery
Bodytone Bootcamp	Bunnings Ringwood	
Bustle & Bows	Carrington Crafts	
Crimson Coconut Social Club		Folkart
Food For All Seasons	Friends of Warrandyte State Park Nursery	
H2-PRO Plumbing	Indian Affair Restaurant	Interiors by Riveresque
Infinity Health & Osteo	Jon Elam Leasing Finance	
North Warrandyte Veterinary Clinic		Officeworks Doncaster
Olivigna	Possum Hollow Natural Health Clinic	
Quinton's SUPA IGA	Ringwood Warrandyte Osteopathy	Rob Dolan Wines
Roundabout Café/Charmain's Chocolates		Ruby Tuesday
Rush and Hampshire Barristers & Solicitors		Ryan Smith MP
Skaterz	Smash Enterprises	Sparrow & B
Stonehouse Gallery	Tails a Go Go Dog Grooming	The Farm
The Grand Hotel	Vanilla Orchid Thai Restaurant	Warrandyte Newsagency
Warrandyte Community Bank (Branch of Bendigo Bank)		Warrandyte Quality Meats
Warrandyte Riverside Market Management Committee		Whimsical Treasures

Warrandyte Market Stalls :

Art Rose Gallery	Cakes & More	Chelja
Crafted by Bees	Deli Nuts	F.D Ryan
Gen's Dresses	Pete's Pens	Rushweaver Jewellery
Sarah Jane Handmade	Spice Fusion	Stripey Parrot
Titchie	Wise Woman Undies	