WE’VE STRUCK GOLD!!!
(Figuratively speaking, of course…) Last term our students learned of Australia’s first inhabitants and the history of European settlement on Terra Australis. Such terrain opens up a rich seam of learning opportunities as we mine for more historical information about how Victoria changed during the GOLD RUSH!!!

Using the valuable resources we have both here at school and at Beechworth Camp, students will unearth information about the discovery of gold, life on the goldfields, mining methods and the rise of bushrangers such as Ned Kelly. Our adventures will culminate in a Goldfields simulation game in the classroom, where hopefully more than one Welcome Nugget of wisdom will be revealed!

For further information and updates throughout the term remember to visit our wiki! warranwoodthreefour2013.wikispaces.com
Term 4 sees our Middle School students embark on their camping program for 2013. This year’s camp to The Old Priory at Beechworth ties in with our continuing history curriculum incorporating Gold and Bushrangers.

The three-night, four-day camp allows students to experience a level of supported independence as they learn to organise themselves, their clothing and habits without mum or dad standing by, and build relationships between students and teachers.

The location is brilliant for teaching students about Victoria’s Gold Rush and the associated history. They will learn about and experience mining methods such as gold panning and aspects of life on the goldfields, such as billy tea and damper making and a blacksmith demonstration.

Camp activities:

- Ned Kelly Sound and Light Show
- Town Walk
- Kate’s Cottage
- Bush Dancing
- Gold Panning Tour
- Cemetery Tour
- Beechworth Honey
- Billy Tea and Damper making
- Courthouse Tour
- Gorge Walk
- Torchlight Town Tour
- Blacksmith Demonstration
- Town Quiz

A huge range of exciting things to do and see in and around Beechworth!
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Wellbeing: Transition to 2014

Each year during Term 4 students at Warranwood participate in transition programs that facilitate movement between grades and levels within the school. Teachers aim to prepare students for a successful transition by teaching strategies for independence, resilience and coping during times of change. We focus on positive attitudes and the excitement of starting a new year with the chance of a new room, new teacher and new friends, but also the reassurance that familiar faces will always be in support.

Structured, timetabled sessions will take place later this term. You can assist your child by talking positively and remaining open about new experiences and challenges as students progress through school.

21st Century Learning @ Warranwood

Students currently in Year 4 have an amazing opportunity to pioneer a new learning environment in 2014. iPads will be introduced into Senior School next year and provide a fresh approach to teaching and learning for all students in Years 5 and 6. Some students had a preview of what such a learning environment was like during Term 3, in 3/4B and 3/4D. They used technology for a range of different learning activities and showed excellent learner behaviours throughout the trial.

An information night for the 2014 program is available to parents of Year 4 students on Tuesday 22nd October, 7.30pm, in the Senior School Building.

Sporting Superstars!

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