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Term 4 Connections Communication

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Where did the year go?

Sure enough, it’s Term 4 already, with most of us wondering where the year went and how we’re going to get done all the things we need to get done! But what a very exciting time for our students, particularly those in their last weeks (yes, weeks) at Warranwood!

Term 4 is the time for building on the learning gained throughout the year, solidifying knowledge and clarifying strategies and processes. It is also a time for assessment, reporting and preparing transition pathways to 2013. Our Year 5 students build and exhibit their leadership skills, ready to take on the mantle passed to them by their classmates. And not least, it is a time for friendships, memories, autobiographies and graduation preparations for our Year 6 students as they consider their legacy and prepare for secondary school.

So, where did the time go? Surely these students were in prep just yesterday? Don’t blink, as this term will surely pass too quickly for anyone’s liking!

Graduation alert! Potters Receptions Warrandyte
Monday 16\textsuperscript{th} December 2013 at 7pm.
See further details in newsletter.

Hat Alert!
A reminder that hats are required to be worn at school for the duration of term 4. School hats only are approved, either legionnaires style or broad brimmed. Hat up!

Track & Field Stars!
Congratulations to all our athletes who competed at the division and regional athletics recently. Despite the days being cold and windy it was pleasing to hear that all students gave their events their best shot.

Good luck to Ben, Ash, Will and our relay team
**Term 4: What’s On!**

Below is a list of events and dates for your diary.

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| 21st October | Senior School Production  
The Lion King @ Mahon Theatre                                         |
| 22nd October | Year 5 iPad Information Evening                                      |
| 27th October | Spring Fair                                                          |
| 31st October | St John First Aid Course for Senior School                           |
| 5th November | Melbourne Cup Public Holiday                                         |
| 10th December | Whole School Transition Day                                          |
| 16th December | Graduation Night                                                    |
| 18th December | Action Sports Day for Year 6 students.                               |
| 19th December | Colman Park Day                                                     |
| 20th December | Last Day – Finish at 1pm                                              |

**Spring Fair**

The upcoming Spring Fair promises to be the best yet with plenty of excitement building amongst the students already.

Of course, the rides are sure to be one of the most popular events as will be the wide variety of stalls on the day for both parents and students alike! Keep an eye out for the ‘House of Horrors’, which will be run exclusively by a group of Senior School students – very exciting (and scary) indeed!

Thank you to those parents who have already placed their name down on the class stall helper list on the day. If you can help out on your child’s stall for a small duration on the day but haven’t already placed your name down please speak to your child’s teacher. Your support is much appreciated!

**Disasters and Aussies in Adversity**

The students will be learning about natural disasters and gaining insights to Australians faced with adversity this term. Their learning will involve an individual case study and research investigation on a type of disaster.

The unit started with a scenario played out in the Senior School and students being random victims of a pretend bush fire. As a fire does in communities numerous students lost their seats, tables and belongings for a week and the class needed to pull together to support and develop empathy for those affected by the fires.

The main curriculum focus of the unit this term is science and geography. Of course maths and literacy are at the core of the students’ learning in an integrated approach. The research investigation is to be done both at school and home. Students will benefit from interviews with family and friends on their subject and of course contacting expert organisations.

Within the program students will attend a special students’ first aid program facilitated by St Johns Ambulance.
They're all a little bit MAD!

Students are readying themselves for the Senior School Production of The Lion King, which will take the stage on Monday 21st October at Aquinas College.

Rehearsals have ramped up, with the wonderful Jacinta O’Leary running many lunchtime and after school rehearsals with both casts.

The House of Horrors @ The Spring Fair!

A select group of Year 6 boys (Kyle, Tom M, Tom D, Liam and Ben) have volunteered to give up their time on the day of the Spring Fair to run a very very scary haunted house! The haunted house will allow for kids of all ages to be spooked by our very scaring looking organisers.

The House of Horrors will be held in the 1/2 classroom and entry at just a gold coin donation makes for a must see on the day!

Term 4 Sports

Team Sports have begun!

Late last term team sports commenced. Students were placed in a team in which they will feature every Friday playing a range of different games including hockey, touch footy, beat the goalie, frisbee throw-down and plenty of others. Students have embraced the activities and look forward to this term’s sport every Friday morning! Bonus points are of course given to teams demonstrating the NED goals;

- **Never Give Up**
- **Encourage Others**
- **Do Your Best**

**Due to SunSmart Policy, sport takes place in morning sessions as per Term 1. Don’t forget hats are required!!**
Wellbeing @ Warranwood

This term Senior School students will participate in transition programs to support students to manage the change from Year 5 into Year 6 and Year 6 into Year 7. We will explore the coping and resilience strategies that are needed for a successful transition. Mia, our school social worker will be facilitating a specific boys confident communication program and exploring values and positive self-image with the whole of Senior School.

Graduation 2013

Graduation will again take place at Potters Receptions in Warrandyte where all students will enjoy a memorable evening in an elegant setting. The evening will include dinner, photos, disco and presentations and parents will be able to enjoy a light supper and drink whilst students dance at the disco. More information will be released in the next week with a notice home to all Year 6 students and families.