WHAT’S ON?

March
13 Interschool Sports vs Ringwood North PS
   Young Leaders Seminar
   Scholastic Bookclub Orders Due
16-20 Middle School Swimming Program
17 Education Committee
18 Prep Grandparents Day 11.20 to 1.30pm
20 National Day against Bullying
23 –27 Planning Week
27 End of Term - 2.30pm dismissal

April
13 Term 2 commences
13-17 Year 5/6 camp to Canberra
19 Working Bee

Don’t forget to be SUNSMART in term 1
SCHOOL HATS ARE COMPULSORY!

Principal’s Report

WATER BABIES/WATER BEADS
Water babies are the new thing! Lots of our students are bringing containers of their babies to school. While this is fine, and such play is an important aspect of the development of a caring individual there are dangers for much younger children. The ACCC website contains more information about the dangers. http://bit.ly/WaterBeads

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission is alerting consumers to the dangers of water expanding balls after several children ingested them in Australia and required hospital treatment to have them removed. Water absorbing polymer balls (also known as water beads) can expand to the size of a golf ball when they come into contact with liquid, up to 400 times their original size.

MY SCHOOL
Lots of fuss was made in the media last week about school data on the My School website. While a lot of the data is useful and we certainly perform well against other local schools, some of the information is quite dubious. For example schools are compared to “statistically similar schools”, which yields some odd comparisons, for example our school has at times been matched with schools from rural Western Australia. While data is important, nearly all parents I speak to look at the bigger picture of what education is about, and include the development of relationships, leadership, personal development and 21st century skills in judging the quality of a school.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
Next Thursday and Friday our school leadership team will be at a conference focussing on leadership and school improvement. This will be a good opportunity for our team to hear current ideas about leadership and spend some time looking at ways we can improve our school.
Assistant Principal’s Report

Greenology and SRC
Greenology and SRC badges will be presented at next Monday’s assembly, except for a couple of students who will be at middle school swimming. We welcome parents attending.

Staff Carpark
Again we have a considerable number of parents parking in the staff carpark at drop off and pick up time and parents walking their children across the carpark. This is very dangerous. Please don’t park in the carpark at pick up and drop off times unless you need to utilise our disabled spaces.

Café Reading
The ‘C’ in Café stands for comprehension. In your child’s class the teacher is using comprehension strategies everyday. Teachers are being explicit with students about what comprehension is. The key strategy teachers are using is ‘Check for understanding’. Many children can read the words in a text but our skilled teachers will be looking for whether or not children can take meaning from text. Taking meaning from text is the core purpose to all reading. Another strategy that has been introduced is ‘Back up and re-read’. We do this as adults. If a text is challenging we go back and re-read. When you are reading with your child use this strategy and tell your child this is what we do as adults too. Stay tuned for more strategies in the coming weeks.

Education Committee
On Tuesday 17th March the Education Committee will be meeting in the staffroom at 7.30pm. Mia Sartori, our student wellbeing officer, will be talking about her program. Come along and meet her, if you haven’t already, and hear about the good things going on in the school. Please let the office know if you will be attending.

Sue

At the Office...........

Student Banking
Are you able to help me with the Student Banking on a Tuesday mid morning. I can set you up in the office to complete or once you are comfortable with the processes, you are most welcome to take it home. Please contact me at the office if you are interested or have any queries.

Trish Faulkner

CYBERSAFETY AT HOME
At our recent iPad information night we discussed issues around keeping your child safe on the internet at home. As you may know cybersafety is an ongoing focus at school throughout the whole year in Middle and Senior School levels. This includes cyber bullying, social media, digital citizenship and the sharing of personal information. We thought it would be a timely reminder for parents to check the age restrictions on some of the most popular apps we have noticed, not just in Senior School, but at other levels across the school.

Instagram - over 13 years old
Kik – over 17 years old
Vine - over 17 years old
Whatsapp - over 16 years old
Facebook – over 13 years old
Snapchat - over 13 years old
Facetime - over 13 years old
Itunes account – over 13 years old
Tumblr - over 13 years old
Pinterest - over 13 years old
Flickr - over 13 years old
Viber - over 13 years old
Heytell - over 13 years old
Ask.fm- over 12 years old

It is important for parents to know the recommended age levels of the applications being used at home, as not everyone that uses these apps has the best intentions in mind. A quick Google search of any of these listed apps will tell you the risks associated with the app and the reason for its rating.

For more information visit: [http://www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au)

Tanya Barlow
Japanese Teacher
ICT Co-ordinator

**Sports News**

Melbourne United Visit.

The Melbourne United Basketball Club ran some clinics at school last Tuesday. Current player Greg Page assisted Melbourne Tigers stalwart Warrick Giddey in fast, non-stop activities that challenged and kept the students focussed. See attached photos. Thanks to the Cochrane boys, who are United members, for kick starting the visit. Hopefully other clinics can be arranged.

Rod Neal

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**Round 5 WPS V Ringwood North**

**Friday March 13**

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**Welfare Committee**  
Friday 20 MARCH - FREE DRESS DAY  
NATIONAL ACTION DAY AGAINST BULLYING

Please read the information isent home separately outlining what our students will be doing on this day as well as some very useful information for parents.

The Welfare Team

**WARRANWOOD PS**  
**WORKING BEE**  
**Sunday 19 April**  
9:00 am - midday

**Needed:** whipper snippers, secateurs, hedge cutters, spades, rakes, picks, wheelbarrows, and trowels

**Jobs:**
1. Clean up (whipper snip) behind senior school building
2. Edge with bricks and mortar front garden bed near staff carpark.
3. Rake out soft fall in and around playground equipment
4. Tidy up gardens
5. Clean out pit drains.

**Mia’s Info…..**  
**WORKSHOP DATE CHANGE**  
The School Refusal/Separation Anxiety Workshop with Parenting Positively has been rescheduled for Thursday 7th of May 2015 from 7-9pm at CHPS. Bookings are now open and places are limited to get in quick by RSVP to sartori.mia.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

**ANXIOUS KIDS?**  
Parenting Anxious Children can be a very emotional experience. How do we empower our kids to know that they can cope with anything that comes their way? The BRAVE program is one way. BRAVE is an online course for anxious children 8yrs above and their parents. I highly recommend this course and it’s FREE! See flyer below for more details.

**MEDITATION IS BACK AT WPS**  
Meditation, for students, will start again on Wednesday 22nd of April in the morning at 8.30am in my room. Places are limited so please email me if you are interested.
Uniform Shop
The shop trading hours for next week only:

Tuesday 17 March 9 to 10am
Friday 20 March 3 to 3.30pm

GET TO KNOW YOUR PA

We will be holding a Getting to Know the Warranwood Parent’s Association catch up on

Monday 16th March at 7:30pm in the Staffroom

So if you are interested in coming, can you please let myself or Loretta know via our details below for catering purposes.

We would love to see some new faces & fresh new ideas!

PA President: Kellie Spiden – kellie.spiden@cbre.com.au
PA Secretary: Loretta Higgins – neilandloretta@netspace.net.au

Parent’s Association
The Canteen is having a HOT CROSS BUN DAY on Tuesday 24th March. Buns will cost $1.40 each, and will be at morning recess. Fruit, Fruitless and Choc Chip buns are being offered on the day and are from Bakers Delight. Hot x Bun order forms went home last week.

If ordering this form needs to be returned by Thursday 19th March.

$5- Meal Deals – available till end of Term 1

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Before School / After School Care Program
Week 7 Term 1 (16/03/15 – 20/03/15)

Program Update
This week we had fun making 3D animals and Super Hero masks. We continued on with our favourite activity... Paper Airplanes as well as singing and dancing and making ramps for their cars.

On the 16th of March, OSHClub will be in the process of being assessed by the Department. There will be a few new faces in Before Care and Aftercare and they will be assessing our service.

As always, we are keen for any feedback and ideas on how we can improve our program, so please feel free to drop in and talk to one of the Educators or send us an email at pshclub.warranwood@gmail.com.

Evelyn, McKayla and Matthew playing an Uno Competition

Hannah and Evelyn in their Super Hero Hideout

Next week’s focus: Confidence and creativity

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EVERY SESSION OFFERS:
Group games, drawing, painting, craft, construction, reading, home corner and dress ups, music, board games and free choice activities in the gym, basketball courts, playground and surrounding areas and many opportunities for leadership.

Parent Information
WARRANWOOD OSHCLUB program phone: 0411-656-031
Coordinator: Hannah Wallis
Assistant: Jill Hansen & Robyn Dam

BOOK AND CANCEL ONLINE TO AVOID AN EXTRA FEE
To make changes within 24hrs please ring the program directly on 0411 656 031. To guarantee your ASC booking please finalise by 9am on the day of.

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember enrolment is free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
Community Announcements.....

Maroondah Magic Basketball Club Inc.

Free Training Sessions

Friday 13th March at Kalinda Primary
Friday 20 and 27th March at Dorset Primary
Time: 4.30pm till 5.15 for under 7, 8 and 9
5.30 till 6.15pm for under 10 upwards.

Where: Kalinda Primary School, Kalinda Rd Croydon.
Dorset Primary School, Reservoir Ave Croydon.

Come and check us out and have a go before the start of
the summer season.
Basketball keeps children fit, enables them to learn valuable skills, make
new friends and have fun. Maroondah Magic Basketball Club is a well respected
club in the outer east with over 100 members. Maroondah Magic prides itself
on being a welcoming and friendly club for the whole family. Basketball is
played indoors, game times are less than 1 hour, and fees are inexpensive.

We offer separate teams for boys and girls of all abilities, with 12 months
played in an age group until under 16.

No previous basketball skills necessary, just a willingness to "give it a go!"

Learn basic basketball skills from our experienced coaches. For more
information please contact the club director on 9725-4740, visit our website
or alternatively just turn up on the dates above!

Remember to bring your basketball and drink!

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Want to Play Netball?
CROYDON HILLS NETBALL CLUB

NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS
Players welcome from 5 to Open Age
or call
0412 570 720

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COME AND TRY BASEBALL

Heathmont Baseball

A Grade Premiers 2012, 2013 & 2014

Heathmont Baseball Club
Training Commences late March 2016.
• Improve your Cricket Skills
• Non Contact Winter Sport
• Improve your Hand-Eye Co-ordination and Fitness
• Make Great Friends

Heathmont Baseball Club has a strong tradition and a nurturing of many
District, Victorian, National, American Major League and Australian Champions.
Tee-Ball (5-8 years), Under 10, Under 15, Under 17 and Senior competitions
for ALL levels are available. So whether you’ve played or not, boy or girl, we have a
team to suit your ability.

Tee-ball begins 17th April 2015. Come and try day Saturday 21st March.
Season commences early April 2015.

CONTACT THE HEATHMONT BASEBALL CLUB TODAY

Joe - President
Rona - Secretary
Kell - Treasurer

Open Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm

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Anxiety is a common feeling. However, 8–10% of children and adolescents experience
an anxiety condition that can impact on their daily life.

BRAVE Self-Help is an online program for
the prevention, early intervention and treatment
of anxiety in young people and children.

The program was developed at the University of Queensland by sports in anxiety in young people and children, and has
now been running for 4 years throughout Australia.

The program is fun, interactive, based on cognitive-behavioral
principles and has been found to be effective in reducing social anxiety, stress, separation anxiety, phobias and general
worry in hundreds of children and adolescents.

In 2014, for the first time, BRAVE Self-Help will be available to all young people and children living in Australia
between 8 and 17 years and their parents.