Warranwood Primary School
www.warranwood.vic.edu.au

Term 1, Week 1
Thursday 2nd February 2017

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
WELCOME BACK!
I am always proud of our school and our students – and the start of the year is no exception. To see students arriving yesterday for their first day, and Preps today for their first day, with such enthusiasm and delight to be at school is just wonderful! Our teachers and support staff have made the start of the year go smoothly for all concerned! I am looking forward to an exciting year of challenges and growth in our wonderful school.

SCHOOL FEES AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
Thank you to everyone who has paid school fees and voluntary contributions. In an environment where school funding is increasingly under pressure we greatly appreciate, and need, the support of families. If the payment of school fees is an issue for your family please do not hesitate to contact me or Brigid if financial assistance is required. Payment plans are easy to work out. We keep our fees to a minimum, however the fees enable us to provide programs for all students, to support your children’s learning in the very best way we can.

On the term fees you find a charge for Health and Wellbeing. This replaces the previous school nurse fee, and allows us to make that position flexible, as I talk about below.

SCHOOL NURSE
I am sad to report that our wonderful school nurse Gay Brown resigned during the holidays. Gay was offered a position as manager in a new aged care facility, and is a great opportunity for her, as she will now be working 9-5 hours rather than the nights and weekends she did as well as here at Warranwood. So while she was sad to leave, it is a great opportunity and lifestyle choice for her. We have employed a temporary nurse to work during February while we search for the right person to replace Gay. We are hoping to find someone who can do the medical aspect of the position and take on some of the welfare work that Mia did so well. A big ask, but we are hopeful!

SCHOOL COUNCIL
All parents will receive information shortly about School Council. Our School Council works a little like the senate, with half of the councillors up for election each year, with 2 year terms. The School Council is an important decision making body for the school, notwithstanding the operational responsibilities that I have as Principal. Nomination forms will be available at the office. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you are interested and have questions!

Please note: only school wide brimmed or legionnaire hats are to be worn by students at school. Caps and other hats are not appropriate or part of our school uniform.
GETTING INVOLVED
Our school council allows parents to be involved in our school management, and is an opportunity to support the community and your children. There are many ways of being involved in your school community – support the Parents Association (come along to the meeting on Monday night!), be a parent helper in your child’s class, help out on excursions and camps or come along to working bees. Our next working bee is Sunday 26 February, where we will be reconstructing the prep sandpit and spreading mulch that desperately needs replacing under our prep and senior playground equipment.

TERM DATES 2017
Term 1: 1 February to 31 March
Term 2: 18 April (Tuesday) to 30 June
Term 3: 17 July to 22 September
Term 4: 9 October to 22 December

STUDENT SUPERVISION
Please note that students are supervised at school at all times between the hours of 8.45 am and 3.45 pm. Students should NOT be at school before 8.45, and must be collected/leave the school by 3.45 pm – outside these times supervision and/or the collection of students is the responsibility of parents. Of course traffic and other circumstances may cause you to be late collecting your child – please let us know if you cannot collect your child and we will ensure they are safe! Don’t forget that we have a wonderful before and after school program that can be accessed nearly every day!

COMMUNICATION
Communication and relationships are the keys to an effective and happy school. Issues often arise for your children that affect them at school. Sometimes these are school issues – talk to your classroom teacher first, but don’t hesitate to contact Shane Harrop or me if you need to. If there are changed circumstances in your family it is important that we know about them.

This newsletter is the primary source of formal communication between home and school and it often contains material that you need to know about your child’s education and school functions. Don’t forget to ‘like’ our Facebook page for updates, photos and good news stories!

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns, ideas or questions.

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT SCHOOL
The Department of Education and Training has requested that the following information be conveyed to parents.

Personal Property
Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. Students and staff should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

School Injuries and Insurance
The Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs. Parents or guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Welcome Back Warranwood!

It has been great to see so many happy and enthusiastic faces back at school after the holidays. Parents, staff and students have settled back into school routines beautifully with the buzz around the school being a clear sign of engagement and great community. The tremendous work invested by staff to ensure a positive and productive beginning to the school year is greatly appreciated. I have had the chance to visit all classrooms and found myself as “proud as punch” to see the level of confidence and connections that students were displaying on the very first day. The wonderful wellbeing and relational learning programs taught at Warranwood have assisted in making our students very capable in dealing with change and building connections to feel confident.

Welcome to our newest Warranwood community members on their first day...

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Curriculum Day shared by Warranwood and Ringwood North on Tuesday 31st January explored the SCIENCE OF WELLBEING and was delivered by the renowned wellbeing expert Maria Ruberto. She presented cutting edge insights and valid up to the minute research about the factors that create positive and/or poor mental health in young people and our communities. This follows on from the great work of The Resilience Project throughout last year.

It is easy for any of us to become affected if we are unaware of the protective factors and become consumed by negative bias. Many staff, including yours truly, were seen to squirm in their chairs as Maria shared a story of her own paranoia and negative mindset and bias when she had misplaced her keys one morning and felt the pressure of needing to be on her way but was stranded at home. She told of how she retraced her steps and tried to remember where she had placed them. Then how she opened kitchen drawers and cupboards as she became more frantic and panicky. Next she explained how she was pacing up and down the same path thinking that something would change. As her urgency and feelings of helplessness increased so did her negative spike and before long she was thinking someone had moved them on her and not told her. Who was it?? She accused her husband and daughters, alienating all along the way and ended in a sweaty emotional state that many of the audience were identifying with and enjoying a nervous chuckle.

Of course, Maria had put her keys in the ignition in the car so as to be organised the night before and ensure a smooth getaway. The hour long tantrum and irrational thinking showed how easy it is to regress into negativity and accusation when you perceive that you are no longer in control.

Although an entertaining story this anecdote represents simply how people can lose control and find themselves out of their depth and in a negative place. Imagine if the people accused weren’t loved ones but colleagues or just acquaintances. This is how many people become isolated and then caught in negative spirals leading to depression and worse.

Australia is currently leading the way with research into Positive Psychology. We have identified 9 main pillars that can assist with ensuring healthy mental wellbeing.
The PERMA+ Framework involves the following thinking:

**PLEASANT LIFE** - Positive Emotions
**ENGAGED LIFE** - Giving things a try and being prepared to fail and learn.
**RELATIONAL LIFE** - Connections and bonds to people and groups.
**MEANINGFUL LIFE** - Motivation to do your best.
**ACCOMPLISHED LIFE** - Setting Goals and achieving step by step.
**PHYSICAL ACTIVITY** - 40mins x 5 a week
**NUTRITION** - Reduce Sugar Intake
**SLEEP** - 8 hours a night!!
**OPTIMISM**

Reflect on your family's lifestyle using these pillars and make some adjustments that will lead to better positive psychology.

Ask yourself and family these questions at dinner.
Who is the most positive/happiest person you know?
What do they do that makes you feel this way?
Make a list of the ideas as a family and target one or two of the traits to improve your wellbeing!

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**2017 INFORMATION NIGHTS**

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These sessions will be conducted in classrooms!

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**GET TO KNOW YOU INTERVIEWS**

This year our Get To Know You interviews will be held on Monday 20th February and Tuesday 21st February. It is essential to make a time to touch base with your child’s teacher and ensure that you share your insights and goals for their learning and success this year. The home school partnership is key factor in determining student success. Please keep an eye out for the link to book your interview spot. The link will be on Compass on Monday 13th February.

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Shane Harrop
Assistant Principal
OFFICE NEWS

CSEF Applications
If you have a current health care card (valid from the 1st day of term) you are eligible for Department assistance. Each child will receive $125.00 towards the costs of camps and excursions which will be child specific. Please bring your health care card to the office and fill out an application form as soon as possible.

COMPASS
Just a reminder that permission forms for all excursions will be issued via Compass, please be vigilant in following these up so your child does not miss an opportunity to participate.

Please enter and validate all absences in Compass, if your child is ill just pop onto Compass and enter the absence.

Financials
For some families the costs involved in meeting a lot of the wonderful activities Warranwood offers can lead to financial hardship or cause financial hardship. Please speak to Steve or myself as there are always options available, from payment plans or using the Centrelink Centrepay option etc, every child needs to feel included and financial hardship should not impact on their educational experiences.

Brigid
Business Manager

Student Banking
Student banking will resume next Tuesday. We are once again looking for a volunteer or volunteers who would like to be our School Banking Coordinators, if you are available on Tuesday mornings and would like to assist us, please contact the Office.

Brigid & Sue
Office
Dear parents,

Japanese Day will be on February 28th this year! It’s only a few weeks away so for all our prep and new families this means it’s time to plan a costume!

Please talk to your child about a Japanese costume they could wear e.g. Karate outfit, ninja costume, Hello Kitty T-shirt, Kimono (dressing gown with wide belt) etc. If you are unable to make/find a costume please send your child in **red & white** colours to represent the Japanese flag.

This is a whole school event that involves craft activities, kendo demonstrations, cooking, traditional Japanese festival events, parade and performances. Each year level will perform 1 item at the end of the day as well as our talented *taiko* drummers. Special Japanese Day lunch orders can be made through Megan at the canteen. Order forms will be available soon!

If you can help out on the day, or have any queries please see Tanya Barlow- Japanese Teacher
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Welcome to a new year!

We have a number of exciting activities and events on our calendar for 2017 and look forward to your input and participation.

Morning Tea

We would like to welcome all parents to the new school year with a morning tea after assembly on Monday 6th February. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Current members of the Parent’s Association will also be on hand for any questions that you may have.

Meeting

We also invite you to attend our first meeting for the year

Monday 6th February at 7.30pm

In the staffroom.

Our PA meetings are very social and we combine ideas and plans with some drinks and nibbles.

It’s the perfect opportunity to expand friendships whilst being actively involved in the community spirit of your child’s school.

Please register your interest by sending an email or text message to:

Kellie 0412507913 or Loretta 0419882503

We look forward to seeing you!

We send lots of information home to families regarding events and fundraisers that we hold throughout the year. Whilst we understand that sometimes you may feel inundated by all of these items, our aim is to provide a service by offering a variety of ways in which you can contribute. It is not expected that you be involved in everything.

Kellie and Loretta can be contacted on parentsassociation.wps@gmail.com
Parent’s Association

Warranwood Primary School’s Parent Association offers an opportunity for parents to gather and become involved in the life of our school. We assist in fostering the intellectual, cultural and social interests of our school community.

Our primary goal is to further establish friendships amongst our families and staff whilst encouraging active participation by parents in the life of our school through our many social and fundraising events.

Social Events are an essential part of the development of community spirit within our school. In the past we have offered Mother/Child nights, Father/Child nights, Prep Nights, Trivia nights, Movie Nights, as well as our Area-Famous Spring Fair!

Fundraiser Events raise much needed funds for our school. As you may be aware, government funding is often hard to come by, especially for items such as school upkeep and extra-educational needs (i.e. Refreshing reader books, purchasing updated sports equipment). At Warranwood Primary School it is our aim to offer a wide range of fundraisers in order to cater for our school families and their needs. There is NEVER pressure to be involved in every fundraiser and there is an attempt to spread them out throughout the school year. Some of our recent successful Fundraisers have been Mother’s/Father’s Day stalls, Bulb Drive, Fun Run, Mango Drive, Hot Cross Buns and Movie Night (both outdoor and cinema).

Joining Warranwood Primary School’s Parent Association means that you will be part of the dynamic team that contributes to our school community. Many great friendships have been formed through our group which makes it an enjoyable and fun experience.

Meetings are held monthly and consist of giggles and nibbles (and usually wine). They are a great social night out and give an opportunity for everyone to have a voice and be involved in our social and fundraising calendar.

New members and ideas are always welcome.

Kellie Spiden & Loretta Higgins
parentsassociation.wps@gmail.com

Next Meeting: Monday 6th February 7.30pm
(in the staffroom)
Junior Rockers runs instrumental music lessons right here at school.

To find out all about our music lessons, head to our website. From there you can check which instruments are available at your school, get up to date pricing and apply for lessons online.

www.juniorrockers.com

Rather chat in person? We’d love to speak to you.

Call us on 1300 GO ROCK (1300 46 76 25)
WE WANT YOU!

East Ringwood Junior Football Club is looking for players in age groups: Auskick, U8, U9, U10, U11 and U12

BOYS AND GIRLS ARE WELCOME!

- We have highly skilled Coaches at all levels
- Our Coaches are continuously coached by professionals
- Our screening process for the best Coach is second to none
- Our Coaches put your child first
- Your child’s football pathway starts with FUN and the AFL growth opportunity is whatever you want it to be
- We are proud of our homegrown League reps, Rangers reps and our Juniors that have gone on to be our best Senior players

Come and join us at Registration Day!

9.30 am Sunday 12th of Feb Ainslie Park Brentnall Rd Croydon

For 2017 Junior Club information contact our Registrar - erjfcregistrar@gmail.com
Or Secretary - erjfcsecretary.erjfc@gmail.com
www.erjfc.com.au
www.facebook.com/eastringwoodjuniorfc

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BOYS & GIRLS FROM 9y.o. CAN PLAY BASEBALL
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BASEBALL SEASON STARTS IN APRIL

EMAIL: heathmontbaseballclub@gmail.com

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1. Beginner Lessons
   We cater for all primary school ages and
   standards and have a class perfect for your
   child. Set up in the comfort and safety of your school.

2. Qualified Pro Coaches
   Local, St. Peter’s and Christian College have
   conducted tennis coaching at Warranwood PS for 10 years.

3. Thursday Morning 45 Minute Classes
   Lessons commence Thursday 9th of February
   8:30-9:00 am for 5 consecutive weeks.

TIME FOR TENNIS
@ Warranwood P.S.

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Text or call Cameron on
0412 887 244

New Racquet and carry case when you enrol (valued at $29.95)

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Tennis Coaching Registration Form

Warranwood Primary School

Term 1 Tennis Lessons commence Thursday 9th of February at 8.25 to 8.50 am

Child’s full name:

First name:

Last name:

Mobile number:

Date of birth:

Do you have any medical conditions?

Email address:

Parent’s name:

Please insert transaction account number:

Payment instructions
   
   Only $112

   for 8 x 45min.

   lessons

Tennis and Conditions

There will be an infusion of costs on this form. The above will be
arranged during the current term. For long term enrolments at infancy
please contact us. Coaches may change up to 50% of tennis sessions
during the term. All enrolments must be paid before the first
tennis session. You agree to the terms and conditions stated by
Triple Ace Tennis Coaching. Any corrections or additions to
the participants must be prior to the enrolment date.

I agree to the terms and conditions stated by Triple Ace Tennis Coaching.

Signature:

Date:

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Join the adventure

Wonga Park Scout Group

Come and try free first two weeks

Joey Scouts: 6 – 8 years old
   Meet: Thursday 5.45pm – 6.45pm

Cub Scouts: 7.5 – 11 year olds.
   Meet: Tuesday 7.30pm

Scouts: 11 – 15 years old.
   Meet: Thursday 7.00pm

Venue:  Orr Yarra and Downs Road, Wonga Park 3115

Contact: Julie D’Amato
   Ph: 0472 322 927
   gl.wongapark1st@vicscouts.asn.au