**WHAT’S ON?**

**February**
27 Interschool Sports v Antonio Park PS

**March**
2-6 Junior School Swimming Program
6 Interschool sports Bye
9 Labour Day - Public Holiday
13 Interschool Sports vs Ringwood North PS
   Young Leaders Seminar
16-20 Middle School Swimming Program
18 Prep Grandparents Day 11.20 to 1.30pm
19 School Refusal and Separation Anxiety sessions
20 National Day against Bullying
23–27 Planning Week
27 End of Term - 2.30pm dismissal

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**Principal’s Awards**

- Darcy P 1/2C
- Mitchell P 1/2P
- Isaak L 1/2J
- Baylan E 3/4D
- Braden S 3/4H
- Thomas M 3/4H
- Brandon E 3/4D
- Cieran O 3/4D
- Zac P 3/4A
- Charlotte B 3/4A
- Austin D 3/4S
- Mikayla H 3/4M
- Mason E 3/4M
- Connor M 5/6D
- Rica P 5/6A
- India R 5/6S
- Abbey C 5/6P
- Jeremy B 5/6T
- Brodie R 5/6T

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

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**Principal’s Report**
**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Our first School Council meeting for the year was held on Monday night. The support of this group of parents and teachers is greatly appreciated. They commit to planning meetings and coordination of events throughout the year. The School Council is responsible for setting direction for the school and ensuring financial probity is upheld, among a range of things.

The role of school Council is to

- Establish the broad direction and vision of the school within the school's community
- Participate in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan
- Develop, review and update school policies
- Develop, review and monitor the Student Engagement Policy and the School Dress Code
- Raise funds for school-related purposes
- Approve the annual budget and monitor expenditure
- Maintain the school's grounds and facilities
- Enter into contracts (e.g. cleaning, construction work)
- Report annually to the school community and to the Department if Education and Training
- Generally stimulate interest in the school in the wider community
Parents are encouraged to talk to School Councillors about anything that fits in with this list. The School Council does NOT, among other things:
- Manage the school
- Represent sectional interests
- Determine class allocations
- Discuss individual issues between teachers and students and/or parents

I have asked School Councillors to direct parents to me if issues regarding school management are brought to their attention. I also ask parents to please approach me directly if you have any concerns or queries about things that are operational.

School Councillors for 2015 are:
- Loretta Higgins
- Kelly Gersh
- Michael Wholohan
- Tania Anderson
- Shannon Newman
- Michelle Hudson
- Brenton Stokes
- Sue Gamble
- Kirsty Bishop-Fox
- Michelle Kiernan
- Jacqui Durik
- Sue Dean
- Andrew Tonkin
- Rod Neal
- Brenton Stokes
- Sue Gamble
- Kirsty Bishop-Fox
- Michelle Kiernan
- Andrew Tonkin
- Rod Neal

SPORTING SUCCESS
Congratulations once again to Dean of Year 4, who has already begun a successful golfing career! His will be a name to watch in the future!

Assistant Principal’s Report

Getting to Know you Interviews
Thank you to all parents who attended the Getting to Know You Interviews. These interviews are important for the development of the home/school partnership. The information parents share help us to better understand and relate to our students.

Education Committee
Our first Education Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday March 17th at 7.30pm in the staffroom. At the meeting Mia Sartori, Student Wellbeing Officer, will be speaking outlining her program at Warranwood. It is a great opportunity to meet Mia and hear about the amazing programs she has organised and the work she intends to continue doing. Keep the night free and please let the office know if you will be attending.

Staff Carpark
Just a reminder that parents are not to use the staff carpark in the mornings and the afternoons for safety.

A balanced approach is best for teaching kids how to read

AUTHOR Stewart Riddle
Senior Lecturer at University of Southern Queensland

We all want young children to be given the very best opportunities to become successful, engaged and passionate readers. The teaching of reading is constantly mired, however, in a tired old debate between proponents of “phonics” (sounding out words) and “whole language” (which focuses on meaning and using the context to decipher unknown words).

This argument is an unhelpful and misleading dichotomy given the evidence actually supports a balanced approach to literacy, which goes well beyond being able to recognise words on a page.

What is a balanced approach to literacy?
The biggest review of scientific research on reading was conducted by the US National Reading Panel in 2000. The panel was clear in finding:

Systematic phonics instruction should be integrated with other reading instruction to create a balanced reading pro-
The panel argued that a balanced approach incorporates phonemic awareness and phonics (understanding the relationships between sounds and their written representations), fluency, guided oral reading, vocabulary development and comprehension.

The report also stated:
*Phonics should not become the dominant component in a reading program, neither in the amount of time devoted to it nor in the significance attached. It is important to evaluate children’s reading competence in many ways.*

A 2005 Australian National Inquiry into the Teaching of Literacy supported this balanced approach, with the use of synthetic phonics recommended in the first couple of years of schooling for beginning readers. Similarly, the UK 2006 reading review recognised: *Word recognition is a time-limited activity that is eventually overtaken by work that develops comprehension.*

Of course there are *differences* in what the balance might look like in different classrooms and across different year levels. However, *claims* that teachers are using a little bit of phonics and a lot of whole language in Australian schools are wrong. Referring to balanced literacy as a *mess of methods* simply shows a lack of understanding about how classrooms operate. A balanced approach provides us with a *best-practice model* for teaching all students how to read and write across all stages of their education.

**Literacy isn’t just about learning how to read**

It is important to remember that literacy learning is broad and takes place at all levels of schooling. It’s not just about learning to read in the early years. The current focus on phonics as a fix-all for struggling readers is *problematic* as it misses the complexities of literacy learning.

Being literate requires a much broader repertoire of skills than simply reading and writing as the decoding and encoding of printed words. The ability to make meaning from texts, ask questions and read between the lines is, in many ways, much more important.

Paulo Freire, the much-respected Brazilian educator, called this *Reading the World and Reading the Word*. To teach our students to do any less would be the real failure.

**What needs to be done**

The recent report into *teacher training* recommends that all student teachers be taught literacy, not just primary teachers.

A 2007 review of literacy research in Australia argued:

*More effective and forward-looking understanding of literacy teaching is important for researchers, teachers, learners and the societies they inhabit. The best way forward would be for researchers from diverse fields, including education, psychology and speech pathology, to get together and work in ways that cross over the arbitrary boundaries. Perhaps this would finally get us off the merry-go-round of the reading wars, which really help no-one.*

**Sue**

At the Office………..

Rebel Ringwood would like to invite you to 20% OFF ‘SUPPORT YOUR SPORT’ LOYALTY DAY on Friday 27th February 2015 9am-9pm (Full priced items only - cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or discount).

For you to receive 20% OFF you need to be:

- Signed up as a member to Rebel loyalty program (it is FREE to sign up)
- That your loyalty member card is linked to our school.

**School Photo Orders**

I received a incredible amount of late orders for school photos, some with money in the envelopes, which now means I am driving over to Bundoora to deliver to MSP Photography. This tour is happening tomorrow in the afternoon. If you have a late order, please send to the office Friday morning ONLY.

Trish Faulkner
Info from Mia

School Refusal and Separation Anxiety issues in our students are becoming more common. It can leave you as a parent feeling frustrated, saddened and exhausted. I have organised Parenting Positively to run a workshop to equip parents with some strategies to manage your feelings as well as your child’s. This workshop will be held at Croydon Hills Primary School on Thursday 19th March from 9am – 11am in my room (E-7, Senior Block). Normally this workshop would cost $40 per participant however our school will subsidise part of this cost so it will only cost you $15.

If you feel that you and your family would benefit from this workshop I highly recommend that you take up this opportunity to equip yourself with some effective strategies.

Places are limited so be quick! To secure your place RSVP to me at sartori.mia.m@edumail.vic.gov.au then return your form to the Warranwood office with your payment of $15. This will secure your place in the workshop.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, I am happy to help!

Yours sincerely,

Mia Sartori
Student Welfare Officer

I will be attending the Parenting Positively Workshop on Thursday 19th March, 2015 from 9.00 -11.00 am

Name of Parent ________________________________________________

Name of Child ________________________________________________

I enclose $15 for this session.

Team Vic

Team Vic is a general term use to refer to Victorian State Teams in various sports, swimming and athletics. The Big 4 are basketball, football (soccer), football AFL and netball.

The process of nominating and sending students to District trials in the Big 4 has changed significantly this year. School Sports Victoria (SSV) is aiming to eliminate, what they feel are unnecessary trials, and start the selection process with only the top-rated athletes. The nomination process is an on-line form filled in and paid for by parents. All forms must be endorsed by PE staff and principals. PE staff are required to guide parents in relation to the suitability of nominating their child.

In other years SSV has spent a lot of time and money trialling students who realistically would not be near the best in Victoria and this is basically what SSV wishes to prevent.

Our District trials for the Big 4 are provisionally during the 2nd or 3rd week of term 2.

On line nominations are open, see www.ssv.vic.edu.au and follow Team Vic State Teams link, the sport then the Eastern Metropolitan section. I strongly recommend seeing me first.

Rod Neal
**Summer Sport**
Round 3  WPS V Antonio Park PS
Friday February 27.

Interschool sports commences immediately after the 9am bell and finishes at approximately 10.30am

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**CAFÉ READING**
Why read a good-fit book?

The main purpose behind reading a “good-fit” book is that it vastly increases your chance of improvement in reading.

Readers **must** be reading texts they want to read and texts that they can read, if they are to successfully practise a strategy independently and thus get better at reading the words or pictures accurately, fluently and with understanding. What’s more, you are much more likely to thoroughly embrace and enjoy a text if it is a ‘good-fit’ selection.

Roseanne Parsons just finished reading “The Luminaries” by Eleanor Catton. Roseanne said she thoroughly enjoyed this historical narrative once she got into it. The twists and turns of this tale of revenge and greed kept her interest and the many really interesting adjectives and challenging words used by the author were a wonderful learning opportunity.

Kim Barlow is currently reading a book that makes her just laugh out loud. She has read several of the Janet Evanovich mysteries and says that the escapades of the main character are sometimes hard to believe. **Rereading an old favourite, “Twelve Sharp”** has been a perfect fit for her bath-time relaxation.

When you are stocking up your independent reading pile, remember to follow the IPICK Good-Fit books steps.

**IPICK**

I **select a book and look it over, inside and out**

P **urpose: Why might I want to read it?**

I **nterest: Does it interest me?**

C **omprehend: Do I understand what I am reading?**

K **now: Do I know most of the words?**

*Marilyn Middlin*
From the Art Room...
5000 poppies community project to commemorate the ANZAC catenary

All students from years 1 to 6 will make a poppy to be included in an amazing installation of poppies at Federation Square from Anzac day. Read more about this community project and how you too can volunteer to help attach what looks like being over 150,000 donated poppies. More information at www.5000poppies.wordpress.com

The students are really excited to honour people they know as well as have their artwork included in this project. Already they are sharing stories with each other. You might like to have a conversation about this at home prior to your child making their poppy next week.

Would you like to help? All welcome on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday (any session) to help with cutting and sewing.

Donations of any red, white and black felt or fabric, black, white and purple buttons and red, white and black thread for sewing are welcome by Monday please!

DUCKS for sale
A reminder that ducks for the Warrandyte Festival Duck Race (March 22) are being sold and decorated in the art room on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Students need to bring along $4 to purchase one from the duck committee at lunchtime. We’ve already sold quite a few and the duck committee are doing a great job informing students and drumming up business!

Jeenah Metcalfe

Performing Arts News....... 

MIDDLE SCHOOL MOVIE PREMIERE... “LET’S GO TO THE MOVIES”
This year the Middle School area will be embarking on an exciting new venture... The students will be creating a feature film that will be premiered at Reading Cinemas, Chirnside Park on Thursday June 18th 2015. This film has a basic plot about a local family having a Friday Family Fun Night. Each family member brings along their favourite DVD and the family watch a little of each. Each grade has been creating and making their section of the script, choreographing dance routines, learning songs, blocking scenes and rehearsing their acting scenes.

Rehearsing for TV/MOVIE/CAMERA acting is a different process for the students compared to live theatre acting. The students are learning to work to different camera angles, in different places (location/studio) and to consider continuity of hair styles and clothing across different filming periods.

This is an outline of each grade and their section:
3/4H THE LION KING
3/4A ALADDIN/LITTLE MERMAID
3/4S SHREK/BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
3/4M TOY STORY
3/4D WIZARD OF OZ

Over the next few months different grades will bring home the schools “onesies” costumes. You may be asked to turn the onesies into fish, insects, crabs...etc by adding felt spots or wings or stripes, etc. The students have been instructed that nothing can be cut, glued, or stitched onto the onesies but safety pins or nappy pins are to be used to add or make adaptions. I really appreciate your support in helping your child create their own costume design which is part of the production team side.

SENIOR SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS
Keep the date free - this year the Senior School students will be performing CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY on Monday 14th September 2015 at Aquinas College. More details closer to the date.

Jacinta O’Leary
Performing Arts
Parent’s Association
Welcome to 2015!! We hope that everyone is looking forward to the fundraising activities at Warranwood as much as we are.

Our first fundraiser has gone home with our children and we hope that you are all eager to make your gardens bright and beautiful this Spring with the selection of bulbs available through Garden Express. Just remember, all order forms need to be returned by Friday 6th March, 2015.

We also held our first Parent’s Association Meeting for 2015 on the 18th February. It was great to catch up and work out our Calendar of Events for 2015, but we are always looking for new ideas and new faces. We will be holding a “Getting to Know Your PA” 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.

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

Canteen News
Canteen is open for over the counter sales on a Wednesday until the end of term
• no lunch orders are available on this day -

To keep the kids cool at recess and lunch we have a wide range of frozen treats. Frozen orange quarters, whole and half pineapple rings, Quelch sticks, Frozen fruit juice cups, Frozen Yoghurt, Gelati, Moosie’s, Paddle Pops and more.

Sizzling Summer Hot Deal
$5- Meal Deals – available till end of Term 1

~ Meal Deal 1~
Hot Dog with YOUR Choice of BIG M Chocolate or Strawberry and a Quelch Stick
$5.00

~ Meal Deal 2~
Cheeseburger with a Just Juice and a Quelch Stick
$5.00

~ Meal Deal 3~
Hawaiian or Margarita Pizza with YOUR Choice of Drink and a Quelch Stick
$5.00

~ Meal Deal 4~
Sushi Sandwich Roll Ups with a Just Juice and a Quelch Stick
$5.00

We have lots of great healthy lunch items to choose from on the menu too, including fresh wraps, salads and fruit salad tubs.
Homemade Cinnamon or Choc-chip muffins are available over the counter at recess or lunch for 60c each or make a Meal Deal with a Hot or cold milo or cup of milk for $1.50 - a great snack for recess.
Students are also able to come to the canteen at recess and ask for something from their lunch order for snack.

Thanks to those parents who have offered to volunteer in 2015. Please find the roster for the next 3 weeks for Term 1 below.

Volunteer hours are:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 11am to 2.30pm
Friday 10am to 2.30 pm

If you are a new volunteer please come 15 mins prior for an induction.

If you are unable to attend canteen on the day you are rostered please contact me in advance on 0419 387 370.

Warm Regards

Megan Parker

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Program Update
This week has been great. The children have been participating in group games like Silent Ball and Broken Windows as well as playing friendly board games, cricket and basketball. They still love to fly their Paper Planes and experiment with different designs to see how far they can fly. Some of the children also helped us design our Quality Improvement Plan board. Suggesting ways in which we can make it more effective.

Next week we will be focusing on Super Heroes. The children will participate in arts and craft activities where they design their own super hero using their hand print as well as making masks and playing Super Hero games outside.

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

Lainey and Jill making a Knitting Nancy’s.

Leroy, Alice and Lila building an amazing tower. It’s taller than them!!

Next week’s focus: Confidence and creativity

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GROUP ACTIVITIES:
- Group games, drawing, painting, craft, construction, reading, horse come and dress ups, music, board games and free choice activities in the gym, basketball court, playground and surrounding areas and many opportunities for leadership.

Parent Information

WARRANWOOD OSHCLUB program phone: 0411-656-031
Coordinator: Hannah Walls
Assistant: Jill Hansen & Robyn Dun

BOOK AND CANCEL ONLINE TO AVOID AN EXTRA FEE

This program is only available for parents who have made a booking through our online platform. 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.
Croydon Hills Netball Club has vacancies for our Winter 2015 Competition and in particular for girls in the under 13 age group who were born in the years 2002/2003. All players welcome. For further details please contact our Vice President Ann Hindmarsh on 9876 4824.