WELCOME BACK!
We have barely been back a week and it seems that everyone has settled in so well. It has been a delight to see all students in correct school uniform – EVERY student looks smart and proud! Our new Preps have been particularly good at settling and beginning to establish routine and connections. After last year’s success we again held a Welcome to Warranwood BBQ for all our Prep families on Tuesday night. It was great to see so many families here – lots of new connections and friendships made. Thank you to the Prep team, specialist teachers and school councillors who attended to support the event. We are looking forward to an exciting you of challenges and growth in our wonderful school. We will build on the successes of CAFÉ reading, RUIn and more!

BOMB HOAX
As you will be well aware a number of schools in Victoria and New South Wales have been evacuated this week and last following hoax bomb threats. Our school has not received such a threat, however like all schools we have a detailed emergency management plan with procedures in place for evacuation or lockdown. We are well -prepared for such situations, and of course would be quickly supported by emergency services. Our primary evacuation area is the school oval and the secondary evacuation area is across the road in the park opposite the Wellington Park Drive/Wonga Road roundabout. If we are evacuated we will not return to the buildings until police give us the all clear. The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.

We regularly have evacuation and lockdown drills/practice. At least one of these will occur in the next few days, so don’t worry if your child comes home and says we were evacuated! We always talk to students about what we are doing and why.

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.

FOOD GARDEN
Wow!! The growth in our Food Garden over the summer break has been sensational. We have a range of plants producing fruit/leaves etc. we have had lots of zucchinis, including this monster golden zucchini which Megan turned into delicious slice! It is fan-
tastic that our students are able to see the development from planting through harvesting and then a refined product that we can use in our canteen!!

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.

TERM DATES 2016
Term 1: 29 January to 24 March (Thursday prior to Good Friday)
Term 2: 11 April to 24 June
Term 3: 11 July to 16 September
Term 4: 3 October to 20 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 Sue Dean 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 it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property.

School Injuries and Insurance
- Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund.
- The Department of Education and Training does not hold accident insurance for school students.

Other school-specific insurance is available through the commercial sector is aware of two insurers, JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd and EBM Insurance Brokers, that provide accident insurance policies for students. These policies provide specific benefits for students who are injured in accidents for a reasonably low cost. Other insurers may also do so.
**FROM THE OFFICE**

Any family who has a valid Family Health Care Card, could you please contact the Office, you are eligible to apply for the Departments CSEF payment which is used to assist families with Camp and Excursion costs for your children.

We will be utilising more of the Compass capabilities this year so stay tuned and browse around Compass. If your child is absent please enter their absence into Compass, with the current global climate it is imperative that we have accurate details of student attendance. Prep Parent introduction letters and passwords will be sent out next week.

If you have changed any of your contact details ie contact telephone numbers, email address, change of address can you please let the Office know,

**Brigid Campbell**  
Business Manager

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**JAPANESE CULTURE CORNER**

*A Nihongo News- Two Japanese Assistant Teachers in 2016!*

A big thank you to the Carey and Arsenis families for kindly offering to host our assistant teacher Kahori from February to March this year!! Kahori will be running a special project called ‘Karuta 2020’. We have been invited to take part in this special program in term 1 by the Japan Institute. Karuta is a traditional Japanese educational game based on a theme, using haiku styled clue cards with matched answers. This special project will be offered to the Middle and Senior school students in term 1.

In April we will be welcoming a new assistant teacher to Warranwood. Her name is Sayumi and she will be with us for 12 months! We are very lucky to have Sayumi volunteering in our Japanese classes as she is an experienced primary school teacher. I know she will enjoy getting to know the families in our community as all our assistant teachers do. In 2015 we had five wonderful Warranwood families take part in the hosting program. If you are interested in hosting Sayumi in 2016 please contact Tanya or the general office as soon as possible so that we can secure her placement. Please read her letter of introduction below-

I’m a primary school teacher in Tokyo. I have been teaching school children for 8 years as a teacher. I am currently in charge of second-year students. This is the first time to go to Australia. I heard Melbourne is really good city to live. And I watched your school web site. It is very nice! Especially, school events are different from Japan. That looks like fun. English education in Japan has now become one of the most important things. However, I think Japanese English education curriculum is still imperfect and it has to be improved. So I would like to experience and see how students in Australia learn Japanese. And I want to improve my English also. My English is not so good, but I will try my best. See you in April! From Sayumi

**Tanya Barlow**  
Japanese Teacher
SPORTS NEWS

Summer Sport—Round 1. WPS V APPS Friday 5 February
We are straight into action with interschool sport for Senior School students starting tomorrow and our annual house swimming sports for middle school and senior school students to be held at the Croydon Memorial Pool on Feb 9th. Each year we ask for parent assistance. The girl basketball team and mixed volleystars team each require a parent for interschool sport.

Swimming Sports—Tuesday 9 February
We also need parents to help during the Swimming Sports, especially at the scoring table and at the finish area at both the shallow and full size pools. Please see me if you can help.

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Rod Neal
PE Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to all students.

Just a reminder that students should all use a library bag when borrowing. The bag protects the books from rain, spills and increases the life of books.

Quite a few overdue library books from last year have been returned this week, thank you.

Please feel free to drop any found school books into the library.

As always I am happy to assist with any library issues.

For interested parents and students, the State Library has a wonderful Children’s Day on 13 February 2016 http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/whats-on/kids-big-book-spectacular?

Ms Kim Barlow
Library.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
The WPS Parents Association invite you to attend our first meeting for the year
Monday 8th February at 7.30pm
In the Staff Room.

We have a number of fundraising activities and events on our calendar for 2016
and would welcome your input and participation.

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 / kellie.spiden@cbre.com.au
Loretta – 0419882503 / neilandloretta@netspace.net.au

We look forward to seeing you!
Welcome Back!
2016 is going to be a big one for wellbeing at Warranwood Primary School.

The Resilience Project - Coming soon … watch this space

Playology – A play based Social Skills group run by Jane Searle Psychotherapist. Jane has limited places left and runs the sessions on Tuesday and Thursdays. See flyer below and contact Jane for more information.

Tuning Into Kids – Is a great program to support you in your parenting role. I highly recommend these sessions if your child has difficulty managing their feelings and you want to strengthen your relationship with your child. Flyer is below contact Julia direct to register.

Mia Sartori – Student Welfare Officer

Mia Sartori
Student Welfare Officer
TUNING INTO KIDS
EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT PARENTING

A six session FREE parenting program for parents, grandparents and carers of children aged 0 – 12 years

WHEN:
Wednesdays
17th Feb to 23rd March
9.30 – 11.30am
Bookings are essential as places are limited

WHERE:
Central Ringwood Community Centre
Bedford Park
Bedford Road,
Ringwood VIC 3134

CONTACT:
Julia at Parentzone on
9735 6190 or
0400 866 495

Would you like to learn tips and strategies to:
- Be better at talking with and understanding your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions and deal with conflict?
- Help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?

Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence. Children with higher emotional intelligence:
- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

Anglicare Victoria

Parentzone Eastern

email: parentzone.errd@anglicarevic.org.au
website: anglicarevic.org.au/parentzone
Welcome back to a new school year, I hope everyone had a great break. I look forward to catching up with our canteen volunteers and also to meeting all the new prep students and their families over the coming months.

I have been busy in the canteen baking. As you might have seen we had a rather large zucchini grow in the school vegie patch over the holidays, I turned this into our homemade zucchini bakes, Yum! We also have available homemade burgers, cinnamon muffins, choc chip muffins, baked potatoes, fresh salads, rolls and much more which are all made in the canteen.

While the weather is warm why not treat the kids to a refreshing treat from the canteen at recess or lunch, we have available a large range of icy treats including, frozen fruit cups, Quelch Sticks, Icypoles, Moosies, Gelati’s and more. All prices can be found on the current menu.

REMINDER: If Students order a Frozen item with their Lunch Order can Parents please remind them to come to the canteen with their lunch order bag to collect the frozen product. It will be underlined on the bag with a BLUE Line.

Thanks to those parents who volunteered in 2015. If you are able to volunteer, we require new helpers so please give me a call on 0419 387 370 or pop in to the canteen to see me to discuss which day suits best.

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

Welcome back to another year at Warranwood OSHClub. We would especially like to welcome all the Preps and new families who will be attending for the first time over the next few weeks.

Hopefully everyone had a great break.

Over the Christmas break, Robyn gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. Adam Jonathon Dam was born on December 21st at 11.10, weighing 3.5kg. Both mother and child (and Grandma) are doing very well 😊

Floyd, Daniel and Alice playing Battleships with Ashleigh

Parent Information

WARRANWOOD OSHCLUB program phone: 0411-656-031
Coordinator: Hannah Wallis
Assistants: Jill Hansen, Robyn Dam and Ashleigh Woods

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.....

Meet the Coaches
Sunday 14th February
10am to 12noon
Clifford Park
Sunday 21st February
Players must be registered for 2016 season to participate
www.warrandytejfc.org

Warrandyte Junior Football Club
"It's all about the kids"

G'day cricket fans. It's not too late to join our club to start
training for your T20 Big Bash or Test career!
Join our
Milo In2 Cricket
2 free sessions!!!
Starts Friday 29th January 2016
For children 4 to 10 years.
Program will be run 5pm to 6pm at Barcaldine Reserve North
Croydon.
Free 2 x sessions, or,
Cricket Victoria Cost of $75 for full Milo Cricket Kit, plus 6 sessions.
The Croydon Knights also has places for boys and girls of all abilities in our
under 10s teams.
Start playing real games of cricket straight away with our great club coach Craig.
Guaranteed batting time (6 overs per game),
Guaranteed 2 overs per player.
Registration includes insurance, club cap and club drink bottle.

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)