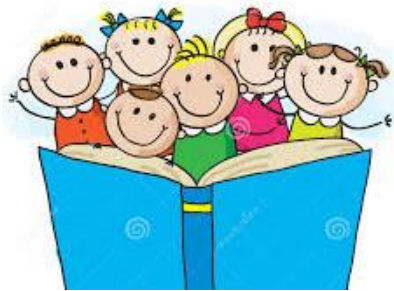




Warranwood Primary School CONNECTIONS

Term 2, 2018
Year 1/2 News and Information

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2



Welcome back everyone to Term 2. We hope you've all had a wonderful Easter and a chance to work off those chocolates! This term is an 11 week term with lots of exciting learning to be investigated! We're also looking forward to having parents working with the students in the classroom this term so please see your teacher if you are able to help out.

COMPASS

Parents are asked to make sure they complete Compass if their child is away for any reason. There have been new rules and regulations set by the Education Department to ensure that we know the whereabouts of your child and that if they are absent from the classroom it has been a decision by parents. If Compass has not been completed you will receive a text to find out why your child is not at school.

REPORTS AND 3 WAY INTERVIEWS

These interviews will be held in the last week of term. The interviews are a discussion about the students' report and their progress. It is important that students, wherever possible, attend the interview so that they may take ownership of their learning, share and celebrate their successes as well as discuss the areas they may need assistance in. You will be advised a week prior to the interviews to book your time on Compass.

EDUCATION WEEK - OPEN NIGHT

This year we are having a whole school open night on 23rd May, 2018. The focus will be on science/technology and design and engineering. Keep an eye on compass and the weekly newsletter for more information about this night.

COMMUNICATION POUCHES

The communication pouches need to be taken home every night and returned to school every morning. Please check your child's communication pouch each night for notices. Each pouch should contain the Reading Diary, a Spelling Homework book, take home books and any notices. Encourage your child to put their communication pouch back into to their school bag once they have been checked and diaries have been filled out.

READING

Evidence shows us that the students who are reading on a regular basis are the ones who improve at a faster rate. We understand that both parents and students have after school commitments but we cannot emphasise enough how important it is to put aside 15 minutes each night to listen to your child read. After reading please remember to fill out the diary by writing the title of the book and a short comment or just a signature. Teachers will check the diaries on a regular basis. If your child comes home with a book that is either too hard or too easy please compensate by either helping them read, reading to them or getting them to read a harder book you may have at home. We encourage the students to choose their own Good-Fit books and allow them to bring books, magazines or comics from home to keep in their book boxes and read at different times during the day.

HATS



In Terms 2 and 3 hats are not compulsory, however if there is an unusually hot day (which can happen in Melbourne!) please send them to school with a hat.

WATER BOTTLES & FRUIT/VEGIES



We encourage all students to have a fresh bottle of water on their table everyday and bring a piece of fruit or vegetables.

INCURSION

This term our unit topic is Tools, Toys and Technology. Jess Holien, one of our parents who is a scientist will be talking to students about the kinds of tools scientists use. A Learning By Doing incursion where students will have the opportunity to use specialised tools to build a toy will be a highlight of the term. It is an excellent hands-on activity that provides the students with an opportunity to experience how toys can be built manually.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM

This term the Junior School students will participate in the swimming program at Aquahub (Croydon Leisure Centre). Dates and session times are:

Monday 30th April – Friday 4th May

1st Session Bus leaving at 10:00 am - 10:30 - 11:30 - 1/2B and 16 of 1/2F
(AF, BC and ES)

2nd Session Bus leaving at 11:00 am - 11:30-12:30 - 1/2C, 6 of 1/2F and 10 of 1/2A

(AF, DC and ES)

3rd Session - Bus leaving 12:00 noon - 12:30-1:30 - 1/2S and 12 of 1/2A
(AS and DS)

During the week of swimming, we would like students to arrive at school with their bathers under their school clothes and thongs/slip on shoes and underwear in their swimming bags. Before we leave for the pool students will change into their thongs and leave school shoes and socks at school. We have found this works well and prevents students from leaving their shoes



behind. Lessons will run for 1 hour. As students are often very hungry after swimming please add extra healthy snacks and lunch to sustain them. A roster will be displayed on the classroom window asking for volunteers to accompany us on the bus. If you would prefer to meet us at the pool, extra help is always appreciated, especially from the males. Any parents acting as helpers must hold a current WWCC.

IMPORTANT DATES

April

Tuesday, 24th April – Positive Education Practices

Curriculum Day – Pupil Free

Wednesday, 24th April

ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY – Pupil Free

Monday 30th April – Friday 4th May

Junior School Swimming

May

23rd May

Whole School Open Morning – 9:00 – 11:00 am

Whole School Open Night - 7:00 – 8:30 pm

30th May

Incursion - Jess Holien – Tools Scientists Use

June

Monday, 6th June

Incursion – Learning by Doing

Monday 25th June -Afternoon /Evening

Tuesday 26th June -Afternoon

Parent/teacher/student Interviews (3 Way Conferences)

Friday 29th June

End of Term – Finish at 2:30 pm- Fiji Raffle Draw

