



# Warranwood Primary School CONNECTIONS

**JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**TERM 3 2018**

## **WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3**

It's hard to believe we are half a year down already!

We hope you have enjoyed a restful break with family and friends and are ready for another action packed 6 months of 2018.

With the chilly winter season well and truly upon us, we ask that you please ensure your child's jumpers and extra layers are clearly labelled so that we can do our best to return lost items. Just a reminder that at this time of the year, bugs spread quickly and if your child is unwell please keep them at home.



As the year progresses, students continue to develop their independence and responsibility for their learning. Establishing a morning routine is crucial in order to set them up for success throughout the day. Please ensure your child arrives to school at 8:45 to allow them time to organise themselves. Continue to encourage your child to change their own readers and be responsible for hanging up their bag in order to establish independence.

## **AUSTRALIAN FLORA AND FAUNA**

This term, students will become budding biologists with our study of Australian Flora and Fauna. Throughout this unit students will have the opportunity to research, see and interact with Australian Wildlife and native plants. Children will connect with wildlife and build their understanding of real-life issues. They will become active citizens, developing an understanding of protecting our precious environment and its animals.



We are looking forward to activities such as an excursion to Healesville Sanctuary on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September and a special visit from a wildlife carer during this term.

## **PORTFOLIOS**

We hope that you've enjoyed viewing your child's portfolio. Students will create a new portfolio for Semester 2. Their old portfolio can remain at home. Please fill in the parent comment as the children really enjoy reading your feedback.

## BOOK WEEK

We are all very excited about Book Week, which is coming up in the week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2018. During this week in our literacy classes, each level will choose a book to focus on. There will be a number of activities based on the chosen book and each class will be decorating their windows. The week before book week, students will be invited to bring a book. Those who have bought a book will be able to participate in a book swap, which will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Each class will be timetabled to go down to the library and choose a book. Notification of book week will be put on Compass as a reminder. Please note students will not be dressing up for book week.



## CLASSROOM HELPERS

We are very appreciative of your time and support with our classroom programs, particularly at this busy time of the year. Please let us know of your availability for Term 3.



It's back! Wacky Wednesday is an annual event run by the kids for the kids. Each year level is in charge of gathering certain materials to sell on the day. The Junior School is responsible for the Lucky Jar Stall. Families are asked to provide jars filled with a mixture of novelty goodies such as bouncy balls, erasers, pencils, hair ties, small toys etc. We request that you please do not include lollies or chocolates. All lucky jars will need to be brought to school by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of August so that we have time to organise and number them. If you are interested in either helping with organising the jars or selling on the day please speak to your child's class teacher.

## PREMEIERS READING CHALLENGE

We are encouraging all students to participate in the Premiers Reading Challenge. The students enjoy reading a variety of book titles on the list and are very proud of their own achievements. It is also an opportune time to be reading or sharing a book with your child. Don't worry if you haven't yet registered there is still time.



# JUNIOR SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

Don't forget to purchase your tickets to see your child star on the big screen. It is a great thrill for the children to see themselves larger than life. It maybe the start of a new career! Tickets available via a link on Compass.

## HOMEWORK

We encourage our students to read and/or be read to each night. The emphasis is on reading for meaning and enjoyment so it's okay if the books coming home are not too difficult. Students will receive a spelling list based on a THRASS sound each week to supplement our classroom spelling activities. **Please continue to write a short comment in your child's diary about their reading experiences.**



## HELPING AT HOME

Here are some tips to involve your child in learning at home:

- ✓ Talk together about daily events.
- ✓ Check Communication Folders for any notices.
- ✓ Read and discuss their Take Home Book and write the title of the book in the diary every day.
- ✓ Revise spelling lists and Oxford words.
- ✓ Play games that involve numbers.
- ✓ Give small jobs or responsibilities at home.

# COMPASS

Please remember to access Compass to enter in any dates of absences for your son/daughter.



Compass is marched in the morning by 9:05am. You need to sign in at the office if you are late.

Permission forms are now all organised through Compass.

## Term 3 Diary Dates

### July

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> - **Junior School Movie Night.**

### August

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – **First Aid Session**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - **Lucky Jars due**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – **Wacky Wednesday**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – **Book Week**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – **Book Swap**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> – **Father's Day Stall**

### September

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> – **Healesville Sanctuary**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – **Footy Day**

### End of Term 3

Friday 21<sup>nd</sup> September – **2:30 finish**

Holidays!

