

# Warranwood Primary School

## Prep News and Information - Term 4 2018

**WOW! What a fun time we had last term 😊**



Welcome back after what we hope was a restful and relaxing break with your families.

Congratulations on making it to the final term of the year. Term 4 will be jammed pack full of learning and fun – so hold on tight and enjoy!



## Hats

The sun is starting to shine so don't forget that in Term 4 it is compulsory for all students to wear their school hats. Please ensure that students' hats are named and that they accompany your child to school each day. There will be no loaning out of spare hats due to health issues. If students have not brought their hat they will be asked to play under shelter near the office area which is still a fun place to be but not ideal!

## Swimming

With warmer weather and summer holidays around the corner water safety is paramount. Therefore this term is a great time for swimming lessons! Our swimming program will run from Monday 22nd October until Friday 26th October at Aquanation in Ringwood.

All parent helpers will require a volunteer's Working With Children Check in order to assist us in the change rooms at the swimming pools and all official parent helpers will be notified of this.

Other family and friends are very welcome to come along and watch the fantastic swimming that will be on show by the Prep students and perhaps see a new Olympic star in the making.



## Connect Groups

Connect groups will continue to run this term, providing the students with different learning activities which incorporate our whole school wellbeing focus and school values of RUIIn (Respect, Understanding and Integrity).

Students will again be visiting other classrooms and these sessions will be a part of our transition program for them to get to know not only different students but also different teachers. With Grade 1 just around the corner they will get a sneak peek at what learning will look like next year for them as a big grade 1 student!

## Portfolios

Thank you to everyone who has returned their child's portfolio. Portfolios are a great record of your child's learning throughout the year and at the end of Term 4 will go home for you to keep. Please go through the portfolio with your child and enjoy sharing their learning with them. It makes the students feel very proud of their work and encourages them to continue to try to do their best. **If you have not returned your child's portfolio please do this as soon as possible** so we can include their fantastic pieces of work from this term.



## Christmas Celebrations

On Monday the 3rd of December we will be having our annual Warranwood Christmas Celebration night where parents and friends are invited to come and get into the Christmas spirit by having a picnic and joining in with the students while they all sing some Christmas songs and be merry!

The Preps will perform a couple of songs, which we will practise during the term. We are looking forward to seeing you all there and there may even be a surprise guest coming along to join us at the end of the night!

## Christmas T-shirts

One of our absolute favourite Christmas activities is making our Christmas t-shirts. Later on in the term a note will come home requesting you to pick a time and a day where you can come in, sit with your child and help them decorate their t-shirt. We will supply the decorations and the fabric paint and you just need to supply the t-shirt. It is a wonderful opportunity for you to spend time one on one with your child. If you are unable to come at all, please ask a grandparent or special friend if they would like to come in to assist. The students get to wear their fabulous t-shirts to our Christmas celebration.



## Take Home Words and Readers

We will continue testing sight words regularly, however there are occasions where other tasks take priority and we will be unable to test them some weeks. Please be patient and if your child has not had their words changed, continue to test them on all of the ones they have. If they know their words perfectly, give them a little spelling test or get them to put their words into a sentence or type them using a computer.

Just a reminder to also continue reading with your child every day. Please record the book they read in their yellow diaries. If you find the book your child has chosen is too hard, read it to them first and then see if they can recognise some sight words. Remember to make it an enjoyable experience.

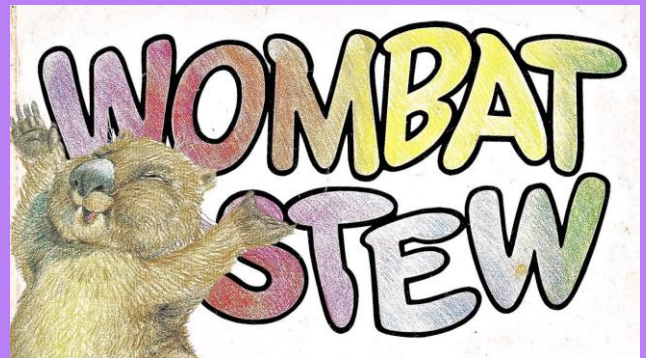
## Parent Helpers

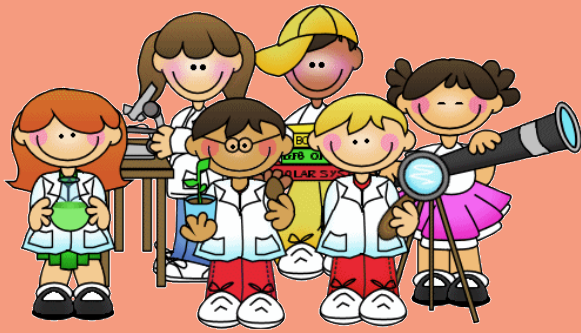
Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered their time helping in the classroom. You are all fabulous and we really appreciate any assistance parents are able to offer as it makes a huge difference to the classroom program. **We still require parent helpers during Term 4** so if you are able to spare an hour or so please see your child's teacher.

## Prep Production

The stage is set and the Prep students are very excited as they begin preparations for their very own production!!

Scripts have gone home to practise and the Live Performance will take place Monday 19th November.





## Science in the Classroom

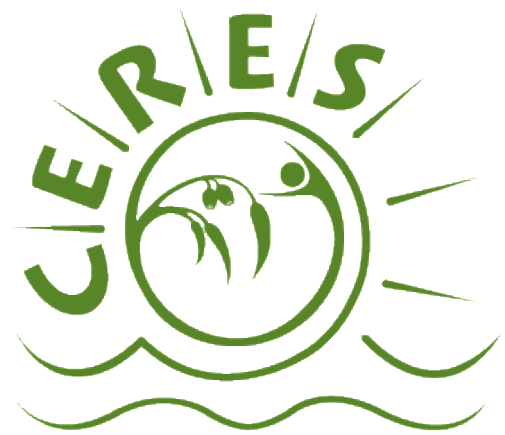
This term we are lucky enough to have our resident Scientist Jess Holien come in and visit our classrooms. We will be learning all kinds of new and interesting information!

Thanks Jess! 😊

## Waste Incursion

This term as part of our inquiry unit, we will be learning about our environment and how we can take care of it.

The Maroondah City Council will hold an incursion for us about 'waste'. Students will learn about how waste is made, how we can reduce our waste and how we can recycle and compost at school and at home.



## CERES Excursion

This term we will be visiting CERES, an outdoor interactive centre that focuses on the environment. We will be exploring our local environment, how we can care for it, what lives in our environment and why caring for our environment is important.

Parent helpers will be needed and we will ask you to meet us at the venue.

Don't forget you will need a current Working With Children's Check if you would like to join us.

We will send out more details about this later in the term!



## Term 4 Important Dates



Science Incursion	Wednesday 17th October
Swimming Program	October 22nd - 26th
Colour Run	Tuesday 30th October
'Waste' Incursion	Wednesday 31st October
Melbourne Cup Day (no school)	Tuesday 6th November
Whole School Orientation	Thursday 8th November
Whole School Orientation	Tuesday 13th November
Prep – 2 Twilight Athletics	Thursday 15th November
Prep Production (9am-11am)	Monday 19th November
Whole School Orientation	Wednesday 28th November
Christmas Concert	Monday 3rd December
Whole School Orientation	Tuesday 11th December
CERES Excursion	Wednesday 12th December
Reports go home	Friday 14th December
Last day of school (Early dismissal 1.30pm)	Friday 21st December

More information about school happenings and dates can be found in our school newsletters. You can access them via Compass or the website:

<http://www.warranwood.vic.edu.au/page/65>