Our Problematic Planet

Once again a busy term is planned. Students will be completing a Problematic Planet Unit on Endangered Species. They will investigate factors such as habitat loss, hunting, disease and climate change, sustainability and the effects these can have on the survival of the species. This term students will be engaged in explorations to develop understandings of how species of plants and animals adapt and survive to the conditions of their environment.

We have a planned excursion to the Royal Melbourne Zoo where students will participate in an education program investigating how economic factors impact on environmental and conservation issues. They will build their understandings and be empowered to take action to help save wildlife.

ANZAC Day Ceremony

On Wednesday 20th April our school leaders (pictured right), accompanied by Danielle, attended an ANZAC Day Ceremony at Ringwood Lake. Students were invited to lay a wreath to commemorate the memory of those who made sacrifices for our country in times of war.

BUDDIES

During first term we managed to fit in two fantastic buddy sessions. The Year 5 students introduced themselves to their new little friends by writing them a letter sharing about themselves. Together they made concertina cutouts and drew themselves and their new buddy. They toured the school and then had a picnic lunch. To help celebrate Easter the buddies once again worked together to make bunny head bands, a basket and finally participated in an Easter egg hunt.
Term 2: What’s On!
Below is a list of events and dates for your diary.

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Cyber Safety
Term 2

Our Cyber Safety work is an all year round program that aims to ensure students can make safe decisions when working online or from an electronic device.

Our focus continues to be on exploring the advantages and disadvantages of social media. Students will extensively explore the importance of ensuring privacy settings are always activated on all social medias used. We also identify why it is essential that students only add family or friends on their social media accounts.

We also explore what cyber bullying is and the smart choices students can make if they are, or know of someone that is being cyber bullied. Discussions will also be held on what is appropriate to send online and what is not.

Students will also gain further understandings of what it means to be a digital citizen and as they continue to work online they are leaving behind a digital footprint of their work.

We aim to better equip our students on how to safely interact online. However it remains a team effort to be aware of what our young people are doing online.

Should you have any questions about our cyber safety program please feel free to come up and speak to your child’s classroom teacher.
In Term 2 inter school sport will occur during Friday afternoons instead of the morning. Venues will be posted each week in the Senior School window and in the Connect newsletter.

Sports being played will include volleyball, tennis, AFL, soccer, netball and softball.

There will be a sports program offered for the Year 5 students who are not in inter school sports teams. If you are able to help out with any teams during the afternoon sessions or have expertise in a given sport please feel welcome to volunteer to assist with team management.

All teams had a chance last Friday to practice together and learn a little about their game.

During lunchtimes some keen participants have been involved in a table tennis club with Chris Turner.

Camp Rumbbug is already a month ago however the great memories and learning experiences that our students experienced are assisting them to continue to grow as more independent people.

Students challenged themselves in a variety of ways whilst at camp. For some it was the chance to be away from home, for others it was the height of an outdoor experience! Whatever the challenge it was amazing as teachers to watch our young people develop the confidence to answer the call of their personal supposed limitations. The overwhelming supportive environment created by our amazing parent volunteers, students, teachers and camp staff made the entire camp a tremendous experience.

Last week the important transition forms went home with an information pack that explains how selections are to be made and timelines required to be met. Please be aware that all sections of the form must be completed and all preferences filled in to avoid upset and frustration at the notification stage later in the year. Forms must be returned no later than Friday 13 May.

Please visit the high schools and gain a feel for the different environments and communities offered for 2016.

**COPING STRATEGIES by Mia**

During Term 1 Mia spent time with each of the Senior School classes to explore a range of coping and resilience strategies.

They looked at healthy and unhealthy strategies and explored why people sometimes choose poor coping strategies. The students also investigated healthy strategies and discussed, Belly Breathing; Positive Self-talk and Asking trusted adults for help.

Please ask your children about these approaches and remind them to use them when under pressure.
**Drug Ed**

During term 2 our Senior School students will participate in drug education programs. The programs will look to

- develop students’ life skills and protective behaviours
- promote the range of relationships in which students can positively engage
- ensure that students are connected to their schooling
- explore and understand external influences such as, media, family and peers.

At Warranwood we explore the effects of

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**2016 NAPLAN Testing**

Please remember to keep all NAPLAN testing in perspective during the lead up to and during the tests in May.

At school we will continue to ensure students are involved in normal learning experiences that meet their different needs. We will not spend large amounts of time in preparing students for the one off tests as evidence shows that this is not productive.

Remember to keep things normal at home and ensure the message that NAPLAN tests are just a normal part of life and nothing to be worried about. Remind them that they are just another way of looking at their learning in reading, writing, spelling and numeracy.

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A HUGE welcome to Vanessa who is teaching 5/6H while Shane is Acting A.P. Please say hello and make her feel welcome.