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Warranwood P.S Senior School Newsletter



Term 3

July 2018

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 3! Wow, it has been super chilly! Whether you stayed at home, went interstate or even overseas, we hope everyone had a nice and safe holiday and that all students are now ready to hit the ground running for an exciting term.

For our Year 6 students this will be their last ever semester of their primary school education. Graduation will be a huge highlight in December. Our Year 5's have now settled into day-to-day routine in our Senior School and all their hard work, perseverance and commitment will benefit their studies moving forward.

Around the World!

Our integrated topic this term is 'Around the World' which will have an in depth focus on European and Asian countries. Late last term students chose this topic. In line with our Victorian Curriculum students decided they would like to research culture, population, fashion, native animals, food and many other features that make each country a unique place.

After engaging students in the topic we will be having an inquiry based approach to their learning where students will identify one European or Asian country that they could live in if they had to leave Australia. Students will frame their own questions for research into this country. They will use their creative skills to present their findings of their research to peer, teachers and parents!

Diary Dates Term 3, 2018

24 July	House Athletics
25 July	House Athletics B/Up
31 July	Canteen Sushi Day
20 Aug	Book Week
23 Aug	Book Swap Day
29 Aug	Father's Day Stall
30 Aug	District Athletics
12 Sept	'Around the World' Expo, parents/guardians welcome to attend the Senior School and look at student work from 2:30pm until 4pm.
20 Sept	Canteen Footy Day
21 Sept	Last Day of Term 3

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

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

3 Way Conferences

It was a great opportunity for us as Senior School teachers to chat to so many families about individual student learning. We were able to establish many goals for this semester. Having your child attend and be part of the interview was a great way for students to have voice and agency in their learning.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to have a 3-way conference with your child's teacher please do not hesitate to come up and make a time to do so!



Team Sport Competition

We have one final round of inter school sport left in our first week of Term 3. This will be against Wonga Park P.S.

Following this round we will have a team sport competition every Friday afternoon (2:30pm - 3:30pm). This will see students across our Senior School placed in a team where they will be challenged by new games and sports on a weekly basis.

The games will have a huge focus on continuing to build sportsmanship and skill acquisition

Some of the games on offer will be crab-soccer, beat the goalie, sock wrestling, European handball, gaelic football and many more!



Digital Portfolios

Our digital portfolios are a fantastic way for your child to showcase their work over the term.

Items in the portfolio consist of either student self-evaluation or teacher feedback or both.

If you have not had the opportunity to ask your child to see their work from last term please ask them to show you;

- One minute speech presentation.
- Statistics and Probability 'Explain Everything' focussing on chance.
- Photo of a three dimensional solar system, focussing on the relative size and distance from the sun of each planet.
- Persuasive writing piece.

Drug and Sexuality Education

As part of our health and personal development focus we will be running drug education sessions during weeks one to four this term.

Sexuality education sessions will begin week 5 and conclude late in the term.

As was the case with drug education, we will notify you before we commence sexuality education. Please have conversations with your child to prepare them and give them an understanding to support what is being learnt in the classroom.

Reminders for Term 3

- ★ iPads must be charged at home and be fully charged for the start of the day.
- ★ Fresh fruit can be bought for after recess.
- ★ Please send in a box of tissues if you haven't already to help us get through the colder months.

Wacky Wednesday

This year, students in our Senior School will once again coordinate and run their own stalls for Wacky Wednesday which will be on Wednesday 15th August.

Students will be broken into groups across all classrooms in the Senior School and will need to show innovation in preparing a stall for the day.

This day is a fantastic opportunity for students to raise money for our school. In recent years we have purchased a slide for the Junior School, gaga ball pit, table tennis tables and couches for the library.

Reduce, reuse and recycle are key factors in this process and we thank you for support in this area.



Senior School

The following are our guidelines for you to consider when constructing a homework routine.

Reading:

We expect reading each night for a minimum of 15 minutes. Reading before bed at night time is a great way to relax before going to sleep.

Spelling:

It is a great idea to revise your weekly spelling words 3 times each week! Don't forget to use your literacy planet app!

Times tables and number facts:

Targeting a specific times table that you would like to become better at or revising number facts twice a week will ensure that you stay on top of your maths! At times throughout the term your teacher will provide you with skills and drills to support your number fluency.

Writing:

Adding an entry in your creative writing book once a week can be very enjoyable. The topic and style is completely up to you. It could even be a response to what you have been reading.

Project Work:

From time to time, students may be required to complete project work at home and will be guided by their classroom teacher in doing so.