



Warranwood P.S. Senior School News and Information Issue No.1



Term 1 Connections Communication

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Welcome to 2017 Term 1



Welcome to Term 1! We can't believe how fast the holiday break flew by, but the Senior School team is very happy to be back and ready for a terrific school year. This year, there are a few new teachers in the Senior School. Bill Shorten is the teacher in 5/6 S. Natasha Walden is in 5/6 W. Olivia May is in 5/6 M. Chris Turner is continuing his role in 5/6 T and Danielle Rushford stays in 5/6 R. Also, we are fortunate to have fourth year Deakin student, Liz, who is placed in 5/6W for her rounds in terms one, two and four.

As a school, Warranwood PS is guided by the Victorian Curriculum. This new curriculum has replaced the Australian Victorian Essential Learning Standards this year. Our focus, as always, will be on teaching the Curriculum in an engaging and meaningful way. Across the school, the learning areas are English, Mathematics, Humanities, Science, and Technologies. Students will also gain skills in the Critical and Creative Thinking Capability, Ethical Capability, Intercultural Capability and Personal and Social Capability. More information about the curriculum can be found at <http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au>

Finally, we would like to mention how privileged we are to have your students in our classes. Their enthusiasm and effort are what help us come to school with positive attitudes, and we know it will be an exciting year full of learning and growth for all of us. Please feel free to contact Bill (team leader) via the school telephone number or email at: shorten.william.r@edumail.vic.gov.au Likewise, if you wish to arrange an appointment with any member of the Senior School, please contact individual teachers to arrange a convenient time for discussion.

CAMP

Students and teachers are off to camp in Canberra the week of May 1-5. This camp will be an exciting adventure for all participants and we will visit Federal Parliament, the War Memorial and other important sites.

The Canberra Camp incurs a significant cost of approximately \$600, however, a payment plan for families is available.

At the information night, we will give parents information on how to volunteer to help on the camp. We will have the names of all volunteers in time for the camp information session on March 16th.

We will have an Information Session on Thursday night 16th March to pass on more information about camp.



Term 1: What's On!

Monday 13 th Feb	School Photos
Monday 13 th Feb	Senior School Info Night @ 7:30 in Senior School Building
Mon 21 st Feb and Tues 22 nd Feb	GTKY Interview Evenings
Fri 24 th Feb	Student Leaders Conference
Tues 28 th Feb	Japanese Day
Tues 7 th March	Library Incursion
Mon 13 th March	Labour Day
Tues 14 th - Fri 17 th March	Life Ed Van at school
Thurs 16 th March	Canberra Camp Info night @6:30 in Senior Building
Fri 31 st March	Last day of term

More dates to note:

May 1st – 5th – Canberra Camp

December 19th – Graduation



DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

A global digital citizen practises leadership, ethics, global awareness and personal responsibility. They act and speak with integrity. They have a healthy respect and responsibility for themselves. They care for others and for physical and intellectual property. Our classrooms are the perfect place to give these values to our students. Cybersafety will be a focus in our classes, and we will be working with our students in an ongoing nature to assist them to develop as digital citizens.

Senior School Staff

Steve Albon - Principal
 Shane Harrop- Assistant Principal
 Bill Shorten- Senior School Team Leader
 Olivia May – 5/6 Teacher
 Danielle Rushford - 5/6 Teacher
 Chris Turner - 5/6 Teacher
 Natasha Walden-5/6 Teacher
 Andrew Tonkin - PE Teacher
 Jacinta O’Leary - Performing Arts
 Jeenah Metcalf - Creative Arts
 Tanya Barlow – LOTE
 Leanne Dobson –Education Support
 Jill Hansen – Education Support
 Deb Hawker – Education Support
 Julie Moerenhout – Education Support
 Di Measom – Education Support
 Casey Owens – Education Support
 Chris Thomson – Education Support

Get To Know You Interviews-Monday 21st and 22nd February

Congratulations to our 2017 School Leaders

School Captains

Lily C., Mia S., Michael S., Jared G.

House Captains

Wellington Captains: Ben P., Cooper deP., Elena G., and Olivia M.

Eden House Captains: Josh A., Matthew W., Eve P., Alena G.

Wonga House Captains: Cruz R., Aiden B., Maya V., and Chloe W.

Yarra House Captain: Austin D., Matt H., Brooke C., and Tayla C.

New this year will be Specialist Captains. Interested year 6 students should submit a letter to Mrs. Barlow by Friday February 17th. See class teachers for more information. Two Greenologists and Two SRC representatives to be voted in by peers in each grade.

Literacy and Mathematics

English and mathematics are vital components of the Victorian Curriculum, which we teach every day. In English, we use the CAFÉ reading program to strengthen reading skills. Daily reading is essential, and all students are expected to have a “good-fit” book to read. Within our reading program, we are also introducing the reader’s notebook so that students extend their thinking about what they are reading. Everyone is encouraged to make connections not just within the book, but also between the book and their selves and the world around them. Our writing focus this term is narrative, and we will be using a writer’s notebook to plant the ‘seeds’ for writing. This will allow students to gather ideas from their own experiences. Students will also develop their speaking and listening skills through daily group work and discussions.

Over the past year, the Senior School has developed an engaging strategy to deliver mathematics instruction. This involves blending small group and individual instruction with online content to allow students to delve deeper in their learning. This blended learning strategy occurs in ‘zones’ where students receive challenges to achieve. When a zone is completed, students create an Explain Everything to demonstrate their understanding of the topic and celebrate their success. Topics in Term 1 include place value, number, and the four processes.

HOMWORK

Essentially, homework will consist of spelling words practice, nightly reading, times tables practice and research projects at varying times. Students will use iPads and Google calendar to organise their home tasks and communication. Charging iPads each night is integral to the effectiveness of the school program.

HEALTHY BODIES & Healthy Minds

It is well-documented that drinking plenty of water and eating “nude” foods (such as fruit and veggies) leads to healthier bodies. We encourage all students to have a fresh bottle of water on their table every day. We also support and remind students to re-fill their bottle during the day. All students are allowed to snack on fresh fruit at their tables throughout the day during class times.

To complement the curriculum and instil a habit of personal wellbeing, we have committed a few (less than ten) minutes per day to practising mindfulness. The program we are using is Smiling Minds, and we encourage families to check out their website and app to see more about the benefits of breathing and mindfulness.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES

At Warranwood we warmly welcome those students and families who have become part of our friendly school and community. We hope your time with us is rewarding and inviting.

IMPORTANT

iPad Reminders

- iPads must be charged at home.
- iPads are to be kept in bags before and after school.
- Restrictions should be set up by parents. See the school website for details.
- All school apps to be downloaded and regularly updated at home.

INTER SCHOOL SPORTS - TERM 1

Summer Sports (Term 1) are as follows: Basketball (Girls and Boys teams), Tee Ball (Girls and Boys teams), Rounders (Girls and Boys teams), Cricket, Bat Tennis and Volley Stars. Teams will compete between 9.15am and 10.40am on Friday mornings.

PARENT HELPERS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED! Please contact Andrew Tonkin if you can help out. Thanks in anticipation!☺

Sport Starts on Friday 10th February.

Round 1 vs Croydon Hills PS on Friday 10th Feb
Round 2 vs Ringwood North PS on Friday 17th Feb.
Round 3 vs Heathmont East PS on Friday 24th Feb
Round 4 Bye
Round 5 vs Antonio Park PS Friday 10th March.
Round 6 vs Ringwood North PS Friday 17th March.
Round 7 vs Dorset PS on Friday 24th March.

SUNSMART AT WARRANWOOD

Please be reminded that it is compulsory for ALL students to wear a school hat during Term 1 when outside the classroom. We also recommend that students apply sunscreen and wear sun glasses.



CLASS HELPERS and REPS

All classes will be looking for helpers and representatives. If you would like to become involved please see your child's teacher. Your time and efforts will be greatly appreciated by the teachers and students. This can take the form of assisting at sports or in classroom programs via reading, mentoring or small group support.

If you would like to take on the role of Class Rep. please speak to your child's class teacher. The more the merrier: it is possible that these positions can be shared and a team approach can be very successful!

Greenology

This leadership group meets monthly to discuss issues regarding the environment and matters pertaining to sustainability around our school. The Greenology leaders are selected by teachers from nominations in the classroom.

Wellbeing in Senior School 2017

Student wellbeing is pivotal to student learning and academic achievement. To support the wellbeing of all students we will provide a wide range of experiences rich in personal development outcomes and social understandings.

Programs will consist of pro-social skill building and role-plays, resilience training, leadership enhancement, organisation skills, drug and sexuality education, Prep buddy programs and Connect groups.

Our approach to student discipline is underpinned by the Restorative Justice philosophy. The basic premise of this is to understand how one's actions have impacted someone else and how to make it fair again. "To restore the balance and make just".