WELCOME BACK TO
TERM 4
We hope that you all enjoyed a well-deserved break with your family and friends and are ready to start our final term.

As the weather warms up, it is important that all students wear their school hats in term 4. Please check that your child’s hat is clearly named.

Life Cycles
This term’s integrated unit of study is ‘Life Cycles’. Our focus will be on developing an understanding that all living things go through various stages during its lifetime. Throughout the term students will be working on an ongoing research booklet containing the life cycles of many different plants and animals including an animal of their choosing from the Melbourne Zoo.

Melbourne Zoo Excursion
We have planned an excursion to the Melbourne Zoo on Monday November 28th. As part of our unit for this term, students will be researching the life cycle of an animal at the zoo. During our excursion, we will observe the extensive range of animals on display and endeavour to find out more about our chosen animals. Further details will be available closer to the date. Each class will need one helper on the bus and 3-4 parents to meet us at the zoo. Please let your child’s teacher know if you are able to assist on the day.

Big Day In
On Thursday November 3rd we will be having our annual ‘Big Day In’ at school. The students will stay at school after 3:30pm and engage in two programs, Footsteps Dance and sport games. Afternoon tea and a light pizza dinner will be provided.

Students will need to be collected by their parents from their child’s classroom at 7:00pm. More details to follow soon.
20 Years of Warranwood PS!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY WARRANWOOD!
On Saturday November 12th the Warranwood community will be celebrating 20 years since the opening of our school in 1996.

It is set to be a wonderful occasion with entertainment, market stalls, activities and even fireworks to finish the evening.

Junior Gym
Next term, preps and year 1 students will come together to participate in weekly Junior Gym sessions after assembly on a Monday morning. This will be a time where students from both year levels can become familiar with each other to ensure a smooth transition for the following year. During this time the year 2 students will have the opportunity to work together and complete weekly ‘challenge’ tasks in preparation for their move into year 3.

CHRISTMAS
It’s the most wonderful time of the year! How quickly Christmas is upon us again. Commencing in December, students will participate in Christmas activities where they will have the opportunity to rotate to all teachers to create a magnificent Christmas themed decoration. Students will also begin practising a Christmas carol to be performed at our Christmas Concert on Monday the 5th of December (weather permitting).

TERM 3 HIGHLIGHTS
Term 3 proved to be action packed with the students participating in many activities and events. A highlight of the term was the Olympics! This provided much excitement for students as they researched various countries around the world. It was great to see students develop an awareness of other cultures and traditions.

Cultural Diversity Day

Wacky Wednesday

Science Fair

Footy Day
Helping at home
Coming into the last term for the year it is important to continue a consistent homework routine. 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 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.

Homework
We encourage our students to read 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 continue to alternate from revising their THRASS word list one week and their Oxford word list the following to supplement our classroom spelling activities. Please continue to write a short comment in your child’s diary about their reading experiences.

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 this term.

Compass
Please remember to access the Compass website to enter in any dates of absences for your son/daughter. This is a requirement from the Department of Education and we appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you are unable to access Compass please notify the office of your absence.

Portfolios
We hope that you’ve enjoyed viewing your child’s portfolio. We require all portfolios to be returned to school ASAP so that we can continue to add work from term 4.

Term 4 Diary
Dates
October
Monday 24th – Maths Day
Wednesday 26th – Fun Run
Friday 28th – Curriculum Day
November
Tuesday 1st – Melbourne Cup Day
Thursday 3rd 3:30 – 6:00 pm
Big Day In
Saturday 12th – Warranwood’s 20th Birthday Celebration
Monday 28th – Zoo excursion
December
Monday 5th – Christmas Concert

End of Term 4
Tuesday 20th December – 1:30 finish