



# Warranwood P.S Prep Newsletter



Term 3

July 2025

## WELCOME BACK!

We hope the Preps have had a refreshing two weeks and managed to enjoy their break while staying as healthy as possible. We have an exciting term planned with our 100 days of learning celebrations, incursions linked to our inquiry, Book Week, Footy day and many more fun and interesting learning times ahead for our Preps.

Our Inquiry Unit this term will focus on:

'Discovery'

through the **Science of living things**

We have had an incursion presented by Seesaw STEAM to spark our learning of living things. This will help us to discover and explore new ideas and clarify our understandings while being a unique, hands-on learning experience. We hope it will be a fun, informative and memorable day. A special incursion by Wild Action will also help us focus on science inquiry skills, teamwork, communication, problem solving and critical & creative thinking pertaining to our endangered species.



## 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION

On Monday 4th August 2025 we will celebrate the milestone achievement of 100 days at school. During the day we will have a variety of fun activities organised for the students. Parent help on the day will be limited to our Class Parent Representatives. Please organise a dress up of your choice for your Prep to wear on the day - for more information please see the notice that we sent home at the end of last term.

**Let the final countdown begin!!**

## Diary Dates

Monday 21 July	Start Term 3
Thursday 24th July	Jump Rope for Heart begins
Monday 4 August	Prep 100 Days Celebration
Wednesday 6th August	Toastie Truck
Monday 11 August	Book Week - Whole school Dress Up Day and Assembly 9am
Thursday 21st August	Prep Incursion
Monday 25 August	Student Free Day
Wednesday 27 August	Father's Day Stall
Friday 29th August	Prep Incursion
Friday 5 September	Jump Rope for Heart
Friday 12 September	Connect groups
Thursday 18 September	Footy Day
Friday 19 September	End of Term 3 2:30pm finish
*Please note dates do change at times.	

### STARTING ON TIME

Prep classrooms doors are open at 8.50am for students to arrive and settle into their morning routines, ready for a **9.00am start**. **We really appreciate if you ensure your child is at school on time ready to start our happy day.** If your child will arrive after the 9:00am bell please get a late pass for them from the office as you sign them in and hand it to their teacher.

### INDEPENDENCE

A huge part of coming to school for our Prep students is learning to be independent. The Prep year is a very important time to establish independence skills and it is our responsibility as parents and teachers to help students achieve this.

Please continue to encourage your child to demonstrate independence at school through verbal reminders, praise and positive reinforcement and allowing them to complete their morning tasks on their own (such as hanging up their own bag, changing their take home book and settling into their morning routine).

Giving your child small tasks at home that help the family will also improve their independence at school. In Term 4 we have swimming so please encourage independent dressing, care of own belongings and tying of laces (velcro shoes are the best in Prep!).

Becoming independent is something all children need to learn and with your help and ours, the students will be ready for a successful future.



### COMPASS

Remember to fill out Compass if your child is sick or going to be away. Watch out for upcoming notifications regarding our incursions and events.

### KEEPING UP WITH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Don't forget to check out the Connect newsletter each fortnight to see updates and the latest happenings around the school. Reminders of events are also regularly posted on Compass, class contact groups and the School and Friends of Warranwood and Facebook pages.



## PARENT/GRANDPARENT HELPERS

Thank you to those parents/grandparents who have already volunteered their time helping in the classroom. Rosters are displayed outside the classrooms. We are very grateful for any assistance you are able to offer as it makes a huge difference to the classroom program. If you would like to add your name this term please check the times available or see your child's teacher. If you are unable to help on a regular basis but find time to pop in every now and then please talk to the classroom teacher. **Don't forget to register at the front office** before you come to assist us in the classroom and please be aware of child safe practices. Again, thank you so much for your help in the classroom.

**\*You must have a current Working with Children before you put your name down please.**



## HOME READING

As the students continue reading throughout the term we ask that you please record the books they read in their reading diary. Remember that if your child wants to re-read a book or does not get around to reading it that night it is OK to keep it for another day. Please understand that although it can be difficult to find the time, it is really important for your child's development to read with them as much as you can. It doesn't have to always be a take home book. You can read and share books from home or the Library. If your child is tired you can read to them and encourage them to read some of the key words they are able to identify. Remember to try and make it an enjoyable experience! We also ask that you only take **one book per night** as there are limited decodables and we would like everyone to have access to them.

## CANTEEN and MONEY

Just a reminder that the canteen is closed on Wednesdays.

Due to our concerns about food allergies, we ask that you discourage your children from buying snacks from the canteen for other students. Buying food for others can also cause distress for the students who are not selected by their friends to share the money. Please also discuss the importance of not sharing food from their lunch boxes too.

## FOOTY DAY

As one of the great traditions at Warranwood we will be having our Footy Day where the students come to school wearing their favourite football/soccer/rugby team clothes ( jumpers, scarves, beanies or team colours). The students will participate in a range of football related activities throughout the day and can also enjoy a canteen lunch. Details about this special day will be given later this term.

## Literacy

In your child's communication pouch they will have an InitialLit reading diary that has space to write down books you and your child are reading at home and 'tricky' words to practice.

**Please make sure your child changes their take home book after reading it each day. Their reading diaries also need to come to school each day in their communication pouch.**

You may also notice that the reading diaries contain Tricky Words to practise at home. Please read these with your child so they become automatic. Making cards or playing 'snap' games can make this learning at home fun. These words are used in reading and writing in the classroom and are part of our daily routine, so reinforcing this at home can help consolidate your child's reading skills.



## Book an Adventure: Book Week 2025

To celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Children's Book Week, Warranwood Primary School will be holding our annual Book Week from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August. The theme this year is Book an Adventure!

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August, students and staff will be invited to dress up as their favourite book character, author or other book-inspired costume and take part in our whole-school Book Week parade. We would love to see the book that inspired your child's costume, so please encourage them to bring it along (a print out of the book or author would also be ok!). This will allow others to see what inspired our costumes and will be a great way to encourage our friends and classmates to give our favourites books and authors a try!

Later in the week, Melbourne-based children's author Michael Wagner will be visiting our school and sharing his books with our Prep-Year 6 classes. His 80-plus titles include a 20-book series about the funny and exciting sporting adventures of Maxx Rumble, six books about a family called The Undys, a heart-warming first reader called Pig Dude: He Can Do ANYTHING! and the acclaimed picture books Why I Love Footy and Bear Make Den. His recent picture story book "Dirt by Sea" was shortlisted for the 2023 CBCA Picture Book of the Year award and continues to be a very popular book in our own school library.

We can't wait to meet Michael, explore the books currently shortlisted for the 2025 CBCA awards and see our students dressed to impress at our Book Week parade.

Don't forget to add any books they have read to their Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge list. Happy reading!

