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Term 3, Week 7
Thursday 27th August 2020

Principal's Report



EXCITING NEWS

Earlier this week we heard from Premier Andrews and Education Minister James Merlino that they believe we will most likely be back at school for student learning in Term 4 this year. The sacrifices and commitment that everyone has made over the last 5 weeks are having a marked impact on the infection rates and numbers of community transmissions and it is realistic to believe we will be under 100 a day in the next week. Of course, we must all continue the hard yards for now and not become complacent, but it was great for the personal spirit and sense of hope to hear that there is light at the end of the long tunnel we have been in.

Warranwood PS Online Assembly Friday 3pm

It will be a nice chance to come together as an entire community, celebrate student work and share some stories together and launch some competitions for families to get involved in over the next couple of weeks. We look forward to seeing you all in the assembly and ask that you help by making sure microphones are muted and no-one uses the chat feature.

The Assembly will look like,

Acknowledgement of Country by School Captains
School Oath by our School Captains
Teacher I am- Dr Seuss- By the Warranwood Staff
Year 1/2 On Show
Author's Chair Story Time
Year 3/4 On Show
Taiko Drummers
Competition Launch- Lego Masters Warranwood- When ISO is Finished
Competition Launch- Home Learning Helper Gratitude Celebration
Assembly Close

Please find the link to our first whole school assembly for Friday afternoon

Meeting link: <https://eduvic.webex.com/eduvic/j.php?MTID=madd3d481b468ca2aad9753e34ec65733>

Meeting number: 165 399 6441
Password: Welcome

TOILET UPGRADES ABOUT TO COMMENCE

In some exciting news our toilet refurbishment and upgrade is ready to kick off as soon as we are out of Stage 4 restrictions. The Bowden Group have been selected by the VSBA to implement the upgrade and we will soon have swish new facilities for our students to enjoy. We expect all works to be finished by the end of this year still with a start date late this term or during the holiday period.

FATHERS DAY STALL DISAPPOINTMENT

Sadly, this year despite some persistent, creative and herculean efforts by our Friends of Warranwood team, we are unable to manage a stall for dads as we were unable to work around the Stage 4 restrictions and DET and Warranwood Covid 19 safety protocols. We will make it up to dads next year when we will have the biggest and best stall ever. Thank you to the team who invested so much time in trying to manage all the challenges to make it still happen. Your efforts were so impressive!

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS and CALL OUT

This year has seen some new and unique challenges arise as a school community. Warranwood has been extremely well served and most fortunate to have a committed and enthusiastic team of school councillors to share in the workings and decisions about aspects of our school running and goals.

With the unique challenges that have presented this year we would like to put a call out for 2 volunteers who might be interested in joining council for the back half of this year to discuss and share insights into school business and assist with decision making for how we move forward as a learning community. We have 2 vacancies available and if you feel you have something to offer then please call me-Shane to discuss the role and what it might mean. School council meets once a month currently online and members also belong to a sub-committee to engage in discussions about any of; Education, Buildings and Grounds/ Sustainability/ Promotions/ Friends of Warranwood and Finance. Belonging to school council offers a great way to build relationships and act as a voice in our community about the direction of our school.

If you are interested or even a little inquisitive give me a call and I will be only too happy to discuss further with you. We are definitely interested in speaking to someone with a financial/ accounting background to complement school council skill sets.

Prep 2021 Transition News

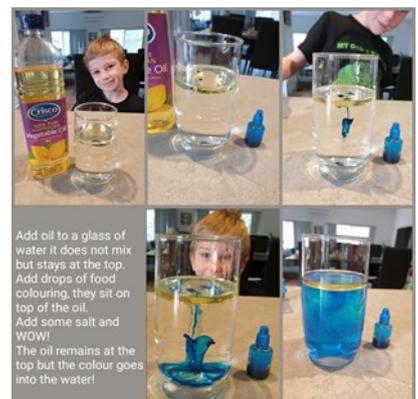
At this point we are still expecting to be able to facilitate a full Prep transition program over 4 weeks in Term 4 and implement school visits to help prepare our new community members for 2021 and their school journey. If this is required to change, we will work together as a local school network to ensure a consistent approach to transition across local schools and arrange and plan for a series of learning and orientation opportunities for our newest community members via online meetings and talking with kinder teachers and parents.

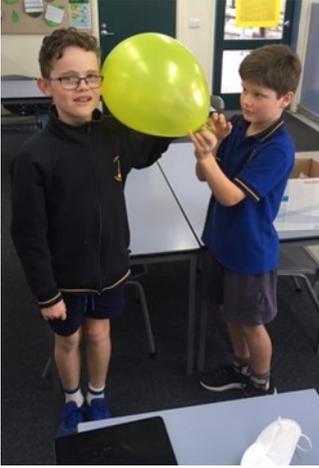
Year 6 to Year 7 Transition News

Our Year 6s have all been provided their secondary school placements for 2021 and the process of transition will start to enter their minds from here on in. 2020 will be a most memorable graduating class as I know we will all feel a little more sad than usual to see them move on due to the missed tie this year. I was amazed to see a few of our senior school students the other day and was shocked at how they'd physically grown in the last 2 months. We are always so enthused and inspired by our young leaders who head off in many directions after Year 6 and as principal I am always so, so proud to hear of the achievements in both learning and citizenship that are reported back to me. We still have an important term and half with our Year 6 students and will be looking to have them work hard and leave Warranwood with a strong legacy of RUI.

Special THANKS to Tash and Jess for a fantastic SCIENCE WEEK!

I would like to thank all of our budding student scientists at Warranwood for engaging in our Science Week opportunities last week. We were so lucky to have Jess, our Scientist in School partner to share her ideas and assist Tash to arrange some great learning and investigation opportunities. Well done everyone on your creative and scientific thinking!





Shane Harrop
Principal

Assistant Principal's Report

EDUCATION SUB COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Education subcommittee consists of a small group of people, staff and parents, working together to develop and review policies and procedures for the benefit of the school community. The committee is for people interested in developing policies in line with the community's educational aspirations for its children. Policies are statements of purpose, which are implemented on Council's behalf to achieve many of the objectives stated in our School Strategic Plan as well as areas, which need to be addressed to ensure our programs and practices, are followed in accordance with the needs of the community in mind. Consultation is sought from various members of the school community according to the purposes of the policy. To ensure that the school community are informed we will communicate with you the policies we have been working on in order to benefit our school. The Education Sub Committee has been working on drafts of the following policy **Immunisation Exclusion** to benefit our school. In light of current times this policy has been written in response to changes in the way the school is working and in line with new Department guidelines. If you have any suggestions, alterations or recommendations please return your responses via email to the schools email account by Friday 11th September 2020. A copy of the draft policy is attached to the Compass newsletter post for your perusal.

PLANNING WEEK

Each term our teachers have the opportunity to meet together for the day as a team to plan the curriculum for our students for the following term. These days happen once a term and are scheduled at the end of the term to minimise disruptions to the students' learning time. The planning day is a valuable day for the teachers to reflect on the recent term, discuss your children's needs and plan for what lies ahead. Quality learning only happens with thorough and purposeful planning. I'm sure you would agree our staff have planned amazing programs for our students during these uncertain times and have considered abilities, engagement and being sensitive to the students' wellbeing. The timetable for the week is altered to accommodate this organisational matter and involves each level working with the specialist's teachers for the day. Planning week will happen in Week 9 and **all teams** will be planning on Wednesday 9th September 2020. The Specialists team will organise the day for the students to be involved in similar to the wellbeing day recently provided. Further details and information will be provided closer to the day.

Tips to Reduce Vision Fatigue – During Remote Learning/Teaching

(Adapted from Vision Impairment Communities of Practice Meeting 6/8/2020 Marion Blaze - SVRC)

Vision fatigue is common in the general population. You might experience it while working from home. There is currently lots in the media about fatigue caused by 'intensity' of online meetings.

Studies have shown that when reading or working on a computer, blink rate can decrease substantially, thus causing symptoms of eyestrain.

Common signs and symptoms of vision fatigue may include:

- Blurred vision
- Double vision
- Headaches
- Loss of concentration
- Sore eyes
- Watery eyes
- Rubbing eyes

General strategies to relieve vision fatigue

- Follow the '20-20-20 Rule' – Take 20 second break every 20 minutes to look at objects 20 feet (6m away)
- <https://visioneyeinstitute.com.au/eyematters/the-20-20-20-rule-for-healthy-happy-eyes/>
- 'Rest' eyes regularly when working on a screen
- Alternate visual and non-visual tasks
- Change accommodation – e.g. change regularly from near tasks to distant tasks
- Relaxation techniques and mindfulness activities
- Install Ease of Access on laptops - larger cursor, coloured cursor, enlarged print, inverted screen
- When possible, keep blinds closed during the sunniest times of the day, to reduce glare on laptop/iPad screens

Suzanne Kot
Assistant Principal





FRIENDS OF WPS

Father's Day Stall News



We are absolutely devastated to say that this year we will not be able to run our Father's Day Stall.

With the current situation we are all facing at the moment we couldn't guarantee the safety of students and parents.

We wish all the father's out there a very Happy Father's Day.

Love Friends of Warranwood.

Post Father's Day is September 6

Footy Tipping

Leaderboard

1 st	LP20
2 nd	Half A Person
3 rd	<u>HeatherJ</u>
4 th	King Turner
5 th	Daniel <u>Hustwaite</u>

Due to being unable to accept payments for the footy tipping competition, we have decided that this year is JUST FOR FUN!

We will award a small prize to the winner of our tipping competition and encourage you all to continue to submit your tips.

Thank you for your understanding in this and GOOD LUCK!!

Stay safe and well.

We miss you!!



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Inclusion / Special Activity



In House Fun



Aussie Adventures - Monday 21 September



Get ready to meet Doree the wombat, Gum-nuts the ringtail possum, Benny the brush-tailed bettong and their friends with the team at Animals of Oz. We'll learn about these Aussie animals, the adaptations that make them unique, their life and their plight in Australia.

Feature Activity: Maniplah & More Inclusion

Additional Activities: Fall fish, dancing rice experiment, crab soccer game, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$11.69 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$77.95. Suburb Avg \$19.49.



Buried Treasure - Tuesday 22 September



Arr Mateys, today we are going to board the tall ship Pearl and raise the Jolly Roger as we become pirates. Come dressed as a pirate and be ready to learn how to speak like the crew, create a treasure map, and even cook mini pizzas for lunch. But whatever you do, don't walk the plank and go overboard during a game of shipwreck!

Feature Activity: Pirate Maps & Treasure Hunt

Additional Activities: Learn to speak like a pirate, mini pizzas, shipwreck game, Lego, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

Lunch Provided

As low as \$6.75 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$45.00. Suburb Avg \$11.25.



Just Keep On Swimming - Wednesday 23 September



Get ready for some amazing fun with these DIY Wooden Boats that you can design and race! Then get ready to make some noise by making sound spinners, and challenge yourself to break the service record in the minute to win it games.

Feature Activity: DIY Wooden Boat

Additional Activities: Sound spinners, minute to win it challenges, music boat song, Um of Twerint game, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$10.24 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$68.25. Suburb Avg \$17.06.



Discover Atlantis - Thursday 24 September



One of the greatest legends in all of history is the Lost City of Atlantis. This advanced civilization was thought to have sunk beneath the ocean centuries ago. Today we will continue the search using items from around the kitchen. We will also conduct some amazing science experiments and test our skills with some building challenges.

Feature Activity: Food Building Challenges

Additional Activities: Jolly jellies crafts, fish puppets, card games, one fish two fish game, plus plenty of time to choose your adventure.

As low as \$6.75 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$45.00. Suburb Avg \$11.25.



Just Add water - Friday 25 September



Head off on your adventure in style with a personalized drink bottle, then be inspired by famous artists as we create water filter images, turtle crafts, and Van Gogh's Starry Night.

Feature Activity: DIY Drink Bottle

Additional Activities: Turtle crafts, Monet inspired water filter pictures, hula ball game, basketball, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$10.24 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$68.25. Suburb Avg \$17.06.

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Inursion / Special Activity



In House Fun



Up in the Air - Monday 28 September



Today we will be using modroc, a fast setting plaster to create hanging hot air balloons. We will also play a game of crab soccer, challenge our friends to a paper plane building competition and draw with sand.

Feature Activity: Modroc Hot Air Balloons
Additional Activities: Crab soccer, paper plane competition, sand pictures, drawing, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$10.24 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$28.25. Suburb Avg \$17.06.



Lights, Camera, Action - Tuesday 29 September



Today we will explore the technique of stop motion animation & Claymation videos using in popular shows such as Wallace & Gromit & Shaun the Sheep. We then will create a short video using an under the sea theme using tablets, clay and our imagination.

Feature Activity: Claymation Inursion
Additional Activities: Monet inspired water filter, paper plate beach ball, lei necklaces, lighthouses, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$11.60 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$27.25. Suburb Avg \$18.49.



Science of the Sea - Wednesday 30 September



Today we will be exploring the world of science and the properties of water with hands-on experiments and games. Get ready to make walking water and bend the rules with gravity-free water. We'll also spend time outside playing games and racing each other through a fantastic obstacle course.

Feature Activity: Walking Water Experiment
Additional Activities: Gravity free water, tangram cooking, tag games, obstacle course races, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$6.75 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$45.00. Suburb Avg \$11.25.



Rainbow Aquarium - Thursday 1 October



Enjoy the sights of the ocean without needing to leave your home, with your very own aquarium diorama. We will construct our under the sea inspired masterpieces, paint with salt, watercolours and pendulums. We will also take part in games of maze tag and feed the shark.

Feature Activity: Diorama
Additional Activities: Salt watercolour pictures, pendulum painting, maze tag, feed the shark game, lego, plus time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$10.24 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$28.25. Suburb Avg \$17.06.



Reef Guardians - Friday 2 October

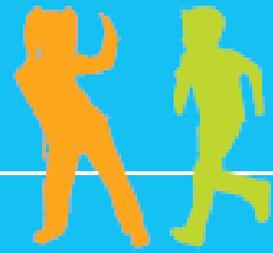


The Great Barrier Reef which is located off sunny North Queensland is large enough to be seen from space, and is home to over 1500 species of fish and 1/3 of the world's soft coral. We are going explore how we can help preserve the reef for future generations, create a reef collage and an adorable turtle.

Feature Activity: Coral Reef Collage
Additional Activities: Water versions, muddy mangroves game, turtle crafts, chess, plus plenty of time to choose your own adventures.

As low as \$6.75 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$45.00. Suburb Avg \$11.25.

Using the service



What to Bring

✓ Food and Drink

- Breakfast and an afternoon snack will be provided.
- Families need to supply a healthy morning tea, lunch (such as wholemeal sandwiches and dips) and a drink bottle just like you would pack for on a normal school day.
- For lunchbox ideas visit <http://heas.health.vic.gov.au/schools/healthy-lunchboxes>.
- Due to the risk of anaphylaxis items containing nuts should not be included in the lunchbox.
- Please do not include items which need to be reheated.
- Water will be available all day to refill drink bottles.

✓ Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who has been diagnosed with a medical condition, including all allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy or any other medical condition which may effect the child must have a completed medical management plan with a colour photo in order to attend.

It is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Term & Conditions for bookings that these are provided, along with any medication listed on the plans where required.

These can usually be sourced from your doctor or can be found in the FAQs at www.theircare.com.au/holidayprograms.

In the interests of the child's safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication not be supplied or is incomplete.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with one of our friendly educators at the service or call us on 1300 072 410.

✓ Appropriate Clothing & Hats

- Clothing suitable for an active day, including closed toe shoes and a jacket if it is predicted to be wet or cold.
- A Sun Smart hat similar to the one worn at school is required. Children who do not bring a hat will be unable to play outside.
- Sunscreen will be provided throughout the day.
- For more information about being Sun Smart visit www.sunsmart.com.au.
- We recommend that all items are labeled with the child's name in case they are left behind at the end of the day.

✗ Personal Belonging & Devices

Personal belongings including electronic devices such as phones, iPads, laptops, game consoles, money and valuables should be left at home. If brought to the service, these remain the responsibility of the family. We can not accept responsibility for loss or damage.

Reminders

Keeping Everyone Safe - COVID-19

We have implemented strict infection prevention and control measures to reduce the risk of spreading communicable diseases such as COVID-19. We are guided by the Health & Education Departments in your state, along with advice from professionals.

- Families who are unwell, are showing symptoms of the virus or have been directed to isolate by the health authority are not to attend the service.
- Each child will have their temperature checked upon arrival at the service. If a fever of 37.5 degrees Celsius is detected, entry will be refused.
- Regular cleaning of all high touch areas.
- Everyone will wash their hands at least every 30 minutes.
- Social distancing of adults, including limits to the number of adults in the service.
- Hand sanitiser is available at the sign in desk for families.
- Modifying activities to promote physical distancing, including using multiple rooms/spaces where available.
- All staff have received additional training in infection control and supporting children through the pandemic.
- VIC - Masks: All adults are to wear masks when picking up or dropping of their children in line with government directions. We follow the same rules as the classroom teachers in relation to educators wearing masks.

Changes to your booking

We understand that your needs may change in the lead up to your attendance at the Holiday Program. Whether you need to add an additional day to keep the kids busy or cancel a day to suit your schedule, we're here for you.

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or give us a call on 1300 072 410 between 6:30 am to 6:00 pm on weekdays.

As we plan our programming, suppliers and educators in advance to the day to ensure that the children have lots of fun, all changes to bookings, including new bookings and cancellations made within the 5 days of the booking (120 hours from the start of the session) will incur a \$10.00 change.

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.

Changes to your booking

Activities and times are subject change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather and provider availability. In the rare event that an activity will unable to be run, an alternative activity will be provided where possible. If an alternative can not be sourced, we will automatically update your invoice to reflect the lower fee.

Community Notices

COMMUNITY DONATIONS

If you shop at either of these Stores, then mention our School as they support us with donations.

For Ritchie's IGA you need to complete a registration and nominate Warranwood Primary; Ritchie's then donate a percentage of sales to the School.

For Rebel Sports, soon to merge with Amart, just mention Warranwood Primary and they also donate a percentage of sales to the School

