



Warranwood P.S Junior Newsletter



Term 4 - October 2023

Welcome Back!

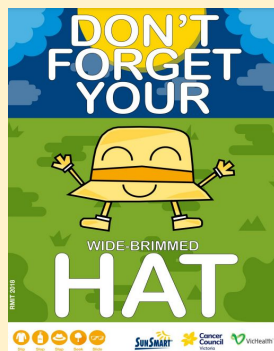
We hope that you have all had a restful break and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. We are all looking forward to a very exciting term 4. Thank you for your ongoing support and effort. It's going to be a great last term.

*Reminder- you can contact your child's teacher via Seesaw, Compass, email or phone.

SUNSMART, TIME FOR HATS

Now that Term 4 is here, it is compulsory for all students to wear their school hats. Please ensure that students' hats are named and that they accompany your child to school each day.

There will be no loaning out of spare hats due to health issues. If students have not brought their hat they will be asked to play under shelter near the office area which is still a fun place to be, but not ideal! Be sure to check out the new Sun Smart app too.



Important Term 4 Diary Dates

Monday 2nd October	Term 4 commences
Thursday 12th October	Colour/Slime Run
Friday 13th October	Junior School Assembly
Friday 20th October	Whole School Assembly
Friday 3rd November	Junior School Assembly
Monday 6th November	Student Free Day
Tuesday 7th November	Melbourne Cup Day
Friday 10th November	Whole School Assembly
Friday 17th November	Festival of the Arts 5pm-9pm
Friday 24th November	Junior School Assembly
Tuesday 28th November	Japanese Day
Friday 1st December	Whole School Assembly
Tuesday 5th December	Christmas Concert
Thursday 7th December	Backup date for Christmas Concert
Tuesday 12th December	Final Whole School Transition
Friday 15th December	Junior School Assembly Reports live on Compass
Wednesday 20th December	End of Term 4 Whole School Assembly Early Finish 1.30pm

<u>Numeracy</u>	Place Value, Addition, Subtraction, Fractions, Money, Data
<u>Reading</u>	Connections, Visualising, Literal and Inferred Meaning
<u>Writing</u>	Recount, Narrative, Persuasive
<u>Inquiry</u>	Technology - Coding

Share Time

This term, we will be continuing the same format as last term. Children will have the opportunity to share with their class once every **fortnight**. Each fortnight, there will be a directed focus for their Share Time, so that it is more purposeful. The focus will have a strong speaking and listening emphasis and we encourage your child to practise their Share Time at home.

The focus for this term Share Time will be:

Weeks 2 & 3: Share your favourite board game

Week 4 & 5: Share a Joke

Week 6 & 7: Transform yourself into a Superhero. What would your name and power be?

Week 8 & 9: Share your favourite season and why.

Week 10 & 11: Share a magic trick or riddle

A roster for your child's new Share Time day and fortnightly focus will be posted on each class' Seesaw.

Inquiry Unit

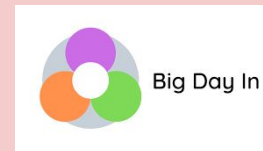
This Term our Inquiry unit is 'Technology - Coding'. Our inquiry will focus on key questions such as, How can we be safe online? What do we use digital technologies for? How can we give instructions using digital technologies?

If there is anyone out there who has a background related to coding, and is interested in being involved in our unit, we would love to hear from you via your classroom teacher.



Big Day In

This term we will be holding the annual Junior School 'Big Day In' event. This event will be held at school on Thursday 23rd November 9am-6pm. The Big Day in will be planned as a full interactive day of learning and fun. More details to come...



Hot Words / Fluency Worms

Throughout the year, students have been working on reading and spelling their High Frequency Words (Hot words). A copy of the words list was sent on Seesaw the end of last term. Feel free to practise reading and writing these at home. If you are unsure of how to use these at home or which lists to work on please contact the classroom teacher.

We have also been learning skip counting patterns through our Fluency learning worms. A copy of the words were sent with the HotWords on Seesaw. Students will know where they are up to, and have all set a personal fluency goal they would like to achieve on their learning worms.



Lunchtime Passion Club

This year at Warranwood we will continue to have different clubs running at lunchtime. Each day students can choose if they would like to go the club if it is something they are interested in. This is really great for students who are interested in building new connections and trying different things. It's also a good way for students to explore different areas in the school and meet new teachers.

We would love to see you there!

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
TBA	TBA	Voice Club	TBA	TBA

Class Acknowledgement of Country

At Warranwood Primary School, we acknowledge and pay our respects to the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which we learn. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Attendance - Every Day Counts

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind. We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Sometimes there are reasons why your child is unable to come to school. If your child is absent please ensure that you promptly notify the school. This can be done through Compass, calling the office or sending a note with your child on their return to school.

BEING AWAY FROM SCHOOL FOR ONE DAY A FORTNIGHT EQUALS MISSING 1.5 YEARS OVER 13 YEARS OF SCHOOL.

We continue to encourage all students to develop independence during their morning routines. We ask that your child is at school by 8:45 so that when the classroom door is opened they can come in and get ready for their day. Some students when arriving late find it challenging to get prepared for their day (eg. bag on hook, book swapped, bathroom visited and saying goodbye to their parents.) We ask that all parents say their goodbyes and be out of the classroom by the time the music begins at 8.55am so that we can start our structured classroom activities promptly at 9am.

Parent Helpers

We are excited to have started having parent helpers in our classrooms. A timetable has been put together for each class and posted on each class' Seesaw. If you are able to help in your child's classroom, please chat to their teacher to organise a time to come in. Please note that parent helpers require a current WWCC.

Assembly

Throughout this term, we will have a mixture of whole school and Junior school assemblies on Friday afternoons. Junior School assembly is run by our school captains, and Principal Awards and any important information is shared with students. Photos of student awards will be posted on SeeSaw.

SeeSaw

Remember to log on to SeeSaw frequently to keep up to date with Junior School events, reminders and personal teacher communications. It is also where you will see your child's Journal items and class photos. You can leave a comment for your teacher/child or add a 'like'. It's a quick way to contact your teacher too! Please be mindful that we do not check the app during class time for messages. Please contact the school directly for urgent matters.

Communication Pouch

Each student has their own Communication Pouch. These pouches will contain a Reading Diary, Take Home Books and any notices. Please ensure that these pouches are regularly checked and brought to school every day. Please support your child by reading their Take Home Book regularly at home. We encourage you to use the dotted thirds to practice handwriting of personal words. Please ensure reading diaries are filled in as you read at home and sent to school each day.

Student Belongings

Please ensure that all student belongings are **clearly labelled**, particularly school jackets. This will assist us with the prompt return of any misplaced items. Thank you in advance for checking that your child's items are still clearly named.

Water bottles/Fruit & vegetables

We recommend all students have a bottle filled with water on their table every day. Each class also designates time throughout the day to eat fresh fruit or vegetable snacks. If you can, please pack some extra fruit or vegetables in your child's lunch box.

Tissues

If you haven't already donated to the classroom tissue store we would really appreciate a box from each family. Thank you!



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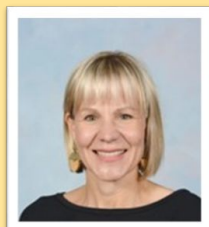
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