



# Warranwood Primary School CONNECTIONS

**Junior School Newsletter**

**Term 3, 2019**

## WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3

We hope that everyone has enjoyed a relaxing and fun-filled holiday break with family and friends. Thankfully there were a handful of sunny days to get outdoors to explore the local community, pursue a favourite hobby or just plan a spontaneous outing. Whatever you managed to do, we hope that you've all had the opportunity to unwind, relax and refuel in readiness for a new term of motivational learning.

## INQUIRY UNIT



This term our key focus will be Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies. This topic will provide opportunities for the students to develop and embed a range of strategies for maintaining a positive mindset as well as gaining an understanding for how diet and physical activity impact our bodies. To coincide with this, we have planned an excursion to the Queen Victoria Market and are in the midst of organising in-house science investigations to promote questions and answers for the curious at heart.

## EXCURSION



We have planned and booked an excursion to the Queen Victoria Market to complement work on our topic of Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies. This will take place in weeks 5 and 6, allowing three classes to attend at a time. The arrangements are as follows:

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August, Years 1/2 A, F and S and

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August, Years 1/2 P, M and C.

We will be seeking parent helpers on the day. More information will follow shortly.

## HOMEWORK

It's been great to see so many students selecting and completing a range of tasks from the homework grid with such creative flair and interest, along with the revision of their fortnightly spelling words and regular reading schedules.

We will again be offering a new selection of literacy, numeracy and wellbeing tasks that the students can complete at home with adult support. Your guidance and input is much appreciated, thank you! Please remember to initial the grid when a task is completed by your son/daughter. It's helpful in tracking which activities have been completed.

A reminder that homework books go out each Wednesday and are to be returned the following Monday to allow time for teachers to view and track each student's work.

## DIARY DATES



**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

Wacky Wednesday – free dress day

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August**

Connect Groups (no Assembly)

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

Excursion – Years 1/2 A, F and S

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

Wacky Wednesday

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August**

Excursion – Years 1/2 P, M and C

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August**

Father's Day Stall

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

Connect Groups (no Assembly)

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

Big Day In

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Footy Day

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

Last day of Term 3

## TISSUES

To assist with sniffles and runny noses it would be greatly appreciated if parents could send along **ONE** box of tissues please.



## SPECIALIST NEWS

### Japanese



What an exciting term it will be for the Japanese program this term. We will have 12 Japanese students visiting us from our Sister School! They will arrive in August and will be hosted

by some of our wonderful Senior and Middle school families. Our Junior School students will get to meet our Japanese friends and even an opportunity to use some of their Japanese language in a meaningful way by greeting and introducing themselves.

Junior School students will also be learning new Japanese vocabulary including fruits and days of the week. Suzuka Sensei our assistant teacher will continue to volunteer at Warranwood in Term 3 and she will move from the Green family to the Thomson family. We are very grateful to these two fabulously supportive host families



## Visual Arts



Junior School will be creating **Steam Punk Robots** using a combination of new and recycled materials, a brand new range of products by Zart to create the appearance of an antique, metallic finish and most importantly... their imaginations! The focus is on building and joining techniques and which adhesives are suited to which materials as well as creating visually appealing pieces using art elements and principles of form, texture, size, balance and repetition. The finished pieces will be first seen on display in our upcoming Art Show as part of the Spring Fair but if you're like me and cannot wait, keep an eye on our school Facebook page for some sneaky pics...

Any donations of the following materials in the first few weeks of term would be greatly appreciated...

- small sturdy boxes
- buttons, tin cans
- small blocks of timber
- small wooden/plastic/metal bits and bobs (see pics)



## CONNECT GROUPS

Students will continue to participate in Positive Education activities during their Connect Group sessions. Across all areas of the school, staff are fostering positive strategies through a range of interactive and engaging activities to build and foster social skills, resilience and wellbeing.

## WACKY WEDNESDAY

### *Get ready. Get set. Get Wacky!*

This annual school event organised 'by the kids, for the kids' is a colourful, wonderful and eventful day in which all of our students have the opportunity to share in a myriad of experiences. All monies raised are utilised to provide materials or equipment that our SRC representatives propose and submit for our Principal, Shane Harrop's approval. This element of student voice and agency is an integral part of our school's ethos.

Junior School Students are asked to please bring plastic jars filled with a mixture of goodies. For example, a range of novelty items such as plastic dinosaurs, different hair ties, pencils and erasers or bouncy balls etc.



## BIG DAY IN

Junior School students will have the opportunity to participate in an extended day at school in early September. We are planning a range of team focussed activities which will include afternoon tea and conclude with a light dinner at school. More information will follow later in the coming weeks.

# JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

Each Thursday afternoon, weather permitting, our students take part in a range of Fundamental Motor Skills that include skill building, partner/team work, and finishing with a game.

It's been fantastic to witness excellent sportsmanship, encouragement and determination by our students as they rotate each week, learning, practising and being coached by a different Junior School teacher.

This term our skills will include striking, dodging, kicking, catching, ball bouncing and throwing.



## WELCOME RACHEL!



A warm welcome to Rachel Ferguson who has joined our Junior School Team. We hope that you enjoy your time in Year 1/2 and especially being a part of our Warranwood Primary School community.

# GREENOLOGY UPDATE

Our students are being encouraged to think about ways that they can actively care for our environment. This term our Year 1/2 Greenology monitors will be setting up compost buckets for each class to collect suitable food scraps for our school's compost bins. A great way to give back to Mother Earth!



## NUDE FOOD

Just a reminder to continue to support our Tuesday and Thursday Nude Food lunch days. It's great to see so many families already minimising waste from food packaging and instead choosing reusable containers and ziplock bags for their children's snacks and lunch items. Keep up the great effort!



Please remember to regularly check **COMPASS** online for additional newsletter items and upcoming events. It's looking to be a jam-packed term and we certainly appreciate your time and support in helping us to continue to deliver our quality programs. Thank you!

Ashleigh, Dylan, Vicky, Anita, Alison and Rachel  
**Junior School Team**