



WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR 2017

Fri	20 Oct	Year 5 Warragul Regional College excursion Scholastic Book Club orders due
Sun	22 Oct	Working Bee from 10am to 1pm
Mon	23 Oct	Lapathon week commences
Thur	26 Oct	Let's Stamp Out Bullying incursion - for Years 1/2/3/4 students
Fri	27 Oct	Senior assembly Lapathon week concludes
Tue	7 Nov	Melbourne Cup Day holiday - no school
Fri	10 Nov	Junior Assembly

TERM 4 ASSEMBLIES

Friday 27th October - Years 3 to 6

Friday 10th November - Foundation to Year 2

Friday 24th November - Years 3 to 6

Friday 8th December - Foundation to Year 2

Friday 15th December - Years 3 to 6

WORKING BEES 2017

TERM 4 Sunday 22nd Oct 10am to 1pm

Warragul North Primary School requests a payment of \$60 per family. The working bee charge enables families to contribute in lieu of attendance.

Principal's Report

Welcome Back to Term 4

The glorious spring weather has seen staff and students return from holidays refreshed and revitalised. This final term is an opportunity for students to make an effort to achieve to their potential and improve their learning outcomes for 2017.

October – Walk to School Month



Warragul North Primary School was chosen by the Baw Baw Shire and West Gippsland Healthcare Group to be a focus of the 2017 Walk to School campaign. They developed four safe walking routes with specified start and end points. The aim is for children to recognise the paths and use them to get to and from school, rather than being dropped off and picked up at the school gate.

Representatives from the Baw Baw Shire and the West Gippsland Healthcare Group attended our school assembly on Friday 13th October to discuss 'October – Walk to School' month.



Principal's Report *continued*

October – Walk to School Month continued

Children were reminded that walking routes would be launched on Monday 16th October at 8.30am. Shire representatives were at each walking route's starting point on Monday 16th October to launch our 'Walk to School' campaign. They walked with the students and parents to school using the walking routes. On arriving at the school gate children who walked, rode or scooted were given a wristband, sticker and balloon.



Lapathon

Our Parent Club is conducting a Lapathon from Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October which links in very nicely with the Walk to School philosophy. Information was sent home last week regarding the 2017 Lapathon.

New Bike and Scooter Area

During the school holidays our bike and scooter area was given a well overdue facelift. The upgrading was very timely as it coincided with the walk, ride or scoot to school campaign. The area now has a grassed surface and great stands for bikes and scooters. Children are welcome to bring along a lock to secure their bike or scooter during the day if they wish.

Corinne Collins
Principal



Representatives from Baw Baw Shire and West Gippsland Healthcare Group attended assembly.

Warragul North Primary School Values

 **School Values**

Literacy

Engagement

Achievement


Respect

Numeracy

Integrity

Nurturing

Getting Along

 **School Values**

Respect

Promoting and teaching positive social values, behaviours and attitudes helps young people to engage with their school, their peers, their teachers and their learning.

To promote and teach respect Warragul North Primary School has a whole-school focus and includes close links into classrooms and the curriculum.

Warragul North Primary School aims to develop students who respect themselves, others and the world around them.

Students are respectful when they show due regard for the feelings, wishes and rights of others.

In a 'nutshell' Respect means showing regard for the feelings and rights of others.

LITERACY - *Foundation – Nate (0PC)*

ACHIEVEMENT - *Year Two – Ella (2JH)*

ENGAGEMENT - *Year One – Riley (1BO)*



School Values medals were awarded at assembly on Friday 13th October to Nate, Ella and Riley. Congratulations!

Term Four Topics

To assist parents to support their child's learning listed below are the Term Four topics for each year level.

Warragul North Primary School has a combined scope and sequence plan (Foundation to Year Six) for History, Geography and Science. The plan ensures a balanced, sequential curriculum based on the Victorian Curriculum is provided to our students.

Foundation

– *How Does Your Garden Grow?*

- Living things have basic needs.
- Plant study: needs and uses.

Junior School (Years One & Two)

– *Science Detectives*

- Different materials can be combined including by mixing for a particular purpose.
- Light and sound are produced by a range of sources and can be sensed.
- Earths' resources including water are used in a variety of ways.

Middle School (Years Three & Four) – *Water*

- A change of state between solid and liquid can be caused by adding or removing heat.
- Earths' surface changes over time as a result of natural processes and human activity.

Senior School (Year Five and Six)

– *Solar Systems*

- The Earth is part of a system of planets orbiting around a star.
- Light from a source can be absorbed, reflected and refracted.
- Forces can be exerted by one object to another through direct contact or from a distance.

'Catch 'em being good' raffle

Our 'Catch 'em being good' raffle winner is **Frankie (IBO)**
Well done!



2018 FOUNDATION (PREP) ENROLMENTS



Enrolment forms are available from the school office for families wishing to enrol a child for 2018 in Foundation (Prep). Please enrol siblings as soon as

possible to ensure all children are included in the orientation program which will commence early in Term Four, and to assist with class planning for 2018.

ARE YOU MOVING?



If you plan on leaving Warragul North Primary School at the end of 2017, it would be appreciated if you

could notify the school office as soon as possible. This will assist us with our class planning for 2018 and also enable us to forward a transfer note to your children's new school. Thanks!

TERM 4 UNIFORM REMINDER

Children need to be in either summer or winter uniform, not a combination of both e.g. summer dress over pants or leggings. (Please note that leggings are not part of our uniform.) As children wear out or grow out of their school shoes the replacement shoes need to be plain black. A copy of the uniform dress code is available from the school office. Our uniform is available for purchase from Beleza in Williams Square, Warragul.

Mini Societies

Senior students were very involved with Mini-Societies during Term Three. It was exciting to see and hear the 'buzz' in their rooms as they were joined by family members and Foundation students. Mini Societies, a program adapted from Earn and Learn, develops financial awareness and knowledge of economics as students operate businesses, pay taxes, rent and personal bills. Students soon learn that co-operation between business partners is essential and organisational skills are vital. Mini Societies is a real life learning experience!

Mrs Melanie Brentwood, Miss Melissa Cummings, Mrs Linda Kingsley and Mr Simon Prokopiwskyi



Year 3 Camp

Phillip Island

The Year Three cohort had their school camp at Phillip Island during the final week of Term Three. Students enjoyed a number of activities before they arrived at the CYC Camp named 'The Island'. These activities included pelican feeding at San Remo. While at San Remo students had a snack and a play before moving on to the Koala Conservation Park. Here students and teachers alike learned of the importance of caring for native species of animals, especially koalas.

Upon arrival at the campsite students were given a talk on how they can help to make informed decisions about helping to care for the environment and animals on Phillip Island. The students were reminded that many of our choices about caring for the environment should be practiced all the time, including at home and school. On Wednesday night, after an early dinner, students rugged up in their warm coats and headed to the penguin parade.

Thursday was busy with the children taking part in the on-site activities at the camp including the mechanical wall, photo hunt, archery, trampolining, the flying fox and the giant swing. All students were encouraged to 'have a go' at each activity to help them learn how to persevere and persist at things they find challenging or difficult. Many students were very excited and surprised with what they were able to achieve and have learnt the importance of a positive attitude. A visit to Churchill Island followed in the afternoon where we learnt about the history of European settlement in Victoria.

The Phillip Island camp was a great way to finish the term. Students were able to practice making wise choices, the importance of working together to achieve goals, caring for others and the necessity to be responsible for themselves and their belongings. The children should be congratulated on their excellent behaviour and attitude during the three days of camp.

Mrs Janine Coghlan
Year Three Camp Co-ordinator

Student reflections from 3BC... How Does a Camp Operate?

"Going on the giant swing is an awesome adventure but it is a bit nerve-racking when the person pulls the release rope. People fall about five seconds at max and two seconds at min until the swing finally catches them. After the organisers put the harness on you, everyone else has to pull a very thick and itchy rope to lift you up. It's not a very easy way to lift people up especially if your teacher goes on it as well! The managers also have to check the harnesses every once in a while to make sure they are very strong and safe."

By Ava

"At camp we had three meals a day - breakfast, lunch and dinner. Every day three duty groups set up the cutlery (knives, forks and spoons) and the plates and bowls. Over the days at camp, the campers have a range of extraordinary meals. The meals may contain chicken and chips."

By Cooper

"Can you imagine sleeping in a cabin with everyone in your year level? Most people couldn't and you probably wouldn't either. So that is why there are cabin groups at camp so it is not crowded. There are about five to seven children in each cabin. The girls are in a different cabin to the boys."

By Breanna



P.E. 'Wall of Fame'

Every week in Physical Education one student from the Junior (Years 1/2), Middle (Years 3/4) and Senior (Years 5/6) school is rewarded with being named the P.E Wall of Fame champion for that week.

The P.E Wall of Fame champion is a student who has shown great determination, effort, encouragement, sportsmanship and resilience during their Physical Education class.

Mr Callan Fisher

Physical Education Teacher

Term Three - Week 10 Champions

Junior



Chloe (2HU)

Middle



Lahni (4MA)

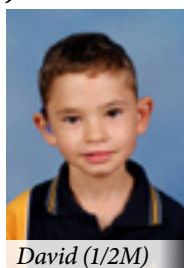
Senior



Cooper (6BR)

Term Four - Week 1 Champions

Junior



David (1/2M)

Middle



Thomas (4SE)

Senior



Jordyn (5/6P)

Canteen Roster

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CANTEEN IS ONLY OPEN ON WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEER
Thursday 19th October	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Simone Rhodes
Friday 20th October	9.00am to 10.15am	Angela Brown Elvira Honey Trish Whelan
Wednesday 25th October	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Lynne Wigg
Thursday 26th October	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Rachel Wanigavitharana
Friday 27th October	9.00am to 10.15am	Victoria Lee Belinda Paredes Trish Stevenson
Wednesday 1st November	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Sally Wilson
Thursday 2nd November	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Belinda Hogan
Friday 3rd November	9.00am to 10.15am	Tracey Armstrong Rachel Steenholdt Trish Whelan

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Term Four has started well at OSHC and we are looking forward to a fun term with lots of activities to keep everyone gainfully occupied. Six new iPads with games for the children to play are a great source of entertainment. Time limited sessions and taking turns means all who wish to play with an iPad have an opportunity to do so.

We are currently taking expressions of interest for those wishing to use our OSHC service in 2018. Enrolment forms are available from the General Office or from OSHC.

OSHC is available on a permanent or casual basis. Enrolment forms are available from the school office or from OSHC. A waiting list is held if a session is already fully booked. It is important that the school office or OSHC is notified if your child is not going to attend a session they have been booked in for as that place can then be used for a casual booking. **Failure to cancel will incur a charge.**

Phone numbers for bookings and cancellations are:

School Office 5623 4066

OSHC Mobile 0418 662 225

Hours for OSHC are:

Before School Care: 7am. to 8.45am.
NO EARLY DROP OFFS

After School Care: 3.30pm. to 6pm
NO LATE PICK UPS

Judy Eastwell

OSHC Co-ordinator

YEAR FOUR MT EVELYN CAMP



The Year Four children are looking forward to their camp to Mt Evelyn from Monday 27th November to Wednesday 29th November. Permission forms, medical forms and the \$50 deposit are due this **Friday 20th October** with the final payment due by Friday 10th November. A list of what to pack for camp is available from the school office if you have misplaced yours. Happy camping!

PLANNING FOR 2018

The process for planning grades for 2018 will begin shortly. Teachers take considerable time to place students in grades, giving consideration to the educational needs of individual students.

Parents who hold particular concerns for their child's placement for the following year are invited to put their request in writing and forward it to the school office for consideration. Requests must be handed in by **Friday 3rd November, 2017.**

SCHOLASTIC



The latest Scholastic Book Club catalogue was sent home last week. There are some great books available. Orders may be placed online using the new LOOP system and payment with a credit card. Orders may also be made in hard copy and be returned to the school. The closing date for all orders is Friday 20th October.

SUNSMART



Parents are reminded that Warragul North Primary School sunsmart hats are a compulsory part of our school uniform in terms one and four.

Children not wearing a Warragul North Primary School sunsmart hat will need to play in the undercover area.

Thank you!



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Every piece of packaging or excess food that we can save from landfill makes a difference. Warragul North PS is working towards wiping out waste by holding a **Nude Food day on Wednesday 25th October** to focus on reducing the amount of material that we send to landfill.

Please help us minimise food and packaging waste by packing a waste-less lunch on this day!

Try to pack ... **A Waste-Less Lunchbox**

- Snacks in reusable containers
- Drinks in a reusable containers
- Reusable utensils when needed
- A reusable lunchbox or backpack
- Small pieces of fruit, yoghurt or snack items in a reusable container



Avoid ... **A Disposable Lunchbox**

- Lunches packed in plastic bags or wrap, foil, wax paper
- Disposable drink boxes, pouches, cans, cartons, and bottles
- Disposable forks and spoons
- Pre-packaged single-serve snack items

Here are a few more suggestions:

- Help children make nutritious, waste-less lunches and let them make their own lunches. Try packing lunches the night before and storing them in the fridge overnight.
- Discuss with your child what they like to eat and how much. Bin audits in schools show large quantities of unopened pre-packaged foods, including single-serve yogurts, cheese sticks, sandwiches, uneaten apples/fruit and many near full fruit boxes being thrown away. This costs your family money and creates waste.
- Cut up fruit and vegetables and pack them in reusable containers so that children can eat some and save the rest for later. For example, it's hard to take some bites from a big apple at recess and save the rest for lunchtime. It's easier to eat a wedge or two then reseal the container.
- If you wish to wrap a sandwich, you could use beeswax food wraps. You can make these yourself, or they are also made locally (Google: 'Little Bumble' a Gippsland-run business)
- Encourage your children to bring home uneaten food to eat after school. Appreciate that play time is also important, so discuss with children how much they can reasonably eat in one day. Often children throw uneaten food away because they don't want to upset the person who packed the lunch. If you're not sure how much they can eat at school, start small. eg a piece of fruit and a sandwich, and build it up if they are asking for more.
- If your children have chips or other snacks try buying a larger bulk pack (rather than the more expensive so called 'convenience' packs with lots of packaging) and have your children put the same quantity into a reusable labelled container that they bring home each day.
- Avoid buying drinks in packaging that cannot be resealed. Many children take just a few sips at snack time and discard the rest.

For more information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Brendan Cox

Environment and Sustainability Coordinator
Warragul North Primary School

**Wipe out
Waste**



Environmental & Sustainability Group



FOOD SCRAPS:

Look at what we do with our food scraps at WNPS! Each grade collects their food scraps and they are put in to our big, yellow food scrap bins, then at the end of each week a local farmer collects the scraps to feed to his pigs. By doing this we are saving 3400kg of scraps from going into landfill each year (the big hole in the ground where our rubbish is dumped)! Food scraps in landfill make a gas called 'methane' which is really bad for the environment when there's too much of it.

VEGIE GARDEN:

Weeds removed, seedlings planted! Students in the Environment and Sustainability Group have been busy setting up our vegie garden. We have strawberries, raspberries, sunflowers, lettuce, peas and more! If the snails stay away long enough, we should have a bumper crop! And yes... those are bicycle rims in the picture! These make great climbing frames for peas!

VOLUNTEERS:

If you're a parent who loves to garden and you feel like helping out, please leave a message for Mr Cox via the office at school.

Mr Brendan Cox and Mrs Alison Burleigh
Environment and Sustainability Coordinators





Hello from the *Acorn Room*



As part of our lunchtime activities in the Acorn Room during Term Three, we have been making Bliss Balls. I have adapted this recipe so it is nut free, dairy free, gluten free and refined sugar free. What is amazing is that it still tastes good! As we have been cooking, we have discussed reasons why we might choose to work with different ingredients or make

foods which are gluten free/dairy free etc.

We've talked about healthier food choices, being aware of other people's needs (in this case dietary needs) as well as working together, listening to each other, turn taking and anticipating other's needs (eg passing the coconut to the person who will need it next before they need to ask for it). As I've been asked for the recipe a number of times, I'm sharing it here in the newsletter. I hope you enjoy making these at home as much as we have at school.

Mrs Sheryn Cutler
WNPS Chaplain

Warragul North Primary School offers chaplaincy and pastoral care to students and families in the Acorn Room on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Chocolate and Raspberry Bliss Balls

Ingredients

16 dates
½ cup oats
2 cups desiccated coconut
2 tbsp cocoa
1 tsp vanilla
1 tbsp honey
2 - 3 tbsp water
1/2 cup frozen raspberries
Extra – approx. 1 cup desiccated coconut

Method

Chop each date in half

Add each ingredient one at a time into a food processor and blend after each addition

Form into balls by squeezing a heaped teaspoon of the mixture in the palm of your hand (if mixture is too dry, add some more water)

Roll in extra coconut

Put in fridge to set (optional)



News from the Art Room

Beautiful Birds!

When wandering around Warragul North Primary School this week you may have noticed our collection of beautiful birds. The birds were created as part of the 'soft sculpture' theme being explored in art last term. Thanks to the creativity and skill of our senior students we have an array of wonderful paper bird sculptures on display.

The students began this project by designing imaginary birds and then painting these creations onto large pieces of paper. Next, a mirror image was created for the reverse side and finally the creatures were stapled and stuffed with paper.

Our next activity is landscape collages so be prepared for some more fabulous creations in the not too distant future.

Mrs Debbie Dunlop, Ms Jo Draisma and Mrs Deb Magyar
Visual Arts Teachers



Artist of the Week awards were presented at the last assembly to Scarlett (0JO), Angus (1SP), Evan (1/2M), Claudia (0ME) and Chase (2HU). Well done!



WORKING BEE

SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER

From 10.00am to 1.00pm

**Join us for a B.B.Q. afterwards
and enjoy the company of others.**

Loads of fun!

*Meet new people and make our
school grounds even better!*

School Council Report



Hi there, my name is Craig Black and this is my second year representing on School Council, currently as Treasurer on the Finance Committee.

Both my children attend Warragul North Primary School. Our children are involved and attend most functions and events

coordinated as part of school life. Recently I became aware that not only was my daughter excited to be voted onto the Junior School Council, but she was also listed as Treasurer! (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree so they say!)

It is impressive to watch our children progress with their educational life at WNPS under the guidance and tutelage from the diligent staff and leaders.

The children have access to so many social activities and facilities that are a result of combined efforts from various parts of the school community. These include the staff, School Council, sub committees and Parent Club who all want to make the kids school experience the best it can be.

School Council continues to focus on key areas of policy reviews, our children's safety, reviewing traffic plans and making sure the 'dollars & cents' make sense.

My own involvement with the local community takes on many variations and activities but I am proud to be a born and raised 'Gippslander'.

Mr Craig Black
School Councillor

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Each term certificates are awarded to children who achieved 100% attendance for the previous term. It was great to be able to give out 77 certificates to students for 100% attendance for Term Three.

Well done to all those children who received a 100% certificate for Term Three. Let's hope we can award just as many certificates or more for Term Four's attendance!



Aussie of the Month



The 'Aussie of the Month' program is a great way to recognise school students' achievement - without them having to win a race or sit an exam. It is designed to encourage children to be proud of themselves, their school and to understand the responsibilities and rewards of community participation. During

2017 staff at Warragul North Primary School has agreed to regularly bestow this honour on a student.

'Aussie of the Month'
for September is:
Ivy (5BA)

Ivy is a deserving winner of this month's 'Aussie of the Month'.

Ivy follows the school rules and lives our school values. She is a responsible, caring student who demonstrates respect and kindness to all, within the classroom and in the playground. Ivy is a fair and considerate team member, and a great role model for students of all ages.

Ivy can always be relied upon to approach all learning tasks with a positive attitude. She shows great pride and a determined work ethic, ensuring all tasks are completed to a very, very high standard. Ivy can always be relied upon to approach all learning tasks with a positive attitude.

Congratulations Ivy on being awarded, 'Aussie of the Month' for September 2017.

Community News



SATURDAY OCTOBER 28TH
10.30AM UNTIL 4.30PM

Official opening at 1pm

JOIN US for a fun and entertaining day. View artwork from professional artists and kinder artists. Share a cuppa in our beautiful playground. Listen to the music from local students and have a relaxing day.

VENUE: Grace Berglund Kindergarten. 12 George St Warragul

REFRESHMENTS: Tea, coffee, scones, jam & cream-all day.

ART FOR SALE:
SILENT AUCTION ON
CHILDREN'S ART WORK.
MAKE AN OFFER.

ENTRY FEE: Gold Coin donation

RAFFLE: Lots of prizes tickets available on the day.

ENTERTAINMENT: Music and drama performed by local Secondary School Students throughout the day.

Artwork displayed will be created by various Local Artists from the Baw Baw Shire Arts Alliance, Open Studio Artist's and the kinder children. Artwork has been inspired by workshops with local artists, research on artists such as Van Gogh and inspiration from staff, parents and kinder children.

