Principal’s Report

End of Term One

As the term draws to a close, congratulations to all Foundation children who have made a great start to school. Thank you to all our hard working staff and parents, who have made Term One such a successful start for 2016. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you on Monday 11th April, the first day of Term Two for students.
Principal Report cont.

School Council News

The election of office bearers for this year’s School Council resulted in Chris Smith being elected as School Council President. On behalf of our Warragul North Primary School community I wish to congratulate Chris and wish him well in his role for 2016. Dan Weeks is Vice President. Treasurer is Scott Taylor and Vice Treasurer is Ryan Percy.

Sub-committees were formed for Finance, Public Relations/Grants and Buildings and Grounds. A big thank you to councillors who have taken on these positions. All members of School Council are looking forward to a productive year.

Corinne Collins
Principal
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

Week 6 Champions

Junior: Narelle (2MU)
Middle: Blair (4SE)
Senior: Jackson (5BA)

Week 7 Champions

Junior: Preston (1BO)
Middle: Jemima (3CO)
Senior: Thomas (5/6M)

Students in Years Two, Three and Four are looking forward to their excursion to the West Gippsland Arts Centre on Friday 22nd April to see The 52-Storey Treehouse. Notes for this excursion have been sent home and need to be returned to school together with payment by the due date of Thursday 24th March, 2016.
Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

**CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

**MORE INFORMATION**

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
On Friday 11th March the Foundation children and teachers had lots of fun coming to school in their pyjamas. Foundation students have been learning about phonemes (individual sounds) so on Pyjama Day they investigated the phoneme ‘p’. They studied the science of making popcorn, which was followed up with a writing activity about popcorn. Students enjoyed eating their popcorn whilst watching the movie Peter Pan.

Pictured below:
Back row: Amelia (0HI), Matilda (0ME), Emma (0ME) and Aidan (0HE).
Front row: Cheyenne (0PC), Tyler (0JO) and Ruben (0HE).
YOU’VE GOT TALENT!

Staff have known for a long time how talented our students are but now Year Three to Years Six students can show it! The You’ve Got Talent competition will be held next term with heats taking place during recess and lunchtimes. The act can be a solo performer or a group and can include singing, dancing, juggling or anything entertaining, as long as the content is deemed appropriate for primary age students.

Students interested in competing in this event please fill in an entry form which can be found in the office foyer. There is a ‘jelly bean’ box placed on the table in the office foyer labelled with ‘Warragul North Primary School You’ve Got Talent!’ Next to it will be the entry forms and a grey lead pencil. Please fill in your name/s and year level and name of the act.

Good luck!

Mrs Jill Binks
Performing Arts Co-ordinator

HEAD LICE

A timely reminder to all families. Please use the forthcoming school holidays to check your child’s hair for head lice. It is a good opportunity to get on top of this pesky problem. Thank you!

ATTENTION BUS USERS

Please note that there will be NO government school buses operating on TUESDAY 26TH APRIL (Warragul Regional College has a pupil free day). The connecting town bus will also not operate on Tuesday 26th April. Parents need to make alternative transport arrangements for their children to attend school on Tuesday 26th April.

‘Catch ‘em being good’ raffle

Our ‘Catch ‘em being good’ raffle winners is Mia (4TH) Well done!

Ukelele Lessons

In 2016 we are happy to announce that we have recruited a ukulele teacher, Mr Joe Patrick, who is very excited to be joining our Performing Arts Department and looks forward to sharing his passion and knowledge of ukulele.

After finishing his studies in 2013 Joe has been a passionate member of the Warragul music teaching community. With background in a range of different instruments, Joe now runs a number of private instrumental programs in both school and studio settings.

If you are interested in your child taking ukulele lessons with Joe at the school please complete a request for lessons form available from the school office.

Mrs Jill Binks
Performing Arts Co-ordinator
Term One has been a busy term at OSHC with the number of children in Before and After School Care sessions increasing. The ‘All About Me’ sheets are colourful and are displayed on a wall in the OSHC house. This week children are carefully colouring and Easter picture to enter into an Easter colouring competition. Marble run has been a popular activity recently. Children have developed sharing and taking turn skills as they assemble the pieces then send the marbles along the run.

Staff at OSHC have assessed the feedback sheets returned by families at the end of 2015. We are pleased with the result as all families were very satisfied with the program our OSHC service offers and especially with the level of care we provide for the children. Thank you to all families who took the time to complete and return the feedback sheets. This helps with our Quality Improvement Plan as we endeavour to provide a safe, secure and happy environment for the children.

A meeting held on Wednesday 16th March brought together staff from OSHC services in the Baw Baw area. These meetings are a valuable source of information on updates to regulations and notification of any changes to policies required for OSHC services. It is a great opportunity for staff to share ideas with other services.

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. Once you have a permanent booking you will be billed for that placement whether your child attends or not.

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

In the art room the focus has been artist Piet Mondrian who was born in the Netherlands in 1872. He evolved a non-representational form which he termed neoplasticism. This consisted of a white background upon which he painted vertical and horizontal black lines to form squares or rectangles and the three primary colours.

The Foundation students have been making creatures, Years Three and Four have been creating jigsaw pictures and Years Five and Six have created fabulous self-portraits. Great work everyone!

Mrs Debbie Dunlop
Visual Arts Teacher
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 2015 staff at Warragul North Primary School have agreed to regularly bestow this honour on a student.

‘Aussie of the Month’ for March is: 
Mia (4TH)

Mia is a friendly, even-tempered, sociable student who is a great asset to the class and Warragul North Primary School. She demonstrates the school values, ‘You Can Do It’ key behaviours and upholds the school rules.

Mia is highly respected by her classmates and teachers, owing to her positive attitude. She is always willing to participate enthusiastically in all learning activities and consistently demonstrates 100% effort. She is determinedly and progressively pursuing improved academic standards. Mia has obtained one of two Principal’s Awards at the first Senior School assembly this year for attentive listening and exemplary posture. Mia has been a winner in the ‘Catch ‘em Being Good’ raffle for exhibiting excellent citizenship qualities in the playground.

Mia is proudly 4TH’s Environment and Sustainability representative and we are looking forward to recognising the contributions that she will make in this important role.

Congratulations, Mia, for being such an awesome young person and for being awarded Aussie of the Month for March 2016!

The 2016 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge has commenced and officially ends on Friday 9th September, 2016. Students in Foundation to Year Two who accept the Challenge need to read or ‘experience’ thirty books. Students in Years Three to Ten who accept the Challenge must read fifteen books.

Three elements support students participating in the Challenge: the rules, the book list and the online system for recording books. Students must choose most of their books from the Challenge book list, and record their reading online as set out in the six rules of the Challenge.

If you would like your child to participate in the 2016 Victorian Premier’s Reading challenge, please visit the website www.education.vic.gov.au/prc and register your child as a home-based reader.
HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

ROBOTICS (8yrs+) LIMITED SPACES
Build a LEGO® robot and learn programming, sequencing, sensors and more to prepare you to bring your own Robotic creation to life!

EXTREME TECHNICS FUN (5yrs+)
Join us at one of our themed workshops where gears, motors, power packs, remote controls and games to expand your design and creativity skills.

ALL skill levels catered for, including Black Diamond Builds for our advanced Tech builders.

Half & Full day workshops at Traralgon, Moe, Warragul: 4-8 April

Shorter Sessions for Technics, Robotics & Preschoolers at All 4 LATROBE LIBRARIES 30-31 March
1300 367 700 Bookings ESSENTIAL
**Community News cont.**

**H2H Skills in Action**

A fun, safe and inclusive environment for children to learn the basic hockey skills in a modified game-based environment.

**When:** 5.00pm Friday or 8.00am Saturday

**Where:** Bellbird Park Hockey Field, Lampards Rd, Drouin

**Commences:** Friday 16 April, 14 week season

**Cost:** $41 (includes insurance)

Register through one of the following local Hockey Clubs:

- Paul 5626 8252  cathandpaul@dcsi.net.au
- Marg 0438 251 448  austensc1@dodo.com.au
- Natasha 0400 732 615  tashwayne@dodo.com
- Kylie 0410 562 013  mkcrawford@aussiebb.com.au

Presented by

**2016 TERM 1 EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TRADING HOURS**

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