



# WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

#16

22nd October 2014



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HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY



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ARTISTS OF THE WEEK



## CALENDAR 2014

Fri	24 Oct	Year 5 excursion to Warragul Regional College  Whole school assembly
Mon	27 Oct	Lapathon week commences
Fri	31 Oct	Walk to School Day Lapathon week concludes
Tues	4 Nov	Melbourne Cup Day holiday
Fri	7 Nov	Years 3, 4 & Foundation swimming program
Mon	10 Nov	Junior School Concert



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MATHEMATICS COMPETITION



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REGIONAL ATHLETICS

## Principal's Report

### Setting Future Directions for Warragul North PS

Last Thursday, 16th October, Mrs Win Warren, our school reviewer, met throughout the day with a panel of representatives from our school community including our School Council President, Mr Chris Smith. This was a formal opportunity to meet with the school reviewer and provide input into the review process.

The day commenced with panel members sharing and celebrating the achievements of Warragul North Primary School over the life of the 2011 – 2014 school strategic plan. Survey results were also discussed.

The parent comments indicated their high regard for Warragul North Primary School. Parents liked the high quality teaching and learning, the sense of community and welcoming environment, the variety of extra-curricular activities provided and the values that are instilled into students, who enjoy coming to school.

Many teachers commented on the professional supportiveness of their colleagues, the feelings of community and the high expectations for student achievement and behaviour.

The students appreciate their patient and caring teachers, making learning choices within the curriculum, the low incidence of bullying at Warragul North Primary School and enjoy developing friendships with their peers.

Our reviewer will return later this term to make a presentation to staff and School Council outlining her recommendations for our future plans. The review report that Mrs Warren will write will provide an objective and critical assessment of the school, but it will also recognise the school's achievements. The review report will reflect the context within which the school operates and the value it adds for students.

During the lunch break, Mrs Warren, the review panel members and the staff enjoyed lunch together. This gave the staff an opportunity to meet Mrs Warren.

*Corinne Collins*  
Principal

## NEXT ASSEMBLY

**Our next whole school assembly  
is Friday 24th October**



# Healesville Sanctuary

On Thursday 9th October, five busloads of very excited Year One and Two children set out very early for their big day out to Healesville Sanctuary. The weather was perfect and the children had a great day seeing the many different Australian animals and birds on display at Healesville.

A visit to the Creature Feature Discovery Centre was very educational and the ranger spoke about all sorts of interesting facts and even allowed the children to touch a snake! A highlight of the day was the spectacular Spirits of the Sky show in the world-renowned flight arena. The show included majestic birds of prey and magnificent parrots. It was excellent!

We hope you enjoy reading Ben and Riley's comments about the Healesville excursion.

*On Thursday we went to Healesville. We saw birds and owls. We watched Charlie the ranger, feed an owl. We left at 8.00am and came back at 4.14pm. We also patted a frilled-neck lizard and an owl. The day was awesome and I really liked it.*

**By Ben (2SP)**

*On Thursday 9th October, 2014 the Year Ones and Twos went to Healesville Sanctuary. There were lots of animals there. We went to learn about Australian animals.*

*We were looking at all the animals that are native. I think everybody had just as much fun as me.*

*There was a bird called Pinky, she has a brother that lives at the Melbourne Zoo. Also there was a place called the secret forest. I found this place and it was really dark.*

*One of the last things we did was looking at the reptiles with snakes and spiders. That bit of the day was surprising, but the other bits were exhausting and breathtaking.*

*The weather was hot and sunny.*

**By Riley (2SP)**









# News from the Art Room

Our Artist for investigation is Georges Seurat, the French Post-Impressionist painter who lived during the 1800s. He is noted for his innovative use of drawing media and for devising the painting technique known as Pointillism which is painting with coloured dots! The children in Years Three to Six have also worked on stippling; black and white dot paintings.

*Mrs Debbie Dunlop*  
Visual Arts Teacher



*Pictured are Logan (OHK) and Stephanie (OJO) with their 'Artist of the Week' certificates.*



*Ben (2SP) and Tyler (2SP).*



*Jasper (2SP) and Lachlan (2SP).*

## EVERY DAY COUNTS

### Primary school attendance

In primary school, some students **miss** on average **3 weeks** of school per year. That's **half a year** of school by the end of **year 6.**



At the beginning of each term certificates are awarded to children who have achieved 100% attendance for the previous term. It was fantastic to be able to award 82 certificates this week for 100% attendance for Term Three.

Well done to all those children who received a 100% certificate for Term Three. It will be interesting to see how many certificates will be awarded at the end of this term for 100% attendance for Term Four and also the whole of 2014.

# Sentral Parent Portal

Earlier this year Warragul North Primary School began using the Sentral Education system for our student reports.

The next step with Sentral Education is to provide access to parents via the Parent Portal. The Parent Portal will provide in the near future, easy access to school information online and on demand.



- Sentral Parent Portal uses family or student security keys to manage access to family members or carers.
- Improve parent – staff communication.
- Cut printing costs – distribute school newsletters and important messages to families.
- View attendance records, academic reports, NAPLAN results and other diagnostic records.
- Book and manage parent/teacher interviews online.

More detailed information regarding the Sentral Education Parent Portal and how to access it will be sent home later this term

*Ms Cathie Taylor*  
Assistant Principal



## School Council Report



My name is Kath Stephenson and I have recently become a member of school council. My daughter Maeve is in Prep, and we are enjoying being part of the school community.

School council meetings provide an interesting insight into the administration and management of a school - the policies and procedures that underpin much of school activities. I am impressed with the school administrators' dedication and professionalism in

providing our children with a quality education. As a parent representative on school council, I have found that parental opinions are both welcome and encouraged on all items of discussion. The school council has a good relationship with the Principal and meetings are productive and congenial.

I am looking forward to continued involvement with the school through school council, and encourage other parents to make a contribution to the school where they can.

*Mrs Kath Stephenson*  
School Councillor



# OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Children have settled back into OSHC after the holidays. They have finished off their occupations sheets and during the next two weeks our program will include activities which are based around an Egyptian theme and also Halloween.



Don't forget that sunsmart hats are compulsory in Term Four at OSHC. If children don't bring their hat they will have to stay in a shady area when playing outside.

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*

*Marg Hayes & Ashlee Fallon*

*OSHC Carers*

## 2015 School Production

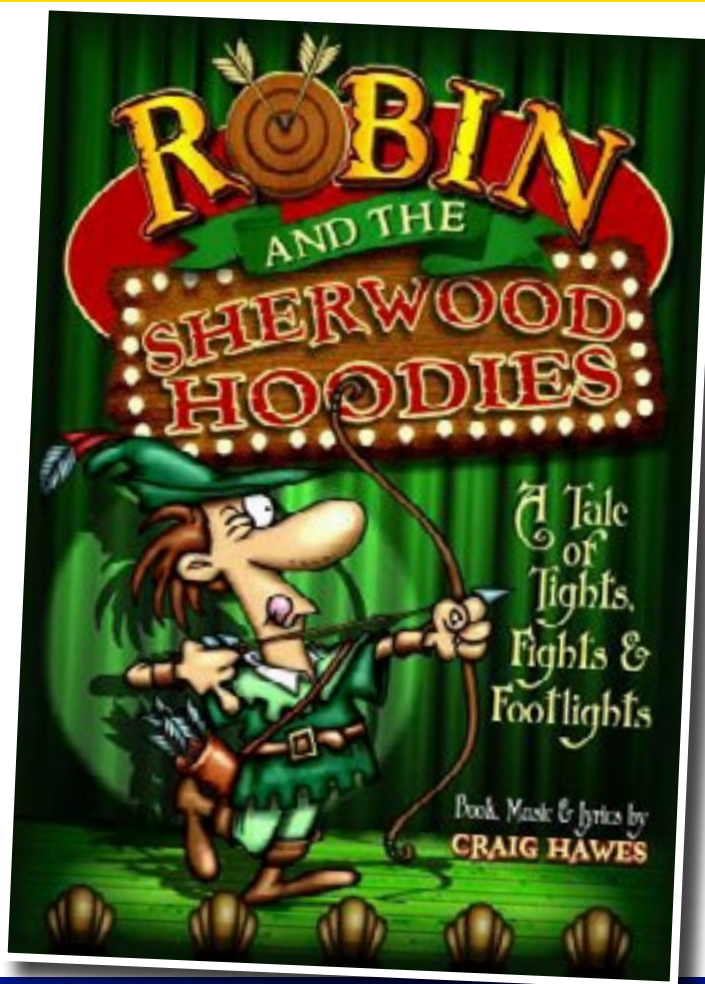
The Warragul North Primary School Production for 2015 will be 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies', a toe-tickling tale of tights, flights and footlights. A journey into the depths of Sherwood Forest will uncover the hilarious truth behind the legend of Robin Hood.

Auditions for children currently in Years Three, Four and Five will take place on Thursday 20th November and Friday 21st November from 3.45pm to 5.00pm.

A detailed note will be sent home shortly to children in Years Three, Four and Five, together with an expression of interest form for return if your child is planning to audition.

***The date for the production performances is:  
Thursday 4th June, 2015.***

*Mrs Sue Legg  
Production Co-ordinator*



# Regional Athletics

On Tuesday 14th October, twenty-four students from Warragul North Primary School competed at the Regional Athletics that were held at the Joe Carmody Track in Newborough. It was once again fantastic to see that Warragul North had one of the largest contingents of students being represented.

In chilly conditions our students gave their absolute best in all of their selected events. With only the top three moving onto the State level in the individual events, we were extremely unlucky to finish with five 4th places. Overall the Warragul North students behaved exceptionally well throughout the day and showed great support to each other. Our girl's 11 year old relay team were lucky enough to come home with a third medal.

*Mr Callan Fisher*  
Physical Education Teacher



*Helena (3/4P), Libby (3/4P), Sienna (4SE) and Amina (4TH) who competed in the girl's 9/10 year old 100 metre relay.*



*Tim (6CU), Oakley (5PR), Seb (5/6M) and Logan (6GA).*



*Olivia (5BA), Maddy (5/6M), Teesha (5PR) and Bonnie (5BA) who placed third in the girl's 11 year old 100 metre relay.*



# Canteen Roster

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEER
Wednesday 22nd October	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Tammy Patrick
Thursday 23rd October	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Helen Lockwood
Friday 24th October	9.00am to 10.15am	Sherrie Budd Tracey Armstrong
Monday 27th October	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Nicole Wickes
Tuesday 28th October	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Robyn Weeks
Wednesday 29th October	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Nick Norris
Thursday 30th October	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Lynne Wigg
Friday 31st October	9.00am to 10.15am	Edwina Kelly Amy Robson
Monday 3rd November	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Ronny Dent
Tuesday 4th November	MELBOURNE CUP DAY	NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 5th November	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Julie Henshall



Morland's Meats, located at 27 Smith Street, Warragul, have made a very generous offer to Warragul North Primary School families. The offer entitles our W.N.P.S. families a 5% discount on purchases. A further 5% of sales will be donated to Warragul North Primary School. To obtain your discount you must present your family's card which was sent home at the end of Term Three.

Morland's Meats is owned and operated by one of our Warragul North Primary School families. Lisa and Luke Morland have a daughter attending Warragul North Primary School and want to assist their daughter's school as well as progress their business.

Please support Morland's Meats, a local business, while receiving a 5% discount for your family's meat purchases and supporting your child's school. Morland's Meats are open seven days a week as follows:

- ***Monday to Friday - 6.00am to 5.30pm***
- ***Saturday - 6.00am to 1.00pm***
- ***Sunday - 8.00am to 4.00pm***

You will be able to get your discount up until Friday the 14th December. During the last week of school in December Morland's Meats will present the school with a cheque representing the amount raised through their generous offer.

On Monday 13th October Lisa and Luke Morland, the owners of Morland's Meats, were asked how the fundraiser was going. They told us only three families had taken up the offer so far. Parent Club are very keen for the Morland's Meats fundraiser to be successful and appreciate the generous offer made by Morland's Meats.

So please support Morland's Meats.



# Mathematical Brain Teasers for the Whole Family

Parents can help their children to work out the answers to each newsletter's mathematical brain teaser which will once again be included in each fortnight's newsletter. There are three boxes located in the school office area for the entries; one box for Foundation to Year Two, one box for Years Three and Four and the third box for Years Five and Six. The first correct entry drawn from each box will receive a certificate and prize at the following assembly.

## Brain Teaser Number Eight - *Mr and Mrs Crazy*

Recently Mr. and Mrs. Crazy had heard the news about the petrol shortage. The king has introduced to the villagers petrol rationing according to the following system, based on the three digit number of each number-plate (000 to 999) of the cars in the village.

**People could only buy petrol on certain days as follows:**

*Sunday: if each of the three digits was less than six*

*Monday: if the three digit number was odd*

*Tuesday: if the sum of the three digits was greater than ten*

*Wednesday: if the three digit number was a multiple of three*

*Thursday: if the sum of the three digits was less than fifteen*

*Friday: if at least two of the three digits were the same*

*Saturday: if the three digit number was less than five-hundred*

**If Mr. and Mrs. Crazy could refuel their car on any day of the week, what is the number on their car's number-plate?**

**Entries for brain teaser number eight must be in the box by Friday 31st October.**



### ARE YOU MOVING?

If you plan on leaving Warragul North Primary School at the end of 2014, it would be appreciated if you could notify the school office as soon as possible. This will assist us with our class planning for 2015 and also enable us to forward a transfer note to your children's new school. Thanks!



### 2015 FOUNDATION (PREPS) ENROLMENTS

Enrolment forms are available from the school office for families wishing to enrol a child for 2015 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 2015.



# University of N.S.W

## English Competition

Warragul North Primary School is committed to providing opportunities for all students to be challenged and extended in their learning. In 2014, students in Years Three to Six have the opportunity to compete in the highly regarded competition International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) through the University of New South Wales. The results for the English competition are:

### **CREDIT**

Ruby (3AB)

### **MERIT**

Kaitlyn (3AB)

### **PARTICIPATION**

Jessica (6GA)  
Meg (6CU)  
Andrew (5PR)  
Natalie (5/6M)  
Holly (5BA)  
Chloe (4SE)  
Brianna (4SE)

*Congratulations to all children who participated in the English competition.  
Well done!*



*Pictured proudly displaying their English certificates are:  
(back row) Natalie, Ruby, Holly and Meg (front row) Kaitlyn, Andrew, Chloe and Brianna (absent) Jessica.*





# University of N.S.W Mathematics Competition

The results for the Mathematics competition are:

## **CREDIT**

Ben (6CU)  
Stephanie (4SE)  
Thomas (3HE)  
Keira (3HE)

## **PARTICIPATION**

Jessica (6GA)	Natalie (5/6M)
Rhylee (6CU)	Holly (5BA)
Lucy (6CU)	Rhys (3/4P)
Thomas (5BA)	Riley (4SE)
Andrew (5PR)	Kaitlyn (3AB)

*Congratulations to all children who participated in the Mathematics competition. Well done!*



*Pictured proudly displaying their Mathematics certificates are:  
(back row) Thomas, Natalie, Lucy, Rhylee and Ben. (front row) Kaitlyn, Andrew, Holly, Stephanie, Thomas and Keira.  
(absent) Jessica, Rhys and Riley.*

# Count Us In!

Learning music at school makes a unique contribution to children's development. There have been countless studies that have linked music learning to improved academic and social outcomes. With this in mind, consider that only 23% of Australian schools have a consistent, sequential and developmental music program.

'Music: Count Us In!' is a Federal Government initiative which started in 2007 to highlight this issue by having as many schools as possible, public and private, primary and secondary, singing a purpose written song (by secondary students) on the same day and same time across Australia. Last year over 600,000 children took part including over 500 from Warragul North Primary School.

Warragul North Primary School has been involved for the past four years and this year will again take part at 12.30pm on Thursday 30th October, when the whole school will come together to sing, 'Paint You a Song', supported by our senior choir the Choristers and Warragul North's very own Rock Band Blitz .

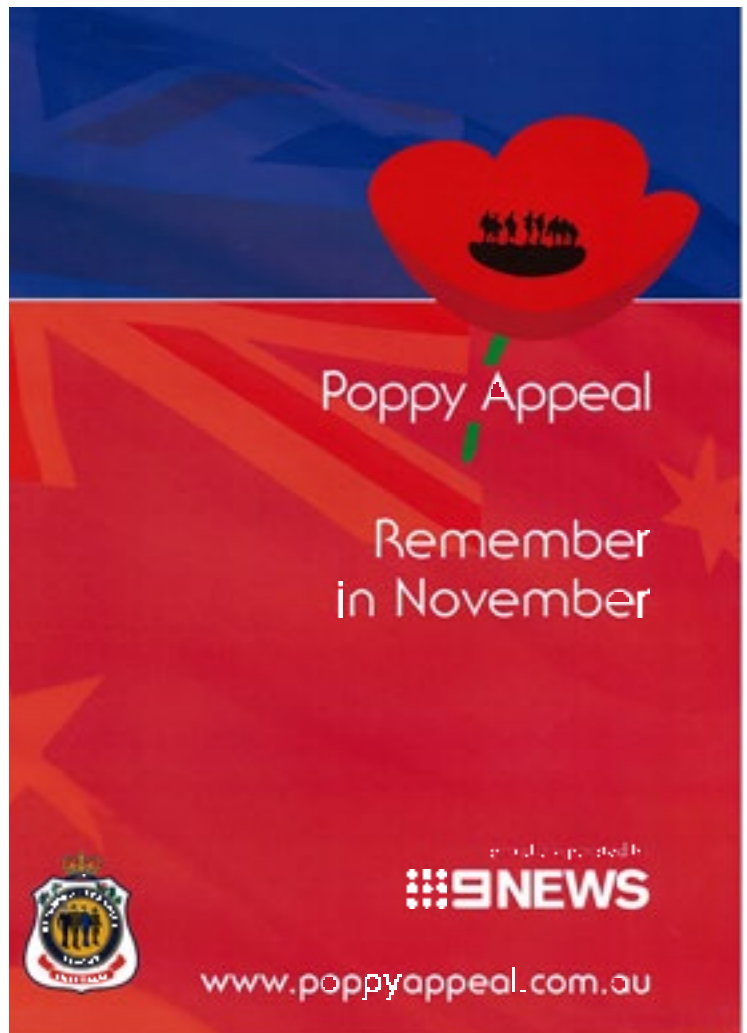


If you would like to find out more about this event or the benefits of music education on students learning, please go to [www.musiccountusin.org.au](http://www.musiccountusin.org.au). You can hear the song we will be singing and will also be able to look up Warragul North Primary School in the Victorian schools registration list with your children!

*Mrs Jill Binks*  
Performing Arts Co-ordinator

# Remember in November Poppy Appeal

Remembrance Day poppies are now on sale from the school office for 20 cents each.





# Community News

## Ever wanted to Try-Athlon?

Triathlon is not just for adults. The Wild Dog Triathlon Club in Warragul have events for juniors (Pups) aged 4 – 12 years, held in the safe and fun environment of the indoor pool and the Bourke St Park.

Races are held on most Saturday afternoons from October to March.

Triathlon includes swimming, riding a bike and running.

Pups can choose from 1 – 4 laps of the triathlon course – depending on age and ability.

We encourage our Pups to give triathlon a go in a safe and fun environment, with a free bbq held afterwards!

There's triathlons for parents as well!

Check our website for details

NEW SEASON  
COMMENCES

OCTOBER 18, 2014

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND MEMBERSHIP DETAILS  
VISIT

[WWW.WILDDOGTRIATHLONCLUB.ORG.AU](http://WWW.WILDDOGTRIATHLONCLUB.ORG.AU)

email [wdtc@desi.net.au](mailto:wdtc@desi.net.au) or find us on Facebook

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## Fun for Kids

### Story time

A fast, fun-filled session of stories, songs and craft for preschool aged children.

#### Drouin

Wednesdays 10.30 - 11am

#### Warragul

Fridays 10.30 - 11am  
Saturdays 9.30 - 10am

### baby rhyme time

Enjoy songs, rhymes and some special time with your baby.

#### Drouin

Wednesdays 2.15 - 2.45pm

#### Warragul

Thursdays 10.30 - 11am

## NEW Kids' Club!

Suitable for upper primary and year 7.

Join us for an afternoon of games, puzzles, craft, stories, iPads, new friends, laughs and more.

Warragul - Wednesdays 4-5pm: 26 November & 4 February



## Lego Club

Join in with Lego Club as we take over the library with Lego!

Drouin - Wednesdays 4pm: 12 Nov, 10 Dec, 7 Jan & 11 Feb

Warragul - Saturdays 11.30am: 15 Nov, 20 Dec, 17 Jan & 21 Feb

All sessions are FREE & no bookings required.  
For further information call 5622 2848 or  
visit [www.wgrlc.vic.gov.au](http://www.wgrlc.vic.gov.au).  
Sessions do not run on public holidays.



## JUNIOR FUTSAL

Winter may be over but the soccer continues!

Are your kids interested in playing indoor soccer?

Bellbird Park Indoor Centre is looking to start up a junior futsal competition held on Sunday mornings!

Futsal is a 5 v 5 indoor version of soccer, with teams allowed unlimited substitutions throughout the two 20 minute halves.

If you wish to register your interest or receive any further information on the competition please contact the centre via the details provided below; or pop in and have a chat to our friendly staff!



(03) 5625 2501  
[www.bawbaw.ymca.org.au](http://www.bawbaw.ymca.org.au)

Bellbird Park  
Indoor  
Centre