



# WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

#1

14th February 2018



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STUDENT LEADERS



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300+ DAYS OF HOME READING



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WELCOME FOUNDATION FAMILIES

## CALENDAR 2018

Wed	21 Feb	District Swimming
Fri	23 Feb	Junior Assembly - Foundation to Year 2
Wed	7 Mar	Division Swimming
Fri	9 Mar	Senior Assembly - Years 3 to 6
Mon	12 Mar	Labour Day holiday - no school
Wed	14 Mar	First Wednesday for Foundation students Senior Athletics Years 3-6
Thur	15 Mar	Regional Swimming

## TERM ONE ASSEMBLIES

Friday 23rd February - Foundation to Year 2

Friday 9th March - Years 3 to 6

Friday 23rd March - Foundation to Year 2

## TERM DATES 2018

TERM 1	Wednesday 31st January to Thursday 29th March
TERM 2	Monday 16th April to Friday 29th June
TERM 3	Monday 16th July to Friday 21st September
TERM 4	Monday 8th October to Friday 21st December

## Principal's Report

### Super Start to School Year

On Wednesday 31st January students returned from summer holidays and commenced school for 2018. They quickly settled into their new classrooms with their classroom teachers.

The Foundation students looked very cute in their summer uniforms. As our Foundation grades busily engaged in many hands on activities, parents were invited to attend a 'Tea and Tissues' morning tea put on by our Parent Club. Anita Witherow, the Parent Club Co-ordinator for 2018 and I enjoyed welcoming parents as they enjoyed a cuppa and a get to know you chat. Altogether a super start to the year at Warragul North Primary School.



*Pictured are Judd (2HU) and Billie (0PC) with their mum and dad excited for the first day of school.*

# Principal's Report *cont.*

## Professional Learning – English

Staff at Warragul North Primary School spent the 29th and 30th of January learning with Jo-Anne Dooner, a highly regarded English Consultant, about the teaching of reading.

As reading is a main focus for 2018 at Warragul North Primary School staff will be able to use the knowledge learnt from Jo-Anne Dooner to plan their reading program and teaching for 2018 effectively.

I commend staff on the obvious engagement and interest they displayed over the two days. I am positive this powerful professional learning will have a beneficial effect on the teaching of reading and student achievement throughout the year.

## A warm welcome to our new staff for 2018

It is my pleasure to introduce and welcome our new staff members for 2018. We look forward to working with them and wish them every success in their roles.

Welcome back to Mrs Shelley Roberts and Ms Karyn Porch. Both ladies spent the last twelve months enjoying life in a different location. Mrs Roberts experienced life in Indonesia while Ms Porch experienced life on the Bellarine Peninsula.



**Karyn Porch**  
*Year Four*



**Shelley Roberts**  
*Visual Arts*



**Simone Gray**  
*Mathematics Coach*

Welcome to Mrs Simone Gray who has joined the staff for 2018. Mrs Gray will be working at WNPS from Mondays to Thursdays as our Mathematics Coach during 2018. Mrs Gray will provide professional learning for teachers, give demonstration lessons, observe classrooms and assist with the planning and preparation of Mathematics lessons. Having a Mathematics Coach is exciting and teachers are looking forward to working with Mrs Gray.

**Corinne Collins**  
*Principal*



# SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING



We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school. Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.

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# Warragul North Primary School Values & Rules

The purpose of our school is to provide a happy, caring, learning environment where children achieve to their potential (Warragul North Primary School Strategic Plan 2015 – 2018).

Students can reach their potential only when they are happy, healthy and safe. Students also need a positive school culture to engage and support them in their learning. When home and school operate in partnership to provide these conditions, student learning can support young learners to reach their potential.

Our Warragul North Primary School values and rules help provide a happy and safe environment for all. I encourage our school community to assist students learn about the values and rules.

The Student Leaders for 2018 will present School Values medals at each assembly throughout the year commencing with the junior assembly on Friday 23rd February.



## School Rules

- 1. Follow the teacher's instruction the first time.**
- 2. Be in the appropriate area.**
- 3. Respect others.**
- 4. Respect property.**
- 5. Keep yourself and others safe.**



## School Values

- L iteracy**
- E ngagement**
- A chievement**
- R espect**
- N umeracy**
- I ntegrity**
- N urturing**
- G etting Along**

# Introducing the WNPS 2018 School Captains

## Noah Tagarelli

Hello! I am Noah Tagarelli, your male School Captain for 2018. I feel incredibly honoured to hold this position and I plan to make this school even more fantastic than it already is.

I live with my mum, my step-dad, my step-brother, Pablo and my adorable little brother, Elijah. I enjoy listening to music, reading books and bike riding across town with my friends.

I have participated in 'Tournament of Minds' in 2016 and 2017 and I am planning on taking part again this year. I encourage other students to participate in 'Tournament of Minds'.

My favourite subjects at school are English and Humanities. Another subject I enjoy is Mathematics. I enjoy learning about Mathematics because I believe it is a really important life skill.

I hope all of the staff and students have a fantastic 2018!

## Alice Stern

My name is Alice Stern and I have been selected to be the female School Captain for 2018. This year is going to be my seventh year at Warragul North Primary School and I am really looking forward to spending my last year at primary school as a School Captain.

Some of my favourite subjects I like to do in my classroom are reading, writing, humanities and music. In summer I play basketball with my friends in a team called Chalkies Fire. Last year I was involved in our school production called The Amazing Adventures of Superstan. I was lucky enough to have a main character in the play called Wurly which I loved playing.

At home I live with my mum and dad, two big brothers and a loving dog called Frankie. I hope all the students at our school feel comfortable talking to me as their School Captain if they have any worries or concerns.



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 be required to play in the undercover area. Hats are now in stock at Beleza in Williams Square, Warragul.

Thank you!



# 2018 Student Leaders & Peer Mediators



At the assembly held on Friday 9th February badges were presented to this year's School Captains, Student Leaders and Peer Mediators. We are very proud of the students who have been selected for these important roles for 2018 and wish them all a very rewarding and enjoyable year.

*LEFT: Student Leaders -  
Back Row: Connor, Tristan, Joel and Jasper.  
Front Row: Amelie, Acacia, Mia and Tyler.*



*Peer Mediators - Back row: Jessica, Shay, Charlize, Connor and Xavier. Second row: Jordan, Tasha and Lachie. Third row - Sophie, Selina, Amelia, Daisy and Reeve. Front row: Zhana, Jazmin, Danielle, Sabine, Sienna and Regan. Absent: Izzy and Lucas.*

# P.E. 'Wall of Fame'

Every week in Physical Education one student from the Junior (Years One and Two), Middle (Years Three and Four) and Senior (Years Five and Six) school will be 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.

*Mrs Lisa Pyle, Mrs Deb Magyar and Mrs Allison Hallyburton*  
Physical Education Teachers

## Term One - Week 1/2 Champions

*Junior*



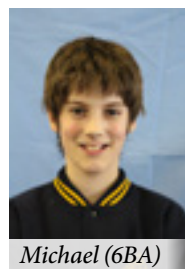
*Kyla (2HE)*

*Middle*



*Winter (3CO)*

*Senior*



*Michael (6BA)*



## Flexibuzz Update

At Warragul North Primary School we are using the Flexibuzz app to keep you up to date and better communicate with our families. In an emergency situation the Flexibuzz app will be used as a first line of communication. Simply download the Flexibuzz app to your phone or tablet. This app is free to parents.

Don't forget to change your child's year level to their 2018 year so you receive the relevant messages. If you haven't started using Flexibuzz yet just call in to the school office for all the information on how to get started.

For your convenience the 2018 canteen menu is now available through the Flexibuzz app.

## Introducing our new Mathematics Coach



I would like to introduce myself to the community of Warragul North Primary School. My name is Simone Gray and I am the Mathematics Coach for 2018. I will be here four days a weeks on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. It is my job to help the teachers teach Mathematics to all students. I might meet with teachers to plan lessons or come into some classes during Mathematics time. My office is in the administration area, I will have a timetable to show where you can find me.

I live in Yarragon on sixty acres with my husband and three daughters. The girls are Mackenzie (15), Tia (14) and Ava (10) and they go to school in Trafalgar. We have lots of animals on the farm and breed; cattle, sheep, deer, rabbits and bulldogs.

For the last two years, I was at Willow Grove PS 2.5 days per week as a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) specialist. Willow Grove has around eighty students and four classrooms. I am very excited to face a new challenge at Warragul North.

Yours Mathematically,

*Mrs Simone Gray*  
Mathematics Coach



## NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION 2018

Just a reminder to all families that our newsletter is distributed by e-mail. If you need to update your e-mail details please e-mail them to the school office on carter. [susan.e@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:susan.e@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## TERM ONE 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.) 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.

Black footwear is now part of the Warragul North Primary School compulsory uniform. There is a wide range of footwear available in black such as runners, t-bars and velcro styles. As students grow out of (or wear out!) their shoes please replace them with plain black shoes.

Compulsory school uniform is a proud and distinctive part of the Warragul North Primary School identity. Our uniform is neat, attractive, practical, economical and wearing the uniform adds to the feeling of belonging and builds school spirit for students.

## 'Catch 'em being good' raffle

Our 'Catch 'em being good' raffle winner is **Olivia (5PS)**  
Well done!



## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

This year's School Council elections are underway and notice of elections were sent home to all school families last week. The timeline is as follows:

- Tuesday 6th February – call for nominations
- Tuesday 13th February – nominations closed
- Wednesday 14th February – display of candidates
- Tuesday 20th February – ballot papers prepared and distributed
- Tuesday 27th February – close of ballot
- Wednesday 28th February – vote count / declaration of ballot.

There are four (4) vacancies for parents. Please consider nominating and supporting your child's school.

# Parking | Traffic Flow | Disabled Parking

To assist parents with parking rules around the school, a map explaining legal parking areas and traffic flow will be sent home this week.

Please be aware that 'reserved' parking permit areas are for staff use only.

If everyone adheres to the agreed parking areas and direction of traffic flow it creates a safer environment for children during drop off and pick up times.

Just a friendly reminder that the disabled parking space provided outside the administration building is for people with a disabled parking permit only. It is also requested that you be mindful of other people who use this space and not double park across it. There has been reported instances of the space being regularly blocked not allowing access or allowing the vehicle parked to exit. Please do not park across this specially designated car space. Thank you.



# Welcome to our 2018 Foundation Classes

We are very excited to welcome our new families to Warragul North Primary School and in particular our Foundation classes who are commencing their primary school education.

The Foundation children had a wonderful first day of school. We remind parents that Foundation children will not attend school on Wednesdays until Wednesday 14th March, 2018.





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**.



# EVERY DAY COUNTS

At Warragul North Primary School we strongly encourage punctuality and attendance. At 8.50am the 'bag bell' sounds and children hang their bags up and enter their classrooms ready for a 9.00am start. We also know the importance of regular attendance and follow the 'It's not ok to be away or late' process. Students who attend every school day for Term One will receive a 100% attendance certificate. The same will happen if they attend every school day for Terms Two, Three and Four.

At the end of the year any student who achieves a rate of 100% for the year will be acknowledged.

*Pictured are the students who achieved 100% attendance for the year of 2017. Back row: Kamryn, Lachlan, Eleisha, Hannah and Mia. Front row: Xavier, Alex, Madison and Emma.*

*A special attendance award was presented to Violette (pictured left) for her outstanding attendance over the past seven years at Warragul North Primary School. Violette achieved 99.4% in Foundation and Year One and then achieved 100% for the remaining five years of her schooling. This equates to an overall attendance rate of 99.83%. Violette only missed 2 days of school from a possible 1400 days. Congratulations Violette on this fantastic and awe-inspiring achievement.*





# 300+ Days of Home Reading Awards

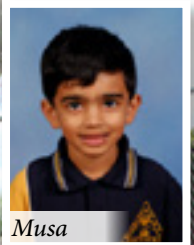
At the end of last year certificates were presented to thirteen dedicated readers who had achieved 300+ days of home reading in 2017. This award is potentially achievable by all students, regardless of their reading level and reading expertise. To achieve this award reading needs to be recorded in the child's reading diary. We are hoping that many of our students will achieve a 300+ days of home reading award for 2018. This year every student who achieves 300+ days will receive a special medal.



Alex



Stephanie



Musa



Back row: Raj, Tabatha, Ava, Emily and Emma. Front row: Sapphire, Jett, Tyler, Elizabeth and Benjamin.  
Absent: Alex, Musa and Stephanie.

## School Supplies 2018

Included in this newsletter are the details of the school costs for 2018.

Statements will be posted out to all families at the beginning of 2018 with payment due as soon as possible. Families wishing to pay in two instalments should pay the first instalment by the end of February and the second instalment by the end of Term Two.

Payment can be made in person at the school office, by sending the payment in a named envelope with your child or online using internet banking. Our bank details are: BSB 313-140 ACCOUNT NO. 12012190.

Families who are in receipt of a Centrelink payment (e.g. Family Tax Benefit, Parenting Payment, etc) are able to set up a Centrepay facility to pay their school account in fortnightly instalments. Please call at the school office for further information or to set up Centrepay.



## **WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL COSTS 2018:**

The school charges for the 2018 year as set by School Council are as follows:

### **STUDENT SUPPLIES**

**\$195.00 (PER STUDENT FOUNDATION)**

**\$185.00 (PER STUDENT YEARS 1 - 6)**

To ensure all WNPS students have the stationery supplies needed for the academic year the Warragul North School Council makes a bulk purchase from reputable suppliers on behalf of parents. This ensures parents are able to purchase their child's supplies very cost effectively and easily. The bulk purchase also means all students have the same supplies (e.g. pencils, pens, rulers, paper, paint, glue, etc). This cost also includes materials and equipment for Visual Arts, Performing Arts and Physical Education. On the school account statement that parents receive the student supplies are charged as 'Essential Education Items' as per the Department of Education guidelines.



### **MATHS ONLINE**

**\$20.00 (PER STUDENT FOUNDATION - YEAR 6)**

Maths Online is an educational website catering for Kindergarten through to Year 12. Maths Online enables children to use tutorials to learn and revise a large range of topics. It has a comprehensive Australian K - 12 curriculum with 1,411 animated and narrated mathematics lessons, a bank of tests and instant feedback to students. Once payment has been made a personal password is issued allowing access 24 hours, seven days a week.

### **WUSHKA ONLINE**

**\$20.00 (PER STUDENT FOUNDATION - YEAR 6)**

Wushka is an online levelled school reading program which helps students learn to read and includes an extensive selection of fiction and non-fiction levelled school readers. Every levelled reader has an online comprehension quiz and printable teacher support material. Teachers manage their own class, easily setting class reading levels, reading groups and choosing readers to read at home. Once payment has been made a personal password is issued allowing access 24 hours, seven days a week.

### **HEADPHONES**

**\$20.00 (PER STUDENT FOUNDATION - YEAR 6)**

For use in classrooms with laptops, i-Pads, i-Pods and audio equipment. Students will use the headphones during Digital Technology lessons. Headphones are to be retained from year to year.



### **MEMORY STICK**

**\$20.00 (PER STUDENT YEARS 3 - 6)**

For use at school and home to enable students to store their school work. These are supplied with a Warragul North Primary School lanyard. Memory sticks are to be retained from year to year.

### **GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CHARGE**

**\$35.00 (PER FAMILY)**

Parents are keen to see the school's buildings and grounds properly maintained in order to provide their children with a clean, tidy and safe learning environment. To assist in achieving this goal payment of the grounds maintenance charge will allow the school to engage paid labour.

### **WORKING BEE**

**\$60.00 (PER FAMILY)**



The Buildings and Grounds sub-committee of School Council hold a minimum of two working bees each year. At Warragul North Primary School we recognise that parents cannot always be available on these days. The working bee charge enables families to contribute in lieu of attendance.

### **'FOR THE RECORD' SCHOOL YEARBOOK**

**\$30.00 (PER FAMILY)**

The school yearbook is issued at the end of the year to the eldest child in each family. It is a fantastic record of the Warragul North Primary School year and includes photos of the many activities the children take part in during the year such as concerts, production, camps and excursions.



# Hello from the *Acorn Room*



My name is Sheryn Cutler, and this is my second year as the chaplain here at Warragul North Primary School. I live just outside Warragul on our family dairy farm with my husband, Pete, and children, Jim (8 years) and Lilly (6 years). My background is as a Secondary School Teacher in the Wimmera,

but in more recent years I have been working as a Pilates instructor, led Warragul 'mainly music' playgroup as well as regularly helping out on the farm. I have loved working with staff, students and families at Warragul North Primary School last year and feel so privileged to share with people the highs and lows as we each journey through the challenges and joys life brings. I want to warmly welcome everyone back to school this year, particularly any new students and families. I hope you are all able to settle in and feel part of this wonderful school community.

The chaplaincy program at Warragul North Primary School has a strong history and is an integral part of the school's welfare program. This year, we are particularly fortunate to have a number of different professionals working in the school in the area of student welfare and wellbeing.

The term 'chaplain' can be a little confusing as it implies some form of religious role. As part of the National School Chaplaincy Programme (NSCP) which this chaplaincy program is funded by, chaplains working in government schools must be of a recognised faith. In my case, I am a Christian and attend the Warragul Anglican Church. However, the role I play in the school is not religious in nature, but one of general pastoral care for students and staff at the school as well as their families.

I am able to meet with students one on one during class time for personal sessions (after obtaining parental consent and in consultation with the classroom teacher) and also run lunchtime activities for small groups on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students can be referred to see me by staff at the school, by parents/guardians/carers or students can request to see me themselves via a box under the notice board at the school office.

*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.*

## OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

We have had a successful start to our OSHC program this year. It was great to see children and families return refreshed from the holidays and ready for a new year. We are very happy to welcome all our new children and their families also. We look forward to providing a safe, happy and caring environment for the children while they are in our care. OSHC provides a healthy breakfast for children attending Before School Care and a fruit and vegetable platter with a healthy snack at After School Care. To keep children busy and happy our program includes a wide range of activities for all ages and abilities with our focus being on everyone enjoying their OSHC experience and feeling safe and secure.

OSHC is available on a permanent or casual basis. Some sessions are fully booked and a waiting list is held for those sessions. Please remember that the Office or OSHC must be notified if your child is not going to attend a session they have been booked in for.

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*



# Term One *Topics*

## Foundation – *My Life, My Place*

- Sequence significant events about personal and family history to create a chronological narrative.
- Describe and explain where places and activities are located.
- Collect and record geographical data and information.

## Year One – *Celebrations around the World*

- How they and their family celebrate past events that are important to them.
- Places and our connections to them. Representation of the location of places and their features on maps and models, including a globe and the location of the major geographical divisions of the world in relation to Australia.

## Year Two – *Olden Days*

- Identify perspectives about changes to daily life from people in the past or present.
- How the present, past and future are signified by terms indicating and describing time.
- Differences and similarities between students' daily lives and perspectives of life during their parents' and grandparents' childhoods, including family traditions, leisure time and communications.
- The effect of changing technology on people's lives and their perspectives on the significance of that change.

## Year Three – *Indigenous Studies*

- The significance of Country and Place to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who belong to a local area.
- One significant narrative, myth or celebration from the past.
- The diversity and longevity of Australia's first peoples and the significant ways Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are connected to Country and Place (land, sea, waterways and skies) and the effects on their daily lives.
- Similarities and differences in individuals' and groups' feelings and perceptions about places and how they influence views about the protection of these places.

## Year Four – *Science in Action*

- A change of state between solid and liquid can be caused by adding or removing heat.
- Natural and processed materials have a range of physical properties; these properties can influence their use.
- Heat can be produced in many ways and can move from one object to another; a change in the temperature of an object is related to the gain or loss of heat by the object.
- Forces can be exerted by one object on another through direct contact or from a distance.

## Year Five – *Natural Disasters*

- Sudden geological changes or extreme weather conditions can affect Earth's surface.
- Interpret maps and other geographical data and information using digital and spatial technologies as appropriate to develop identifications, descriptions, explanations and conclusions that use geographical terminology.
- Location of the major countries of Europe and North America in relation to natural disasters.
- Impacts of bushfires or floods on environments and communities and how people can respond.

## Year Six – *Antarctica*

- Scientific understandings, discoveries and inventions are used to inform personal and community decisions and to solve problems that directly affect people's lives.
- Living things have structural features and adaptations that help them to survive in their environment.
- The growth and survival of living things are affected by the physical conditions of their environment.
- Interpret maps and other geographical data and information using digital and spatial technologies as appropriate to develop identifications, descriptions, explanations and conclusions that use geographical terminology.

# Private Performing Arts Program 2018

Warragul North Primary School has a long history of providing a performing arts program of high quality. The program includes instrumental, voice (singing), drama and dance lessons. We have adopted a philosophy of making all aspects of the Performing Arts accessible to families. Many students have progressed through their school years pursuing performing arts through their formal education, private tuition and other venues such as the Conservatorium of Music and the College of the Arts.

## Our Teachers:

We are fortunate in 2018 to have a talented team of private teachers who attend the school to give lessons to students from all year levels and assist with the choirs and school bands.

Jessica Benn	Piano
Steve Brown	Guitar
Anthony Gardner	Brass, Woodwind & Guitar
Judy Harris	Piano
Sam Stephens	Singing
Joe Patrick	Ukulele & Drums
Stephanie Clark	Drama
Sarah Considine	Violin
Sue Legg	Dance

## Lessons on offer:

This year in the Private Performing Arts Program, we are able to offer lessons in, piano, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar, drums, strings, brass, woodwind, ukulele, singing, drama and dance.

## Lesson times:

Lesson times for private performing arts lessons are negotiated with the classroom teacher in order to minimise disruption to the students learning. Lessons are taken in the purpose-built rooms adjoining the music room.

## How to book for lessons:

Due to its popularity, registration of interest for lessons as part of the private performing arts program is imperative. To enrol for a lesson or to be listed on the waiting list simply fill out an expression of interest form, available at the school office.

## Opportunities to perform:

In Terms Two, Three and Four the Performing Arts Department holds a Soirée. This is an evening where the private Performing Arts students perform in a relaxed environment, in front of a friendly and supportive audience, of their family and friends. Students also have the opportunity to perform at eisteddfods, school events, such as assemblies, and community events during the year.

The Performing Arts Department has a strong emphasis on building students confidence through successful experiences.

*Mrs Jill Binks and Mrs Sue Legg*  
Performing Arts Co-ordinators

# Choristers

**Calling all students with a passion for singing!**

Choristers will commence for 2018 on Monday 19th February. All students from Years Three to Six are most welcome.

**Where:** The Music Room

**When:** Monday (First lunch bell)



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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](http://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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)



# Community News



Starting school is not only a change for your child. Amid the excitement and preparation it can be important to take a moment to think about how this change affects you and your family.

As you help your child to prepare for the changes ahead, it is important to monitor your own feelings. Having your child start school may lead to a new routine for you and your family. There may also be a period of adjustment as you begin to connect with the new school community and feel the loss of strong relationships formed at your child's early childhood education and care (ECEC) service. Thinking a little about how things are going to change for everyone can help you to make sure the whole family is ready for starting school. Check out the Kids matter website will provide you information on mixed emotions, new family routines, supportive relationships and connecting with your child's school.

[www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/starting-school/6-change-whole-family](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/starting-school/6-change-whole-family)



WEST GIPPSLAND HEALTHCARE GROUP

Health Promotion Team 56243500



## Hallora Junior Football Club

### **Registration Training Session**

*Current & New Players*

*Boys & Girls Welcome*

Under 10, Under 12 & Under 14's teams

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2018**

### **Hallora Recreation Reserve**

Light training session 11am - 12pm

Followed by a free sausage sizzle

For enquiries please contact:

Chris Wilson (President) **0407 822 755**