



# WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## CALENDAR 2018

Fri	11 May	Junior Assembly Year Six students return from Canberra Camp
Mon	14 May	School Dental Van arrives
Wed	16 May	Parent Club second hand uniform sale 3pm to 4pm
Fri	18 May	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b> WNPS Staff - Mathematics Professional Learning Day  Division Athletics at Newborough
Mon	21 May	Education Week commences
Thur	24 May	Division Cross Country
Fri	25 May	Senior Assembly

## TERM TWO ASSEMBLIES

Friday 11th May - Foundation to Year Two

Friday 25th May - Years Three to Six

Friday 15th June - Foundation to Year Two

## Principal's Report

### Same Day Notification of Unexplained Student Absences

#### Overview:

The new School Attendance Guidelines specify that from the end of Term Two government schools must contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the day of an unexplained student absence.

Protecting the safety and well-being of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools. Parents/carers have an obligation to notify the school of their child's absence and schools are required to notify parents/carers on the day of an unexplained student absence. This responsibility needs to be underpinned by shared understanding and expectations about the procedures for the promotion, monitoring and follow-up of student attendance.

Clear communication and building a positive and collaborative relationship between schools and parents is critical to the successful implementation of same day notifications.

In addition, in order to implement this requirement, it is essential that schools have accurate and current parent/carer contact details.

#### Maintaining contact details:

- There are times when we will need to contact you, including on the day if your child is absent and you haven't informed the school as to why.
- Do we have your most up to date contact details?
- If not please contact the school via e-mail [warragul.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:warragul.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) or phone on 56234066 so we can update our records.
- Please include parent/carers' name, address, phone numbers, e-mail address and emergency contact details.
- Please remember to contact the school if any of these details or circumstances change.



# Principal's Report *cont.*

## Year Six Students Canberra Tour

Early last Monday morning sixty-three very excited Year Six students arrived at school ready for their five day trip to Canberra. The children had loaded their belongings into the two buses, had their names checked off and they were on their way by 7.30am. Thank you to the WNPS staff and parent volunteers who make the tour possible by giving so generously of their time.

We wish them well for the week as they enjoy all the sights and educational experiences our nation's capital has to offer. Look out for a full report in our next newsletter.



## As a Parent Are You Paying Your Fair Share - \$3.56 a week?

### Have you paid the \$185 for your child's 2018 supplies?

Recently I became aware that some parents of students attending Warragul North Primary School do not understand why they need to pay any costs. So using information recently published by the Department of Education and Training I will explain parent payment.

#### *What does the legislation say?*

The Education and Training Reform Act (2006) provides for free instruction in the standard curriculum program to all students in government schools. The Act also empowers school councils to charge parents for goods and services provided by the school to a child.

#### *What is free instruction?*

Free instruction is the teaching staff, administration and the provision of facilities in connection with the instruction of the standard curriculum program. The standard curriculum for Years F – 10 means implementation of the Victorian Curriculum F – 10.

#### *What are parents asked to pay for?*

#### Essential Student Learning Items

These are items, activities or services that the school deems essential to student learning of the standard curriculum. These may also be either:

Items the student takes temporary or permanent possession of e.g.

- Textbooks, activity books, exercise books
- Stationery, book bags
- Cooking ingredients students will consume
- Materials for final products that students take home (technology projects, build-your-own kits, dioramas)
- Communications Systems

Activities associated with instruction that all students are expected to attend i.e.

- Travel, entry fees or accommodation e.g.
  - Excursions
  - Incursions
  - School sports
  - Work placements

#### Optional Items

These are items, activities or services that are optional and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum. Students may access these on a user-pays basis. These may be either:

Items the student purchases or hires e.g.

- School magazines, class photos
- Functions, formals, graduation dinners
- Materials for extracurricular programs
- Student accident insurance

Activities the student purchases e.g.

- Fees for extracurricular programs or activities, such as instrumental music tuition
- Fees for guest speakers
- Camps, excursions, incursions, sports
- Entry fees for school run performances

#### *How can parents pay for their child's essential learning items?*

The Warragul North Primary School Council for many years has used the process of purchasing essential items on behalf of parents in bulk so every child has the same items at the same time. This enables a smooth start to the year with every child having equal access to learning activities from the first day of the school year. No child feels left out.

The 2018 Warragul North Primary School charge of \$185.00 for Years 1 – 6 materials and supplies (i.e. essential student learning items) equates to approximately \$3.56 per week over the year. For Foundation students the charge of \$195.00 equates to approximately \$3.75 per week over the year.

Payment for essential learning items can be paid

1. full year
2. 1/2 yearly (semester one and semester two)
3. Instalments
4. Centrepay (regular deduction from Centrelink payment)

Warragul North Primary School provides these payment options to assist parents choose the option that best suits them.

Thank you to the parents who have supported their child's learning by paying for their child's learning items.

If you previously did not know or understand that as a parent of a child attending a government school you need to pay for your child's essential learning items I hope this explanation has clarified the situation for you. Please be fair and pay your share. If parents support our current parent payment process School Council can continue to buy in bulk which is economical and convenient. This process also supports all children as learners feel good about themselves as they receive the same items at the same time.

Changing to a different process will be more expensive and less convenient for parents. Our current system will only continue to work successfully if parents contribute to their child's education. Please help us help you.

**Corinne Collins**  
**Principal**



# Warragul North Primary School Values

 **School Values**

**L**iteracy

**E**ngagement

**A**chievement


**R**espect

**N**umeracy

**I**ntegrity

**N**urturing

**G**etting Along

 **School Values**

**A**chievement

Student achievement involves the combination of a number of elements in the learning process such as setting goals, understanding the learning intent, thinking, developing skills, feedback, reflecting and exerting effort to achieve. Each student needs to understand that they are the learner and that they are responsible for their own learning.

Teachers can support students to continuously refine and improve their learning and understanding. Teachers can assist students to set learning goals and understand learning intentions. Teachers can then use evidence (what the student can do, say, make or write) to provide feedback and assist students to evaluate their progress, that is their achievements. Teachers can support students to reflect on their learning and the impact of effort on achievement.

Learning requires students to engage in a thinking process and exert effort to achieve. Students striving for excellence can achieve to their potential. Achievement requires effort by learners as they engage in the learning process.

**In a 'nutshell' Achievement means accomplishing your learning goals using effort and skill.**

GETTING ALONG – Year Three – Blayn (3CO)

LITERACY – Year Four – Henry (4PH)

ENGAGEMENT – Year Five – Angus (4/5T)

ACHIEVEMENT – Year Six – Izzy (6BR)



*School Values medals were awarded at assembly on Friday 27th April to: Back row – Angus and Izzy. Front row – Henry and Blayn. Congratulations!*

# Book Fair

Parents are invited to the Warragul North Primary annual book fair which will be held in the school library. The book fair will be open at the following times:

- Monday 14th May to Thursday 24th May from 3.30pm to 4pm
- Thursday 22nd May from 11am to 11:30am and Open Night from 3.30pm to 8pm



# Show Bag Raffle

Congratulations to Milena (3BC) and Josh (6BR) for being the lucky winners of the show bag raffle which was drawn at our last senior assembly. The prizes were two fantastic show bags that Ms Collins had brought back from the Royal Sydney Show held over the Easter holidays.







**Warragul North Primary School**

**The Parent Club is holding a second  
hand uniform sale on**

**Wednesday 16th May**

**in the conference room near  
the office between**

**3.00pm to 4.00pm**

**All items \$5.00 each**

**Payment may be made by cash,  
cheque, eftpos and credit card.**



## STUDENT FREE DAY - FRIDAY 18TH MAY

On Friday 18th May the staff at Warragul North Primary School will be undertaking Mathematics Professional Learning with Professor Di Siemans, a highly regarded consultant. There will be no school this day. All day care is available from 8.30am to 4.30pm at a cost of \$50.00 per child. Please contact the office or OSHC to book a place.

## NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)



Next week students in Years Three and Five across Australia will sit national tests in Literacy and Numeracy.

A brochure regarding NAPLAN will be sent home. If parents have any further questions please contact the school.

## 'Catch 'em being good' raffle

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



## ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY 2018

### We want our students to tell us what they think!

The Attitudes to School survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

The Department has updated the survey for 2018 to include important new measures that are known to influence student engagement and performance. Students from Year Four, Year Five and Year Six at our school will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way 'testing' your child.

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used by the Department to link data for statistical and research purposes only. Your child's privacy and the confidentiality of your child's survey responses will be protected at all times. No identifiable personal data is included in the survey response file.

The survey results will be reported back to the school in Term Three. No student can be identified in the results reported to schools or in any other report of the data.

This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted across the state over the period Monday 23rd April to Friday 1st June. The survey takes about 20 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

If you would like more information please visit the Department of Education and Training website: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyat.aspx>.

# HIP HOP DANCE

This term I will be offering hip hop dance classes for students in Years Three, Four, Five and Six. To secure your place, please fill out a private performing arts lesson form, available from the office. Places are limited (10 students per class). Classes will run over a period of nine weeks during Term Two. Fees must be paid in advance or if paying weekly, a two week holding fee of \$16.00 must be paid before the first class.

**WHERE:** Gym

**WHEN:** Lunchtime (days to be confirmed)

**COST:** \$8 per lesson

**CLOTHING:** No special requirements (school uniform is fine)

**FOOTWEAR:** Sneakers, dance sneakers or jazz shoes

**FREE TRIAL: TUESDAY 15TH MAY IN THE GYM AT LUNCHTIME**

If you have any queries please contact me

*Mrs Sue Legg, Performing Arts Coordinator*





# Mother's Day Stall

On Wednesday 2nd May the children were very excited to visit the Mother's Day stall which was run by the Parent Club. It was great to see so many parents helping with the stall.

A big thank you to Anita Witherow, the Parent Club Co-ordinator, for organising a great range of gifts for the children to select from. A profit of \$1598.98 was made from the stall. Great effort everyone!









# Lunchtime Clubs

## MONDAYS

☺ **Choristers** in the music room



☺ **Coding Club** in room 16

Join us FOR ALL THE  
**FUN!** 

## THURSDAYS

☺ **Computer Club** in the computer room

☺ **Dance Club** in the gallery

☺ **Recorder** in the music room



## TUESDAYS

☺ **Lego Club** in room 5

☺ **Warblers** in the gallery

## WEDNESDAYS

☺ **Beginner recorder** in the music room

☺ **Chess Club** in the library



☺ **Indonesian Club** in the art room

☺ **Senior Choristers** in the gallery

## FRIDAYS

☺ **Computer Club** in the computer room

☺ **Lunchtime Art** in the art room



# 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.

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

## Term Two - Week 2 Champions

*Junior*



*Keira (2TB)*

*Middle*



*Milly (3BC)*

*Senior*



*Ashley (5JA)*

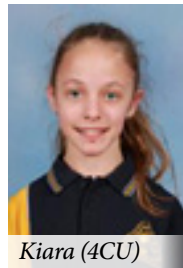
## Term Two - Week 3 Champions

*Junior*



*Aiden (1BO)*

*Middle*



*Kiara (4CU)*

*Senior*



*Summer (5JA)*

# Canteen Roster

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO LACK OF VOLUNTEERS THE CANTEEN WILL ONLY OPEN ON WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEER
Friday 11th May	9.00am to 10.15am	Kylie Sage Rachel Steenholdt Trish Whelen
Wednesday 16th May	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Jessica McGenniskien
Thursday 17th May	1.30pm to 2.15pm	
<b>Friday 18th May</b>	<b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL TODAY</b>
Wednesday 23rd May	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Leigh Brown
Thursday 24th May	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Kylie McNair
Friday 25th May	9.00am to 10.15am	Tracey Armstrong Kylie Sage Trish Whelen



# EDUCATION WEEK AND NIGHT SCHOOL 2018



*You are warmly invited to visit Warragul North Primary School during Education Week.*

## Monday 21st May

- **1.45pm to 2.15pm** visit our Choristers School Choir in the music room or Coding Club in room 16 during lunchtime.
- **3.30pm to 4.00pm** Book Fair open in the library.



## Tuesday 22nd May

- **9.30am to 11.00am** Foundation students invite grandparents to visit their classrooms
- **11.00am to 11.30am** Book Fair open in the library
- **3.30pm to 8.00pm** Book Fair open in the library.
- **6.30pm to 7.30pm** **NIGHT SCHOOL** - all students invite parents, grandparents and special guests to visit their classrooms at night.
- **STUDENTS TO WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM TO NIGHT SCHOOL.**



## Wednesday 23rd May

- **1.45pm to 2.15pm** visit our lunchtime clubs including Chess Club, Recorder, Indonesian Club
- **3.30pm to 4.00pm** Book Fair open in the library.

## Thursday 24th May

- **12.00pm to 1.00pm** school tours conducted by School Captains and Student Leaders.
- **3.30pm to 4.00pm** Book Fair open in the library.



## Friday 25th May

- **2.50pm** assembly in the gym for Foundation to Year Two.





# Hello from the *Acorn Room*



I've recently been learning about emotion coaching in the context of parenting (but it's applicable to anyone who works with children). It's about helping children develop emotional intelligence – how to understanding their own feelings, and therefore manage these feelings themselves in order to make healthy behavioural choices. It's different to just managing children's behaviour, which we so often slip into, especially as we are generally so time poor. The underlying philosophy is that all emotions are acceptable, but not all behaviours are acceptable.

What we can do as adults who work with children, is recognise when a child is heading towards problematic behaviour, an explosion or meltdown. Before they have 'flipped their lids', take this learning opportunity. Help the child to identify what they are feeling by naming the emotion and describing how it feels. Perhaps even exploring why they are experiencing this emotion. Then together decide what to do about it. The goal is to do this 30% of the time in order to raise emotionally intelligent kids.

*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

The children at OSHC have been continuing with activities based around the Dr Seuss theme. When the afternoons are fine the children have enjoyed time in the playgrounds and on cooler days the gym is a fun place for games. Families have been signing their children in and out using the OSHC i-Pad this term and it seems to be working well so far.

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*

## 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)





# Saura Indonesian Dance Group Incursion

On Tuesday 8th May, the Suara Indonesia Dance Group presented an energetic mix of music, dance, body percussion, and song in an informative and entertaining show. This performance for Foundation to Year Three students supported our Indonesian program.

The performers took the students on a journey through Indonesia introducing music, dance and theatre traditions from across the archipelago, including genres from Java, Bali and Sumatra.

Interaction was encouraged with Randai - a rhythmical circle dance based on martial arts from West Sumatra, where rhythms were made by hitting large colourful pants, a particular favourite with all year levels. The session culminated in a group performance of body percussion dances from Aceh, North Sumatra. These highly rhythmic body percussion dances, accompanied by drumming and distinctive chanted melodies, were fun and fulfilling.

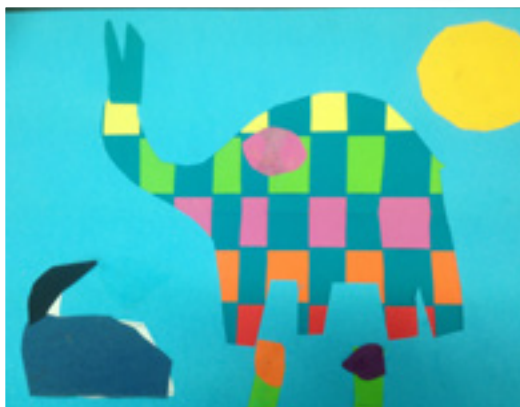
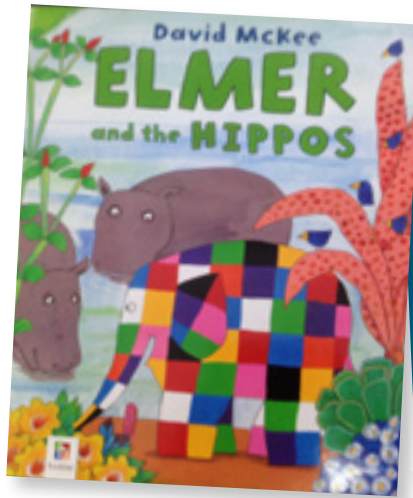




# Artists of the Week

As part of our 'Threads and Textiles Unit' we have been learning how to weave or revising our weaving skills. Students in Year Two have listened to the story of Elmer the Elephant and used this as inspiration to make elephant weavings. Students worked hard to create weaving mats and then design and make frames. It was tricky to make use of negative space but the resulting art pieces are amazing.

*Mrs Shelley Roberts and Ms Jo Draisma*  
Visual Arts Teachers



*Artist of the Week awards were presented at the last assembly to: Back row: Cooper (4SE), Mitch (3BC), Ashlyn (6BR) and Tyler (5JA). Front row: Ashby (3BC), Bree (3GA), Charli (3CO) and Emma (4CU). Fantastic and very colourful artwork!*



# Community News

## MOTHERS DAY CLASSIC 13/05/18

Where: Drouin Golf Course  
8am - 12pm

**Register Today**

<http://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au/register/>

Raise Money To Help People With  
Breast Cancer

By competing in a fun run or walk,  
face painting, kids mini races, BBQ  
and Coffee Stand's with great food  
and drinks available



### KIDS IN THE KITCHEN



Get the kids to help cook at home as it will help teach them where food comes from, how to measure, count, read, time and follow directions. It also allows for the introduction of new flavours as kids are more likely to eat food that they have helped prepare. Cooking is an important skill to teach children in this age of increasing take away and convenience eating. Remember to be patient. The mess and extra time needed will be worth it!!

One idea is to begin the cooking experience with the food shopping. By encouraging them to help you, they will become familiar with a wide range of foods which will promote variety in their dietary intake. Teach them about choosing fresh fruits, vegetables and seasonal foods.

For more recipes visit [www.nutritionaustralia.org](http://www.nutritionaustralia.org)



#### APPLE MUESLI MUFFINS

1 1/2 cup muesli  
1 cup self raising flour  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 cup grated apple  
1/2 cup sultanas  
1 egg beaten  
1/3 cup oil  
1 cup milk



Add liquid ingredients to dry ingredients and mix until combined. Spoon into greased muffin tins. Bake at 190°C for 30 minutes or until golden. Makes 12.

**TIP:** Make mini muffins for little hands and tummies. Mini muffin tins are available from kitchen retailers.



With compliments of Angela Greenall Health Promotion

