



WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

#6

7th May 2014

CALENDAR 2014

Fri	9 May	Year 6 students return from Canberra Special lunch day for Foundation to Year 5 Whole school assembly at 2:50pm
Tues	13 May	NAPLAN - Years 3 & 5
Wed	14 May	NAPLAN - Years 3 & 5
Thur	15 May	NAPLAN - Years 3 & 5 Book Fair opens
Mon	19 May	Education Week commences
Tues	20 May	University of NSW Computer Skills competition School tours from 11:45am to 1pm
Wed	21 May	Grandparents & Special Guests visit Foundation classes, 9am to 11am Book Fair open - 9am to 12 noon & 3:30pm to 8pm Night School 6:30pm to 7:30pm (students to wear school uniform)
Fri	23 May	'Walk Safely to School' Day Whole school assembly at 2:50pm
Tues	27 May	'Mr McGee and the Biting Flea' excursion for Foundation and Year 1 students



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MOTHER'S DAY STALL



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OHSC SWAGMAN

Principal's Report

ANZAC Day 2014

A service was held on Friday 25th April at the Warragul Cenotaph. Our school was represented by our School Captains, Finn Dowty and Molly Francis, who laid a wreath on behalf of our school. The Choristers conducted by Mrs Sue Legg, our Performing Arts teacher, led the singing of the hymns during the ANZAC Day service. It was great to see so many of our Warragul North Primary School families attending the commemorative service. *Continued on page 2.*



Pictured are School Captains Finn Dowty and Molly Francis laying the wreath at the ANZAC Day service. Also pictured is the Choristers led by Mrs Sue Legg singing at the ANZAC Day service.

NEXT ASSEMBLY

Our next whole school assembly is Friday 9th May.

Principal's Report continued

WNPS Professional Learning Team Leaders Attend 'Evidence into Action' Seminar

Last Friday, 2nd May, our PLT Leaders (Mr Simon Prokopiwskyi, Ms Karen Dellar, Mrs Pauline Bailey and Mrs Sally Hedrick) and I attended this seminar to learn about the results of fifteen years of research into what really works best in education and to help us apply this research to our school. This research makes us take stock of what really does make the difference to student learning.

By the end of the day we had reflected on how our leadership actions match the profile of those that make the greatest difference. We had also developed a plan to gather evidence to help answer questions about our students as learners which will be used on day two of this programme.

'Evidence into Action' is a two day programme during which we gather, collate and examine evidence about Warragul North Primary School and transfer this into action that will make a positive difference to the outcomes for students in our school.

Corinne Collins
Principal

Pictured are PLT Leaders



Mr Prokopiwskyi



Ms Dellar



Mrs Bailey



Mrs Hedrick

Education Week 19th - 23rd May

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

Monday 19th May



Visit our Choristers School Choir in the music room during lunchtime from 1.45pm to 2.15pm.

Tuesday 20th May



School tours available from 11.45am to 1.00pm conducted by School Captains and Student Leaders.

Wednesday 21st May



Foundation students invite parents, grandparents and special guests to visit their classrooms from 9.00am to 11.00am.



Book Fair open in the library from 9.00am to 12.00 noon.



Night School - 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

Students from all year levels invite parents, grandparents and special guests to visit their classrooms at night. (Students to wear school uniform).



Book Fair open night in the library from 3.30pm to 8.00pm.

Thursday 22nd May



Physical Education highlighted - visitors welcome (9.00am to 10.00am OPC, 10.00am to 11.00am 4SE, 12.30pm to 1.30pm 2SP).

Friday 23rd May



Whole school assembly at 2.50pm for Education Week.

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS



Tournament of Minds commenced yesterday, Tuesday 6th May. Team members will be selected by Week Six of Term 2.

Mrs Pam Thrift-Mulholland
Tournament of Minds
Co-ordinator

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Our theme at OSHC for the start of Term Two is Australia. Children are making a swagman, puppets of Australian animals and colouring Australian themed pictures. Grace, a student from Warragul Regional College, will be helping us for one After School Care session each week during the next three months. She is doing this to complete the community service section for her Bronze Medallion of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

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



Pictured is Mrs Judy Eastwell the OSHC Co-ordinator, with some of the children at OSHC having fun making a swagman.

Mother's Day Stall

On Wednesday 30th April 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 (mums and dads) helping with the stall.

A big thank you to Leisa Meyer, the Parent Club Co-ordinator, for coming in extra early to set the stall up so the children heading off to the District Athletics could do their shopping before they left. A total of \$711.00 was made from the stall. Great effort everyone!





The 2014 Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge has commenced and officially ends on Friday 12th September, 2014. 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 2014 Victorian Premier's Reading challenge, please visit the website education.vic.gov.au/prc and register your child as a home-based reader.

District Athletics

Last Wednesday, 30th April, nearly 70 students from Warragul North Primary School braved the wet and cold (and sometimes sunny) conditions at the Geoff Watt Track to represent the school magnificently. Conditions were very difficult for athletics however talent still shone through with amazing results being recorded throughout the day.

Well done to all students who competed, as it was a fantastic effort to represent their school at the District Athletics and their behaviour was just as good as their performances on the track. We now look forward to the Division Athletics at Newborough on Friday 16th May for those lucky students who have moved through to the next stage.

Mr Callan Fisher
Physical Education Teacher

'You Can Do It!' Keys



GETTING ALONG means working well with teachers and classmates resolving disagreements peacefully, following the rules of the classroom and making positive contributions to school, home and the community including protecting the rights of others and looking after the environment. Examples of getting along behaviour are being helpful when working in a group, listening and not interrupting when someone else is speaking, talking rather than fighting when someone acts unfairly, not breaking classroom rules, helping others in need, volunteering for a worthy cause and cleaning up the environment.

Positive Habits of the Mind that help develop Getting Along behaviour in a young person include:

- ✓ **Being Tolerant of Others** – accepting that everyone is different, and not making overall judgments of people's character based on their differences or behaviour.

- ✓ **Thinking First** – thinking that when someone treats me badly I need to think about different ways I can react, the consequences of each, and the impact of my actions on the other person's feelings.
- ✓ **Playing by the Rules** – thinking that by following important school and home rules, I will live in a better world where everyone's rights are protected.
- ✓ **Social Responsibility** – thinking that it's important to be caring, to try hard to do my best, to be fair to others, to make sure that everyone has the freedom to say what they think and feel without fear, to be honest and tell the truth, to have integrity by making sure that I do what I say I am going to do, to respect others and have nice manners, to act responsibly by making good choices, sorting out problems without fighting, caring about nature and other living things, and to be understanding and including others who are different.

Canteen Roster

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEER
Wednesday 7th May	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Julie Henshall
Thursday 8th May	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Mecarla Downie
Friday 9th May	SPECIAL LUNCH DAY	NO NORMAL LUNCH ORDERS
Monday 12th May	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Alison Spragg
Tuesday 13th May	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Lynne Wigg
Wednesday 14th May	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Tammy Patrick
Thursday 15th May	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Simone Rhodes
Friday 16th May	9.00am to 10.15am	Angela Brown Chris Giles
Monday 19th May	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Annette Thomas
Tuesday 20th May	1.30pm to 10.15am	Bridget Mainland
Wednesday 21st May	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Kate Stern
Thursday 22nd May	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Lynne Wigg
Friday 23rd May	9.00am to 10.15am	Gillian Connor Helen Sibley

‘Walk Safely To School’ Day



Friday 23rd May 2014

The annual ‘Walk Safely to School’ Day is being held on FRIDAY 23RD MAY. Where possible we encourage all parents to help their children take part in this important event.

“This event encourages parents, carers and their children to build regular walking to and from school into their daily routine. It also encourages parents to drive less and walk more, aiming to decrease dangerous vehicle congestion around schools and reduce carbon emissions from idling cars.”

For more information visit walk.com.au or download the free app.

Free Recorder Lessons

During Terms Two and Three this year, Mrs. Binks will be providing students from Year One to Year Six at Warragul North Primary School with the opportunity to learn to play the recorder. The recorder is a great first instrument, providing the chance to learn how to read formal music notation and as a precursor to many other instruments, such as the flute and saxophone, where the fingering is similar.

These sessions will commence in the Art Room from Thursday, May 15th (Week Four) during the first half of lunchtime. Recorders can be supplied for the sessions, although it is encouraged that children purchase their own if they wish to continue.

Please collect an expression of interest form from the office if your child is interested in being part of these recorder sessions.

Mrs Jill Binks
Performing Arts Co-ordinator



Term Two Topics

To assist parents to support their child's learning listed below are the Term Two 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 AusVELS is provided to our students.

Foundation – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

- Objects are made of materials that have observable properties.
- The way objects move depends on a variety of factors.

Junior School (Years 1 and 2) – The Past in the Present

- What aspects of the past can you see today in your local community?
- How has changes in technology shaped our daily life?
- What remains of the past are important to the community and why?

Middle School (Years 3 and 4) – Science in Action / Bully Stoppers

- 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 the next.
- Earth's rotation on its axis causes regular changes including night and day.

Senior School (Years 5 and 6) – Australia's Governance

- Why and how did Australia become a nation?
- Democratic principles and values?

Mathematical Brain Teasers For The Whole Family

Brain Teaser Number Four – ‘Potatoes!’

Gary began peeling a pile of forty-four potatoes at the rate of three per minute. Four minutes later, Christen joined him, and peeled at the rate of five potatoes per minute. When they were finished, how many potatoes had each peeled?

Entries for brain teaser number four must be in the box by 9.00am on Friday 23rd May.

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

Next week all 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.

On the following page is an article ‘Helping students get ready for NAPLAN tests’ by Michael Grose (parenting educator).

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:

- **Thursday 15th May to Tuesday 20th May from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.**
- **Wednesday 21st May from 9.00am to 12.00 noon when Grandparent’s and special visitors are visiting Foundation classes**
- **Wednesday 21st May open night from 3.30pm to 8.00pm.**

CHAPLAIN ON LONG SERVICE LEAVE



Our Chaplain, Mrs Anne Prime, commenced Long Service Leave this week. She will be taking a well-earned break and enjoying some time with her husband as they travel to Uluru and visit the Australian outback. We wish Mrs Prime a fantastic time and look forward to

her return to Warragul North Primary School at the beginning of Term Three.

Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS

Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Helping students get ready for the NAPLAN tests

The most resilient children and young people are those who rise to meet rather than retreat from the challenges presented to them. Perhaps it's best to view the NAPLAN tests as good learning experiences rather than dreaded pressure tests.

During the second week of May Australian children in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The stated purpose of this testing program is to gain an overall picture of educational attainment levels to assist education policy and decision-making.

The program first implemented in 2008 has drawn some criticism from a number of different quarters, particularly in regard to the use of the information gained through the NAPLAN tests. You've probably heard a number of different viewpoints expressed in the media over the last few weeks.

One view commonly put forward is that the NAPLAN tests put undue pressure on children to perform in test situations. If so, then perhaps the best approach for parents and teachers is to help them handle the pressure rather than avoid it. The most resilient children and young people are those who rise to meet rather than retreat from the challenges presented to them. Perhaps it's best to view the NAPLAN tests as good learning experiences rather than dreaded pressure tests.

Children and young people take their cues from their parents about how to handle many situations. American psychologist Martin Seligman discovered more than a decade ago,

through his research into children's thinking styles, how closely a child's explanatory style mimics that of the parent they spend most time around. Optimistic parents beget optimistic kids, just as anxious parents can beget anxious kids. The impact of a parent's explanatory style seems to be magnified somehow in small families where there are fewer voices to be heard.

As a parent it helps your child, if you take a positive view of the NAPLAN tests. It's better to see them as learning opportunities for kids as well as opportunities to overcome any anxieties or nerves that these tests may bring on. It's also worth remembering that many children don't stress over these tests. The vast majority take them in their stride, wondering what all the fuss is about.

Whether your child stresses or takes them in his stride here are some tips to help prepare for the NAPLAN tests:

1 Take your cues from your child:

If your child doesn't worry about them then neither should you. Be careful not to create a problem that doesn't exist by incessantly talking about, or worse, worrying about the test..

2 Focus on doing their best and trying hard:

Choose your words carefully when you speak with your kids. As with all their learning activities place your focus squarely on effort rather than results.

The only pressure on kids should be to try hard rather than to do well.

3 Listen to any concerns they have:

If your child confesses to some nerves then validate their feelings, rather than shut them down with a 'get over it' response. "Yes, sometimes tests can be a little scary, but they get easier every time you take them." Use this as an opportunity to develop some emotional smarts, which starts with recognising how kids feel.

4 Give them some relaxation ideas:

Anxious or nervous kids will benefit from some simple relaxation strategies. Taking some deep breaths, changing their thinking and exercising the morning of the test are some simple ways to help kids get some feeling of control.

5 Help them retain their perspective:

One way to help children who become excessively anxious about an event is to ask what's the worst thing that could happen? Okay, they may not do as well as they would like but the sun will still rise tomorrow, regardless of how well they do. Keeping perspective is a life skill that we all need to practise.

A positive, caring parent attitude is one of the best gifts you can give a child when they are apprehensive or nervous about approaching any different situation whether it's going on school camp, joining a new club or sitting a NAPLAN test.



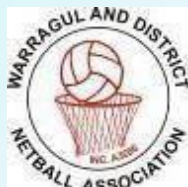
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Community News



Net Set Go 5-7 year old Program



Centre: Warragul and District Netball Association

Location: Burke St Netball Courts, Warragul

When: 10 sessions starting 9.00am Saturday 17th May

Cost: \$85 (includes participant pack)

Registrations: Saturday 10th May, 9am-10am, Burke St Courts

Enquiries: wdna@hotmail.com.au

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PROGRAM

Commences Saturday May 3rd with Grading (10am)
Round 1: Saturday May 10th

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www.warragulbasketball.sportingpulse.net

or contact

Contact: Jason Hibbs
Email: under8s@warragulbasketball.org.au
Phone: 0409 837 051
Venue: Warragul Leisure Centre, Burke Street Warragul

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BASKETBALL



Mother's Day Family Night

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Thursday 8th May 6pm-8pm

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- D.I.Y. workshops
- Light refreshments
- Free gift wrapping

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BREAKING THE CYCLE – MAKING CHANGES

- Do you feel threatened, frightened or controlled by your son/daughter?
- Do other family members, particularly younger siblings feel scared?
- Do you feel that you are walking on eggshells?
- Do you feel that you are no longer in charge?
- Do you feel isolated and alone?
- Would you like to find ways to help your son/daughter become more responsible and respectful?

If any of these questions apply to you, this group may be for you.

NEW GROUP STARTS - Wednesday 7 May 2014

Parents often ask - what will I do if my son/daughter:

- Pushes, hits or threatens me?
- Verbally abuses me and puts me down?
- Follows me around and won't let me leave the situation?
- Puts holes in walls or damages things?
- Runs away or threatens to leave?

Anglicare Victoria has been running these groups in other regions for 12 years. The groups have been developed with parents and we have received very positive feedback. Previous participants say that the group has provided them with ideas for change, ways of managing their situation differently in a supportive, informative and affirming environment.

*******BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL*******

DATE: Wednesdays May 7th – June 25th 2014 - 6 sessions
TIME: 7.00pm – 9.00pm
VENUE: Anglicare Victoria
Suite 2, 3 Barkly Street, Warragul
COST: Free
PHONE: Anglicare Parentzone on 5133 9998



**Neerim District
Secondary College
Year 7 - 2015**

INFORMATION EVENING Tuesday, May 20th (6-7pm)

**Learning Centre
Following our
NDSC Student Discovery Day,
9am - 3pm.**

All interested grade 5/6 students welcome to attend.

DISCUSSED ON THE NIGHT:

- Home Groups
- Years 7-9 Math Program
- 1:1 Netbook Program
- Peer Support
- PBS & GPA
- Camps
- Student Leadership
- Gifted & Talented Program
- CEA9 - Year 9 Program
- Music Program
- Chinese (Mandarin) Language Program
- and much more

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Bus travel available from the Warragul and Drouin areas.
Before school supervision is available.

**Contact Mrs Michaela Cole, Principal
Phone: 5628 1455**



WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

We invite you to come along to our:

**FOUNDATION 2015
INFORMATION EVENING
ON
TUESDAY 29TH JULY, 2014
AT 7.00PM
IN OUR WONDERFUL
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Free child minding is available on the night

**Please contact us on 56234066 should you
have any questions, or require any further
information regarding enrolment for 2015.**