



WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

#7

21st May 2014



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10 YEAR 6 CANBERRA TOUR

CALENDAR 2014

Wed	21	May	Book Fair open night from 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 Parent Club second hand uniform sale at 2:30pm
Wed	28	May	Parent Club meeting at 2:30pm
Thur	29	May	Division Cross Country at Chair-o Christian School
Mon	9	Jun	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

NEXT ASSEMBLY

**Our next whole school
assembly is Friday 23rd May.**

Principal's Report

Staff Commence 'Dyslexia and Significant Difficulties in Reading' Course

On Wednesday 14th June this ten week course commenced at 4.00pm in our staffroom. The course consists of face-to-face sessions with a presenter, between sessions assignment work and online learning. I commend those of our staff who have volunteered to take on this course.

Setting Future Directions for Warragul North Primary School

This year we will be setting our school's strategic direction for the next four years. Our primary goal is to provide an excellent education for every student. To do this we evaluate our progress to date and plan a strategy that is critical to our school's continued success – improving learning, engagement and wellbeing and successful transitions and pathways for our children and young people.

School leaders, staff, students and parents will work together over the course of the coming semester to set the strategic directions for the school for 2015 to 2018.

The process of school self-evaluation provides an opportunity for our school community to reflect on our achievements, our strengths, and areas where improvement is needed. After we have completed our self-evaluation, an

external reviewer will work with us to offer independent and expert advice on our progress. With their experience and knowledge of Australian and International best practice they will be able to help identify the most effective strategies for us to continue to improve into the future.

The self-evaluation and the review provide a powerful information base from which we can develop our new strategic directions for the four-year school strategic plan. We will:

- Review our core purpose and values.
- Take a 'futures perspective' of the needs of children and young people and the context of the school.
- Agree on the outcomes we are striving to achieve for our students.
- Choose the few most important strategies that are critical to our success.

Schools are partnerships between teachers, legislators, parents, students and community members. A shared plan for our school will begin by calling people to come together to think and act. If you are a parent who would like to be a part of this process, please contact me.

Together We Learn!


Corinne Collins
Principal

Education Week 19th - 23rd May

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

Wednesday 21st May

☺ Book Fair open night in the library from 3.30pm to 8pm.

☺  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).

Thursday 22nd May

☺ Physical Education highlighted - visitors welcome.

Friday 23rd May

☺ Whole school assembly at 2.50pm for Education Week.

Asbestos Audit

As part of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's Health and Safety Management Plan, new labelling has been installed at our school. The labels remind people to contact school reception prior to undertaking any works at the school, to ensure they have up-to-date information from the school's asbestos register.

Asbestos, was used extensively in building materials in the past but is now banned. It is considered safe unless damaged or in poor condition. The new labels form part of a comprehensive program to ensure Victorian government schools remain safe and is a precautionary measure by DEECD.

CHAPLAIN ON LONG SERVICE LEAVE



Our Chaplain, Mrs Anne Prime, is on Long Service Leave. She is taking a well-earned break and enjoying some time with her husband as they travel to Uluru and visit the Australian outback. We hope Mrs Prime is having a fantastic time and look

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

BOOK FAIR OPEN NIGHT

Parents are invited to the Warragul North Primary Book Fair open night which will be held in the school library tonight, Wednesday 21st May, from 3.30pm to 8pm.

'Catch 'em being good' raffle

Our 'Catch 'em being good' raffle winner is **Jordyn (4SE)**.

Well done!



TOURNAMENT OF MINDS



Tournament of Minds commenced early in May and children have been meeting twice weekly during lunchtime. The process for selecting team members is well under way and the teams will be finalised by Friday 30th May.

Mrs Pam Thrift-Mulholland
Tournament of Minds Co-ordinator

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Activities at OSHC continue with an Australian theme. A swagman relaxes under a tree on our theme wall. Children can colour in a large variety of Australian themed pictures, complete a map of Australia identifying states and capital cities, and make puppets of Australian animals.

Along with the Wii, computers, craft material and games the children keep busy while at OSHC sessions. The fine weather lately has meant we have been able to play in the playgrounds after school. Games in the gym are also enjoyed some days.

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 are some of the children at OSHC enjoying time in the playgrounds.

Division Athletics

On Friday 16th May, forty children travelled to the Joe Carmody Track in Newborough to compete in the Division Athletics.

Warragul North had one of the largest contingents of students. Through great skill, effort and athleticism we won many ribbons throughout the day in a wide range of events from triple jump to discus. To cap off a great day, our three relay teams finished off strongly to finish with a first, second and third. The students who came home with a well-deserved ribbon will now look forward to competing in the Regional Athletics in October. Well done and congratulations to all students who competed.

Mr Callan Fisher
Physical Education Teacher



Pictured are the 11 year old girl's relay team, Bonnie (5BA), Maddy (5/6M), Olivia (5BA) and Teesha (5PR).

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 will be awarded to children who have achieved 100% attendance for the previous term. It was fantastic to be able to give out 155 certificates for 100% attendance for Term One to so many students.

Well done to all those children who received a 100% certificate for Term One and let's hope we can award just as many certificates for Term Two's attendance!

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.

Show Bag Raffle

Congratulations to Maddy (5/6M) for being the lucky winner of the show bag raffle which was drawn at our last assembly on Friday 9th May. The prize was a fantastic ‘Wonka’ show bag that Ms Collins had brought back from the Royal Sydney Show held over the Easter holidays.



‘You Can Do It!’ Keys

ORGANISATION means setting a goal to do your best in your school work, listening carefully to your teacher’s instructions, planning your time so that you are not rushed, having all your supplies ready and keeping track of due dates.

Examples of organised behaviour include making sure you understand the teacher’s instruction before you begin your work, having all your school supplies ready at a neat desk, recording your assignments and their due dates, and planning when you are going to do your home learning so that you have enough time.

Positive Habits of the Mind that help develop a young person’s Organisation include:

- ✓ **Setting Goals** – thinking that setting a goal can help me to be more successful at a task.
- ✓ **Planning My Time** – thinking about how long it will take me to do my learning task and planning enough time to get it done.

Canteen Roster

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEER
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
Monday 26th May	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Jacinta Anderson
Tuesday 27th May	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Fiona Saltmarsh
Wednesday 28th May	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Julie Henshall
Thursday 29th May	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Mecarla Downie
Friday 30th May	9.00am to 10.15am	Amy Robson Kirrily Saxton
Monday 2nd June	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Rachel Steenholdt
Tuesday 3rd June	1.30pm to 10.15am	Nicole Germershausen
Wednesday 4th June	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Tammy Patrick
Thursday 5th June	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Lynne Wigg
Friday 6th June	9.00am to 10.15am	Sherrie Budd Edwina Kelly

‘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 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.



Woolworths Earn & Learn program

Thank you to all the wonderful children, parents, grandparents and friends who collected stickers in 2013 for the 'Earn and Learn' program! Our rewards have arrived and are being used across the school.

Our rewards included art supplies such as paint, splatter screens, paper and brushes. Science supplies included a solar system model, a magnetic human body model and many books on a variety of science topics. Three-dimensional shape sets, clock sets and volume kits have been added to our mathematics equipment. Many writing aides, such as gel boards, stubby grips and a writing slope are being utilized. Equipment for the Perceptual Motor Program and junior grades includes jumping bouncing balls, balancing and rotating boards, talk and listen telephones and games.

Children across all year levels of our school are benefitting from this new equipment and resources. Thank you to the Warragul North Community for your contribution to this program. I will inform you when this year's 'Earn and Learn' program commences.

Mrs Jeanette Thomas
'Earn and Learn' Coordinator



Pictured are some very excited children from grade 1LT displaying a range of the rewards received from the Woolworths 'Earn and Learn' program.



News From The Art Room

What's happening in the art room?

Following on from 'Aztecs in April' we are now moving on to 'Mexican Art in May', in particular the artwork of Diego Rivera. We will be exploring paintings of Mexican village life and 'Mother's Helper'. We will focus on drawing, painting and collage, creating Aztec warriors, sombreros, adobes, ponchos and molas.

Have a look at our Year Five and Six mosaics on the school gates as part of the Creative Gippsland Gatescape - they look fantastic! To find out more about Gatescape or to register a vote for the Warragul North Primary School 'Musical Mosaics' gates, please visit their website www.creativegippsland.com.au.

*Mrs Debbie Dunlop
Visual Arts Teacher*

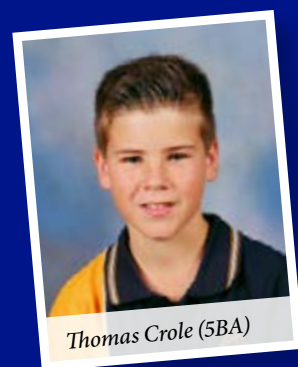


Pictured are Dallas (3AB), Riley (5BA) and Ebony (3/4P) proudly displaying their fantastic art work that earned them the title of 'Artist of the Week'. Well done!

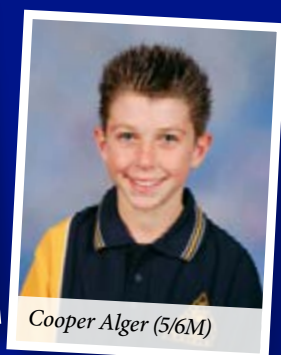


Also pictured are the 'Musical Mosaic' gates in Balmoral Street and O'Dowd's road. They really do look great!

Gippsland State Basketball Trials



Thomas Crole (5BA)



Cooper Alger (5/6M)

On Thursday 8th May, Thomas Crole (5BA) and Cooper Alger (5/6M) were invited to try out for the first round of selection for the Victorian School Boys Basketball team. After demonstrating their fantastic basketball skills they were both selected to move through to the next round of trials.

It is a wonderful achievement considering Thomas and Cooper are both a year younger than their counterparts.

Good luck boys for the next stage of selection!

*Mr Callan Fisher
Physical Education Teacher*

Aussie of the Month



The 'Aussie of the Month' program is a great way to recognise school students' achievement - without them having to win a race or sit an exam. It is designed to encourage children to be proud of themselves, their school and to understand the responsibilities and rewards of community

participation. During 2014 staff at Warragul North Primary School has agreed to regularly bestow this honour on a student.

**'Aussie of the Month' for May is:
Louis Malady (3/4P)**

Congratulations Louis on being chosen as this month's 'Aussie of the Month'.

Louis is a responsible and caring student and is always considerate of the feelings of others. He is always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. Louis is a conscientious student who persists in setting and achieving his learning goals.

Louis displays an enthusiastic love of reading and he is always willing to contribute his ideas to class discussions. His contributions are always thoughtful and interesting, displaying a well-developed understanding of the subject at hand. Louis is also happy to listen to the thoughts and opinions of his peers.

Louis has a lovely sense of humour and he displays a happy disposition. He is a popular and well-respected member of his class and is very deserving of this award.

YEAR 6 CANBERRA TOUR

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It was a very early start for sixty-five very excited Year Six students as they boarded the bus at Warragul North Primary School on Monday 5th May to begin their five day educational tour to Canberra. The weather was great with lovely sunny days and crisp mornings. While on this tour the students participated in a variety of programmes focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy including visits to the old and new Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, the Australian Institute of Sport (A.I.S.), the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (C.S.I.R.O.), Questacon and the Telstra Tower. Needless to say they all slept well each night after such busy days!

The Australian Government recognised the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist parents in meeting the cost of the tour, the Australian Government contributes funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (P.A.C.E.R.) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school now the tour has been completed.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. We trust that the tour was a rewarding experience for our Year Six students.

*Miss Melissa Cummings and Ms Mellisa Manuel
Camp Co-ordinators*



Camp reflections...

"The A.I.S. was the sportiest place ever; a sporty paradise for me! Many of the Olympic medallists train there, and we saw some of them! There was a martial arts expert, a sprinter and a soccer player that showed us around the overwhelming facility. We went to a colossal room where we could try many of the Olympic activities like cycling, rowing, keeping your chin above a pole for a long time, and shots at a football goals simulator. It was definitely a place I will want to visit again." **Seb (5/6M)**

"At the C.S.I.R.O. we did experiments with dry ice. I really enjoyed putting dry ice in hot water because it turned into a gas called carbon dioxide. After that we watched an instructor show us lots of different experiments using dry ice." **Ellie (6CU)**

"I can't believe I went to Parliament House, it was amazing. A tour guide took us around to see the Senate and the House of Representatives. The House of Representatives was as green as eucalyptus leaves, and the Senate was a red as an Uluru sunset." **Luke (6CU)**

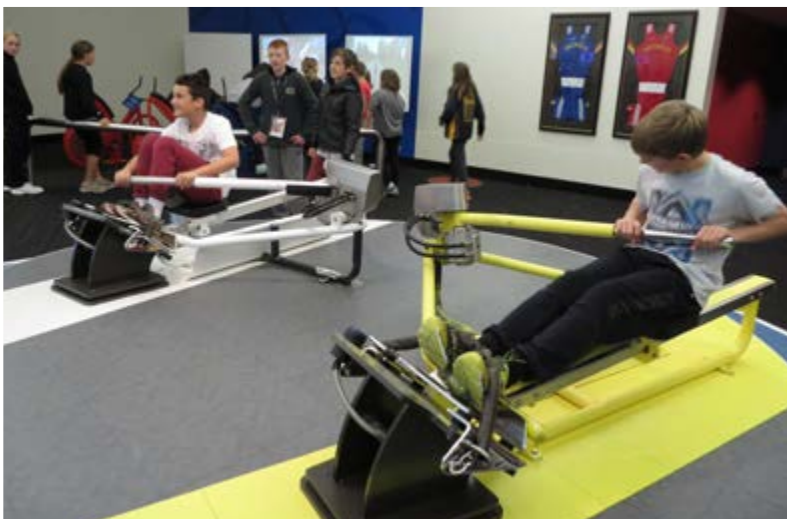
"At the War Memorial there were lots of displays everywhere from guns to uniforms to vehicles. They even had a simulation of what it would be like in a submarine in 1924. There was also a memorial wall with the names of soldiers who died during the war listed. Local people could put poppies on the wall for remembrance." **Logan (6GA)**

One of my favourite things in Canberra was Telstra Tower. The whole of Year Six went up the three levels. The first level was a window room where we looked through, and looked at the lights of lots of buildings; it looked incredible at night. Then we had a choice to go up another level where there were no windows, just a barrier; it was very windy and cold. Then we had another choice to go up another level where it was freezing cold and very windy, so windy, in fact, that it was blowing Jess backwards. I was glad to go back to the ground. **Emily (6GA)**

"Wow what a week! As a parent helper on the Canberra Tour I would like to thank the staff, parent helpers and students for a very, busy, fun filled week. You don't appreciate what our staff do preparing for the camp, the week on camp, and the week after to recover. I had no idea what camp involved until I had the opportunity to actually participate in camp. The itinerary was jam packed with early mornings, late nights and very educational days. The whole camp was such a fantastic week and I am sure the children enjoyed the Canberra Tour as much as I did.

A huge thank you to the teachers, Mellisa Manuel, Trudi Gallagher, Melissa Cummings, the parent helpers, Brendan Pyle, Dave Sibley and Andrew Cusden and the children who all displayed excellent behaviour. Even the bus drivers, Lindsay and Alan, commented on what a great school group Warragul North Primary School was. Thanks to the male parent helpers for displaying great sportsmanship during the activities as it isn't easy always being the runners ups! " **Melanie Young (Parent Helper)**







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
PREP LEARNING CENTRE**



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.**