



WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

#2

26th February 2014



3 OSHC PARTY THEME



4 SWIMMING SPORTS

CALENDAR 2014

Fri	28 Feb	Whole school assembly
Mon	10 Mar	Labour Day Holiday - no students at school
Wed	12 Mar	First Wednesday for Foundation students to attend.
Thur	13 Mar	Senior Athletics Sports (Years 3 to 6) at Geoff Watt Track
Fri	14 Mar	Whole school assembly

TERM DATES 2014

Term 1	30 January to 4 April
Term 2	23 April to 27 June (Pupil Free Day 22 April)
Term 3	14 July to 19 September
Term 4	6 October to 19 December

NEXT ASSEMBLY

Our next whole school assembly
is on Friday 28th February.

Principal's Report

Professional Learning - Mathematics

On Monday 17th February, staff at Warragul North Primary School spent the day learning with Michael Ymer, a highly regarded Mathematics Consultant.

As Mathematics is a main focus for 2014 at Warragul North Primary School staff will be able to use the knowledge learnt from Michael Ymer to plan their Mathematics program and teaching for 2014 effectively.

I commend staff on the obvious engagement and interest they displayed all day. I am positive this powerful professional learning day will have a beneficial effect on Mathematics teaching and student achievement throughout the year.

Our next professional learning day will be based on John Hattie's research called Visible Learning. It will be held on Tuesday 22nd April, 2014, which is the first day of Term Two. *Continued on page 2.*



Pictured above are Warragul North Primary School staff members at the Professional Learning Day held on Monday 17th February, 2014 learning from Michael Ymer.

Principal's Report cont.

School Council Elections

At the close of nominations on Monday 17th February, 2014 the following nominations were received:

Parent Member Category (5 vacancies)

Murray Wigg
Rachael Schmidt
Brett Kersten
Alison Spragg

I therefore declared Murray Wigg, Rachael Schmidt, Brett Kersten and Alison Spragg, elected to the Parent Category of School Council and called for further nominations (1 position).

Thank you to these members of our local community for offering their valuable time and services to become members of the Warragul North Primary School Council.

DEECD Category (2 vacancies)

Jennifer Merriel
Julie Rechsteiner

I therefore declared Jennifer Merriel and Julie Rechsteiner elected to the DEECD category of School Council.

The School Council sets key directions for our school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that our school provides for its students.

School Council Report

School Council held its first meeting for 2014 on Tuesday evening 18th of February.

Patricia Bogers, Belinda Castle, Sue Bond and Cathie Taylor have completed their terms of office. We also farewelled Richard Horton at the end of 2013 as he and his family moved to Shepparton.

I am sure we all appreciate the support they have given Warragul North Primary School through being a part of council and serving on sub-committees for buildings and grounds, grants and public relations and finance.

At the March meeting of School Council we look forward to welcoming the recently elected councillors and appointing the executive positions for this year.

Corinne Collins
Principal

WNPS 2014 School Captains



Molly Francis

My name is Molly Francis and I am both honoured and thrilled to be the female School Captain for 2014. Warragul North Primary School is such a great school with wonderful opportunities for all of us. I love swimming and am a member of the Warragul Swimming Club (which keeps me very busy!) and I also enjoy acting, reading and playing piano - all of these things were introduced to me at WNPS. Two more of my favourite things are chocolate and One Direction!

Being School Captain is a big responsibility, it requires a lot of commitment and hard work but it is something I have wanted to achieve for many years as I know I will learn so much and have so many great opportunities before I leave for high school.

I am a friendly and honest person and I go to school every day with a smile on my face - so if you see me in the playground please come over if you want a chat!



Finn Dowty

My name is Finn Dowty and I am this year's male School Captain. I am honoured and eager to take on this role at Warragul North Primary School for 2014. I am very excited about representing the school this year on important occasions such as the ANZAC Day service and Remembrance Day ceremony. I am also really looking forward to taking visitors on school tours, and being a compere at the Junior School Concert.

The things that I love doing most are footy, tennis, swimming, fishing, ice hockey and travelling.

I am very proud and delighted to be School Captain this year at Warragul North Primary School. I will try as hard as I possibly can to make others proud and to make the school an even better place to be.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

On Monday 17th February OSHC held a party theme all day care session which 18 children attended. The day started with games in the gym followed by a morning tea of fairy bread and a fruit platter. We then watched Despicable Me 2 and ate popcorn while watching the movie. Free play in the playground gave us an appetite for our lunch of party foods followed by a visit to the ice cream bar for an ice cream decorated with lollies & sprinkles. A photo booth was fun in the afternoon giving everyone a chance to dress up and have their photo taken. Party games of musical chairs and pass the parcel kept the theme going along with free time to enjoy the Wii, colouring in, Mobil O, dress ups and craft activities. Afternoon tea was fairy bread and fruit and we finished the day by playing in the playground. We all had a really great day.

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



Pictured above are Warragul North Primary School out of school hours care students enjoying the party.

Swimming Trials & District Swimming

Last Thursday 20th February, we had 34 very eager and excited students ranging from Year 3 to Year 6 competing in the Warragul North Primary School's swimming trials at the Warragul Leisure Centre. Every student gave their best effort and was rewarded with great support and acknowledgement from everyone there.

For the 22 students who were successful enough to finish with a great time, they moved onto the District Swimming Carnival held at the same venue this week on Tuesday 25th February.

Those swimmers who qualified on Tuesday will now progress to the Division Swimming which will take place on Wednesday 5th March. The details for this will be passed on to the relevant swimmers.

I would like to thank Integration Aide, Sam Gardiner, for assisting and a special thank you to the handful of parents who lent a helping hand as either a timer or a recorder, as the morning ran very smoothly thanks to them.

Callan Fisher
Physical Education Co-ordinator



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 February is:
Sage Hyde (5/6MA)**

Sage Hyde is a deserving winner of this month's 'Aussie of the Month'.

Sage is a responsible, mature student who demonstrates respect and kindness to all. She follows the school rules and lives our school values.

Sage is a great role model, and represents the ethos of Warragul North Primary School. She shows great pride and work ethic, ensuring all tasks are completed to a very, very high standard.

Sage shows great interest and enthusiasm for presented tasks, and eagerly seeks information independently.

Congratulations Sage on being awarded the first 'Aussie of the Month' for 2014.

Head Lice

Head lice affects all families and is a pesky health issue. We need volunteers to assist our school community to help control any head lice problems. If you are able to volunteer please contact the school office. Training will be provided. Parents can participate according to their availability on a rostered basis. We are aiming to secure one to two volunteers per year level.

SCHOOL POLICY: If your child has untreated nits or lice, school policy requires parents/guardians be phoned and the child picked up from school as soon as possible. Contact with other children is not appropriate until a signed form is returned to the school office, advising the child's hair has been treated. You may treat the child's hair and return the child to school on the same day.

A follow up check will be conducted at school as soon as possible, to ensure treatment has been effective. If needed, parents / guardians will be contacted again to collect their child for re-treatment of the child's hair.

Medication

Parents are reminded that when sending medication to school this must be dropped at the office and a medication form completed to ensure the appropriate dosage is administered.

Please do not give any medication to students to keep in their bag in any circumstances.

Thank you for your co-operation!

Education Maintenance Allowance

Families who hold a current Healthcare card are eligible to claim an Education Maintenance Allowance. To claim this allowance parents must complete an application form which may be obtained from the school office. Please present your concession card at the time of completing the application.

All applications for the EMA must be submitted to the school by Friday 28th February 2014.

If you have any queries please contact the school office.

Volunteers Needed

Mrs Burton, who operates our library, is looking for volunteers to cover library books. Please contact Mrs Burton if you are able to take some books home to cover. Contact provided!!

Canteen Roster

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEER
Wednesday 26 February	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Ronny Dent
Thursday 27 February	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Rachael Schmidt
Friday 28 February	9.00am to 10.15am	Kirrily Hornby Amy Robson
Monday 3 March	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Jacinta Anderson
Tuesday 4 March	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Rachael Schmidt
Wednesday 5 March	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Kate Stern
Thursday 6 March	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Lynne Wigg
Friday 7 March	9.00am to 10.15am	Chris Giles Sherrie Budd
Monday 10th March	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 11th March	1.30pm to 10.15am	Rachael Schmidt
Wednesday 12th March	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Tammy Patrick
Thursday 13th March	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Lynne Wigg
Friday 14th March	9.00am to 10.15am	Tracey Armstrong Helen Sibley

Senior Athletics Sports Day

The Senior Athletics Day for students in Years 3 to 6 will be held on Thursday 13th March at the Geoff Watt Track in Burke Street, Warragul. Children have been practising for the different events during their Physical Education lessons with Mr Fisher and are rearing to go.

To ensure the Senior Athletics Day runs smoothly we will need helpers for timing and with the field events. A note will be sent home this week asking for helpers. Without volunteer helpers we cannot conduct the sports so please volunteer.

Further details of the day, including a timetable will be sent home the week of the athletics.



STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE / AMBULANCE COVER ARRANGEMENTS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY

Parents are reminded that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. Students and staff are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary school attendance



We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school speak with your child's classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up. Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher early as early as possible.

From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Community News

lego club at the library

Join in as we take over the
Library with Lego!

Suitable for ages 5 - 12 years.

Drouin Library

Wednesdays, 4pm:

12 March

9 April

7 May

Warragul Library

Saturdays, 10am:

22 February

22 March

12 April

17 May

For more information call
5622 2848 or visit:
www.wgrlc.vic.gov.au



Warragul Guide Group Guide-fest Fete

When: Saturday 1st March
2014

Where: Warragul Guide
Hall

Time: 4-8pm



*Guides do heaps of exciting activities
like outdoor challenges, camping,
learning new skills, craft, sport, art
and having fun with other girls.*

**Come along and see what
we do...**

**Stalls and activities for the
whole family to enjoy!**

The Warragul Girl Guide Group look
forward to meeting you