



# WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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26th March 2014



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PYJAMA DAY



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ATHLETIC SPORTS

## CALENDAR 2014

Thur	27	Parent Club Meeting at 2.30pm
Mar		
Fri	28	School Photos (students to wear short sleeved navy & gold polo shirt) Whole School Assembly
Mar		
Sun	30	Working Bee 10am to 1pm & BBQ Lunch
Mar		
Mon	31	Easter raffle tickets on sale in classrooms
Mar		
Fri	4	Easter raffles drawn in classrooms Last day of Term 1 - 2.30pm finish
Apr		
Tues	22	Pupil Free Day - NO SCHOOL
Apr		
Wed	23	First day of Term 2 for students
Apr		
Fri	25	ANZAC Day holiday - NO SCHOOL
Apr		

## BUS NOTICE

Please note that the last day of term one is Friday 4th April. Classes will finish at 2.30pm and the bus will depart immediately.

## NEXT ASSEMBLY

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

## Principal's Report

### School Council News

The election of office bearers for this year's School Council resulted in Chris Smith being elected as School Council President (pictured right) On behalf of our Warragul North Primary School Community I wish to congratulate Chris and wish him well in his new role. Dan Weeks is Vice President. Treasurer is Peter Mudie and Vice Treasurer is Brett Kersten.

Sub-committees were formed for Finance, Public Relations/Grants and Buildings and Grounds. A big thank you to councillors who have taken on these positions. All members of School Council are looking forward to a productive year.

### New Face in The Office

At the end of 2013 we were very sorry to receive the resignation of Mrs Cassie Kennedy, one of our office administration staff. A warm welcome to Mrs Rachael Schmidt (pictured right) who has joined the administration staff and will be working in the office on Thursdays and Fridays. We look forward to working with Rachael. *Continued on page 2.*





# Principal's Report continued

## Senior Athletics

The highlight of the Senior Athletics was the excellent behaviour, participation and sportsmanship of all students.

The Geoff Watt Track was a sea of yellow, red, green and blue as the children proudly wore their house colours as they competed in shot put, long jump, triple jump, discus, 100 metres, 200 metres and the 800 metres. The event held on Thursday 13th March, was conducted in perfect weather conditions.

Well done to Mr Fisher and Mrs Carter who had worked very hard behind the scenes leading up to the day to ensure everything ran smoothly. It was a great day and the children behaved really well, and certainly seemed to enjoy taking part in all the different events. After the points were tallied the winning house for 2014 was CORREA. The House Cup, together with the medals and certificates for the age group champions, were presented the following day at assembly. Well done to all our champions!

## End of Term One

As the term draws to a close, congratulations to all Foundation children who have made a great start to school. Thank you to all our hard working staff and parents, who have made Term One such a successful start for 2014. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 23rd April, the first day of Term Two for students.

*Corinne Collins*  
Principal



*Pictured are the 9 and 10 year old age group athletics champions.*

*Back Row: Sienna, Ben and Amina.*

*Front Row: Jake, Helena and Jonah.*



*Pictured are the 11 year old age group athletics champions.*

*Back Row: Thomas, Oakley and Ethan.*

*Front Row: Cooper, Olivia and Alex.*



*Pictured are the 12/13 year old age group athletics champions.*

*Back Row: Lexi, Matthew and Ellie.*

*Front Row: Sage, Finn, Jarrod, Alex and Logan.*

*Absent from photo: Josh and Tim Bloye.*



# OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

St Patrick's Day was remembered at OSHC with the children using paper plates and craft materials to make leprechauns. We ate green food for snack – green herb pita bread chips, spring onion dip, green jelly with green frogs, green fruit and vegetable platter.

The activities this week have focused on Harmony Day which was on Friday 21st March. The children decorated an orange hand. These are displayed on our Autumn tree. For the last week of Term One our activities will focus on Easter.

A network meeting of the OSHC services in the Baw Baw Shire was held at Buln Buln on Wednesday 19th March. Dani from Gowrie Victoria was present and gave very helpful advice on our continuing Quality Improvement Plan. We focused on programming and documenting evidence which links outcomes to the children's learning experiences.

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**

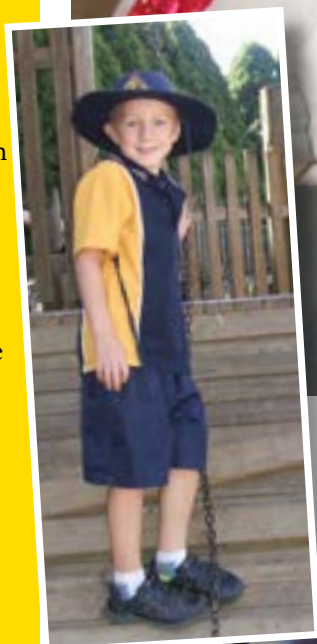
Hours for OSHC are:

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 are some of the children enjoying their time at the Outside School Hours Care Program.*



# Senior Athletics - Thursday 13th March

■ Acacia (yellow) ■ Boronia (red) ■ Correa (green) ■ Dampiera (blue)



## RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP PROGRAM

The Foundation students were very excited to meet Pet Educator Berry Johnson and her dog Happy on Tuesday March 11th.

Berry showed the students four steps to follow if they meet an angry dog. The four steps are:

1. Stand very still
2. Keep your hands down
3. Stay as quiet as a mouse
4. Look at the ground.

The students also learnt how to ask permission to pat a dog and how to pat one correctly. Happy was very well behaved and let many students pat him!



# 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 March is:  
Stephen Lange (1VC)**

Stephen is a very caring and reliable class member who consistently looks to help and support those around him. He understands what it means to be part of a team, leading where necessary but also knowing when to step back and let someone else have a turn to lead.

Stephen demonstrates pride in his schoolwork and can be relied on to try his absolute hardest with everything he does. He also demonstrates remarkable resilience for someone so young, quickly bouncing back from any setback, be it work related or when interacting with others.

Stephen shows great interest and enthusiasm for school in general and clearly loves being a part of Warragul North Primary School.

Congratulations Stephen on being the very worthy 'Aussie of the Month' for March.

## School Photos

School photo day is **FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**.

Photo envelopes need to be returned prior to photo day.

If you would like to have a family photo taken of your children, please call at the school office to collect a family envelope.

**Please note all children are asked to wear a WNPS navy and gold, short-sleeved polo shirt with navy shorts, pants or skirt for their class photo on school photo day.**

## 'Catch 'em being good' raffle

Our 'Catch 'em being good' raffle winner is **Andrew (5PR)**. Well done!



## Working Bee - Sunday 30th March

A note was sent home on Monday to let families know about the working bee happening this Sunday, 30th March from 10.00am until 1.00pm. A BBQ lunch will be provided. Please return your form to the school office if you are able to help.

## Term Two Commencement

The first day of school for students for Term Two is Wednesday 23rd April. Monday 21st April is a public holiday for Easter Monday. Tuesday 22nd April is a pupil free day for the staff at West Gippsland Schools who are to attend a professional learning day based on the research of John Hattie entitled 'Visible Learning Foundation Day'.

## ANZAC DAY



As ANZAC Day is Friday of the first week back after the school holidays, ANZAC badges are now for sale from the school office. The cost of the ANZAC badges is 20 cents each.



# Canteen Roster

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEER
Wednesday 26th March	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Kate Stern
Thursday 27th March	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Lynne Wigg
Friday 28th March	9.00am to 10.15am	Sherrie Budd Kirrily Hornby
Monday 31st March	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Jacinta Anderson
Tuesday 1st April	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Rachael Schmidt
Wednesday 2nd March	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Tammy Patrick
Thursday 3rd April	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Julie Henshall
Friday 4th April	9.00am to 10.15am	Tracey Armstrong Amy Robson
Tuesday 22nd April	PUPIL FREE DAY	CANTEEN CLOSED
Wednesday 23rd April	1.30pm to 10.15am	Ronny Dent
Thursday 24th April	1.30pm to 2.15pm	Lynne Wigg
Friday 25th April	ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY	CANTEEN CLOSED

## Pyjama Day

Last Wednesday, 19th March, the Foundation children and teachers had lots of fun coming to school in their pyjamas. To emphasise the letter (grapheme) 'p', the children enjoyed fun activities during the day such as making popcorn!



# Keeping your kids safe online

There are steps you can take to ensure your kids are safe online when you are not around. Telstra brings you some tips to keep in mind when getting household devices back-to-school ready.



1. Talk with your kids about their digital lives. Create conversations and stay involved.
2. Ask you children how they use technology and try it for yourself - try playing a game or uploading a video together.
3. Explain the rules of responsible device ownership.
4. Protect personal information - teach your children how to turn on privacy settings.
5. Encourage children to 'think before they click', to think about content and the consequences of posting it.
6. Be an offline supporter. Encourage kids to have some screen-free time each day and turn off devices at bedtime.
7. Teach kids to treat others the same way they'd like to be treated online and to be zero-tolerant to rude or mean online behaviour.
8. Make the most of parental controls on devices.
9. Let you children know you're always there for them - assure them that their internet privileges won't be taken away if they are exposed to content that makes them feel uncomfortable or concerned.
10. Don't just talk about the right thing to do; be a role model with your own digital habits.

## Get your own cyber safety kit:

With school bags brimming with technology, Telstra is reminding people to review our handy guides to cyber safety to ensure gadgets are being used safely and sensibly - by young and old.

The cyber safety kits, available from Telstra's website, aim to teach children and parents, teens and grandparents (both the cyber savvy and new learners) how to avoid common pitfalls online, including identity fraud, shopping scams and cyberbullying.

For more information or to download a cyber safety kit visit [www.telstra.com.au/cyber-safety](http://www.telstra.com.au/cyber-safety)

Another school recommended website is [www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au)

# Parent Club Easter Raffle

Thank you to all the families who have made donations for the Easter raffle. Each classroom will have their own prizes to be raffled. Tickets will cost 50 cents each and will be on sale during the last week of the term, from Monday 31st March until Friday 4th April. Each classroom will draw their raffle on Friday 4th April, the last day of the term.



## Mathematical Brain Teasers for the Whole Family

Parents, please encourage your child/children to become involved with the brain teasers. There will be a new one in each newsletter and hopefully you will become involved in the solutions, especially with

the younger students. Entry forms should be placed in the appropriate boxes in the office foyer by 9:00am on assembly days. Winners will be drawn at each assembly and be presented with prizes.

### Brain Teaser Number Two - *How many campers?*

Camp Pineview's cook, Margaret Johnson, was just about to begin preparing lunch for all the campers. She already knew she needed to fill 55 bowls of the same size and capacity with the same amount of food. When she was done, she decided to read the guidelines for the picnic, just out of curiosity. The guidelines said:

- 1) Every camper gets their own bowl of soup.
- 2) Every two campers will get one bowl of spaghetti to share.
- 3) Every three campers will get one bowl of salad to share.
- 4) All campers are required to have their own helping of salad, spaghetti and soup.

After some rapid calculations, Margaret was able to figure out how many campers were going to the picnic. Can you?

Entries for brain teaser number one must be in the box by 9.00am on Friday 28th March.



# News From The Art Room

The children have been so busy during art they are quickly using up all Mrs Dunlop's supplies. Mrs Dunlop is now looking for the following items:

- Ice cream container lids
- Old records or CDs
- Wool

- Cardboard – e.g. squares
- Buttons

If you have any of these items at home that you no longer need, please drop them off at the art room or the school office.

## World Maths Day

On Wednesday 12th March, the whole school was involved in a variety of mathematical activities to help celebrate World Maths Day.

**Foundation students** enjoyed exploring materials (that they will use throughout the year to assist their understanding of mathematical concepts) with students from another grade, experimenting with mathematical language such as 'more than' and using iPad minis.

**Year One and Two students** enjoyed learning to play place value games at school and taking them home to share with their families.

**Year Three and Four students** swapped to another classroom and worked with a different teacher for a session. Activities included the study of tessellations in the art of MC Escher, Smarties maths involving predicting and measuring, Mintie maths, place value games, mapping using coordinates and 'Reach for the Stars' including prediction and data collection.

**Years Five and Six students** undertook an outdoor activity based on gathering and representing data from a game of Bombardment.



*Foundation students Mitchell (0KN), Joel (0HK) and Thomas (0KN) having fun with maths equipment and games on World Maths Day.*

# ‘You Can Do It!’ Keys

Have you seen the new ‘You Can Do It!’ keys displayed in several different places around the school? Each key represents one of the five attributes of confidence, persistence, organisation, resilience and getting along. The five attributes represented by the keys are characteristics that help students to experience success in their learning and to achieve to their full potential.

The ‘You Can Do It!’ program encourages children to develop these attributes. Every week teachers choose students who have displayed confidence, persistence, organisation, resilience or getting along with others. These students receive one of the special ‘You Can Do It!’ certificates and the matching ribbon at the fortnightly assembly.

Look out for the new keys next time you visit our school. How many can you find?



## Tournament OF MINDS

An enthusiastic group of students, from Years Three to Six, has been meeting every first half of Tuesday lunchtimes for the past four weeks. They have been participating in unusual brainstorming activities, which lead into Spontaneous Problem solving.

Students have also been enjoying learning and demonstrating acting skills, which will lead to the presentation skills required to convey their Long Term Challenge solution to the judges at the Regional Finals in Term Three.

*Pam Thrift-Mulholland*  
Tournament of Minds Co-ordinator



# Community News

## FREE School Holiday Fun at your Library!



### Captain Cheesy Grin & the Pirates! (Carp Productions)

Holiday favourites Carp Productions are back with another hilarious performance. Meet Captain Cheesy Grin and the evil Walker D. Plank while we hunt for treasure! A rollicking sea adventure for kids 5-12 years.

**Drouin Library 11.30am**  
Thursday 10 April

Bookings essential, call 5625 1564  
[www.wgrlc.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.wgrlc.eventbrite.com.au) or call

### Lego Club (5-12 years)

Come and help us take over the library with Lego!

**Drouin Library 4pm**  
Wednesday 9 April

**Warragul Library 10.30am**  
Saturday 12 April

No bookings required



### Story Time & Baby Rhyme Time

Fast, fun-filled sessions for preschoolers & babies. No sessions on public holidays. No bookings required.

#### Story Time:

Drouin Library, Wednesdays 10.30am  
Warragul Library, Fridays 10.30am

#### Baby Rhyme Time:

Warragul Library, Thursdays 10.30am



## Join our Easter Family Night

**FREE**



**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 6pm – 8pm**

Join us for a great night of fun for the whole family!

- Kids D.I.Y workshops
- Visit from the Easter Bunny
- Fun Easter egg hunt
- Easter activities for the whole family
- Light refreshments provided

Plus more great activities in store including:

**COLOURING COMPETITION**  
Entry forms available from the Warragul North Primary School office. Entries close at 6.00pm on Sunday 20th April.

Bookings essential – for more information or to book speak to a team member in-store.

**BUNNINGS**  
warehouse

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## Warranor Netball Club

Winter Season Players wanted

9 & Under, & 11 & Under,

First training is Thursday 27th March at Burke St Courts 4.00pm for under 9's & 11's.

Come along and have a try. Fun games played at the Burke St Courts on Saturday mornings.

**Any enquiries please contact Raelene Brace 0438221548**

BOOK ONLINE  
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With your CCB/CCR rebate  
It can cost as little as **\$23.00** per day

# **April Holiday Program**

## **7<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> 2014**

# **Warragul North PS**



**Such great value for priceless smiles!**

### **Warragul North Primary School**

Address: O'Dowds Road, Warragul      Program Number: TBA

Postal: PO Box 7082 Upper Ferntree Gully, VIC 3156

Head Office: 1220 Burwood Hwy Upper Ferntree Gully Victoria

Head Office Number: (03) 9758 6744      Email: [admin@oshcare4kids.com.au](mailto:admin@oshcare4kids.com.au)

Website: [www.oshcare4kids.com.au](http://www.oshcare4kids.com.au)

Operation Hours: 7.30am till 6.00pm

***Book now to avoid disappointment***



The Combined Churches of Warragul present the 2014

# Easter Festival

visit our Facebook page for details  
- Warragul Easter Festival

## Kick Off FOR KIDS

*Kick off is an event packed with exhilarating, hi-octane games, fun and a dynamic presentation of a message that changes lives.*



**Age:** Primary Aged Children  
Grades 3 to 6  
**Time:** 1.00 pm to 3.30 pm  
**Date:** 5 April 2014  
**Cost:** \$5  
**Venue:** St Paul's Gym.  
150 Bowen St. Warragul  
(at bottom of the hill)

For information: Oscar Correa 0425 832 141

THE CHURCHES OF WARRAGUL PRESENT

## FREE FUN DAY



### MORE OF EVERYTHING!

- fun rides
- activities galore
- lots of food
- face painting
- street performers
- kid's craft
- youth zone
- heaps more
- ALL FREE

For information: Leanne Anderson 0407 528 031

[APRIL 12 2014 10AM-3PM]  
CIVIC PARK WARRAGUL

### Civic Park, Warragul • All free

#### Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt 10.00 am

- 3 age groups; toddlers, kinder to Grade 1 & older primary

#### Easter Service 10.30 am

- Song • Drama • Easter message
- Story telling tree for children

#### Family Celebration 11.30-1.30pm

- Giant Easter Egg Chase • Jumping Castle • Craft Activities • Balloon Animals • Sausage Sizzle/Hot Cross Buns • Face Painting • Games & relays (for all the family)

For information: Glenn Bellingham 0438 038 965



### Easter Sunday Service & Family Celebration



Warragul Youth Theatre  
in association with

Adlib Entertainment presents...

# Sleeping Beauty

West Gippsland Arts Centre Warragul

Tuesday 8 April – 11am & 2pm

Wednesday 9 April – 11am & 2pm

Thursday 10 April – 2pm & 7pm

Friday 11 April – 11am & 2pm

All tickets: \$9.00

Bookings: [www.wgac.com.au](http://www.wgac.com.au) - Ph 5624 2456