Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope that the holiday break was enjoyable for you and your family. Welcome also to the many new families who have joined our school. We wish our new students and their families a happy start to their involvement with the Warradale community. New students include the Reception children who have just started their schooling:

- Room 15 – Tenzin and Dylan
- Room 16 – Daniel, Thomas, Mahala and Vincent
- Room 17 – Imogen, Felix and Sophie
- Room 18 – Chloe, Chelsea and Koula

Other new students include:
- Year 1 – Gary
- Year 2 – Alhulili
- Year 3 – Marsha, Christian and Jot
- Year 4 – Crystal
- Year 5 – Caitlin and Brian
- Year 7 – Albert

We will be starting off the school year with 274 students and we anticipate that our student population will grow to about 295 by the beginning of Term 4.

Over the holiday break we were able to finalise some of our staffing for the year. I am pleased to announce that Mr Peter Stefanopoulos has been appointed to our school to take on the Year 4/5 class in Room 4. Peter was previously working at Reynella South Primary School and is very pleased to be working at Warradale.

I am also pleased to announce that Kylie Johnston and Tony Condous have returned to our school this year. We are still waiting on the appointment of a Year 6/7 teacher. Hopefully that will be resolved by the end of the week. A full list of the staff, year levels and class locations can be found in this newsletter.

I am sure that all of you will make our new families and staff welcomed to the Warradale School community and will support them with their transition into our school.

Last week the staff spent a lot of time at school setting up their classrooms, organising class resources and teaching materials. There was also a lot of time spent working within their Year Level Teams in planning the curriculum for the term and beyond. The staff also looked at the Site Improvement Plan priorities and worked out a range of strategies to address these as a means to improve the learning programs offered to the students.

Greg Graham
Staff Placements
The 2013 classes are:

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Our specialist teachers are: Brooke Vella (LOTE Japanese), Tony Condous (PE) Tish Brett (Teacher Librarian)

Our student support staff (SSO) is as follows:-
- Reception /Administration: Robyn Terlikowski
- Finance: Kathy Bryker
- ICT & Urban Camp Manager: Beth Morton
- Classroom Support & ESL: Chris McDougall
- LIP: Sally Brauer
- NIP & Special Education: Brenda Philips
- Special Education: Tracey Cook
- Library & Administration: Michelle Bell
- Grounds Person: David Miller
- ICT Technician: Andrew Brokensha
- OSHC Director: Mel Thompson

Our Christian Pastoral Care Worker is Elaine Heesakers.

GOVERNING COUNCIL NEWS

2012 Materials and Service Charges
Results from the community polling process demonstrated that 93% of respondents were in favour of setting the 2013 Materials and Service Charges at $270.

After a successful poll and approval from the Chief Executive, Warradale Primary School can legally recover the full amount of the fees for 2013.

Your 2013 Materials & Service Charges ‘package’ will be sent home next week.

This package contains the following:-
- The Materials & Service Charge Invoice
- A Payment Agreement Form (yellow)
- School Card Application (blue) if required.

To assist with our records we ask parents/caregivers to complete the Payment Agreement Form (both sides) and return it to school with your invoice payment or school card application form.

For further information please contact the school at your earliest convenience

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Home Communication
Thursday has been identified as the specified day for our fortnightly newsletters and other whole school news or information packages.

The Newsletter is distributed to the oldest child in the family and is also posted on the school’s website. We can also send our newsletter to home via your personal or family email address. If you want your copy of the fortnightly Newsletter sent to you electronically, can you please provide the school with a copy of your Email address? Alternatively, the newsletter is also posted on our school’s Website.

Individual classes have their own system of class communication (i.e. diary or take home folder) which will be used for specific class activities (excursion notes, helper requests etc) at other times.

To help you to keep you informed of the many activities occurring across the school you need to regularly check your child’s bag for the fortnightly newsletter and/or their class communication book. School care needs.

School Uniform
It has been great to see students back at school dressed smartly in their Warradale uniforms.

Please remember that thongs, baseball caps and jewellery (except sleepers, studs and watches) should not be worn to school. Tops with pictures or logos (except the school logo) are also not acceptable. Denim jeans are not acceptable as school trousers. Black shorts, skirts, trousers are not permitted. Nail polish should also not be worn to school.

THE NEW SHIPMENT OF HATS HAS ARRIVED.
**Student Record & Consent Form Updates**

Each year the school needs to update their student records and consent forms. This week we have sent home three forms for parents to complete, sign and return to school. The first is a General Consent form, which asks parent permission for your child to be involved in the following:-

1. Local excursions around our neighbourhood.
2. The use of your child’s picture for newsletter and Website.
3. The use of your child’s picture for classroom & office displays.
4. The use of your child’s picture in media (ie local paper).

The second form is the school’s ICT Cyber Safety Agreement form.

Also accompanying this newsletter is the "Student Personal Data" form. Could you please make any changes and return to the office as soon as possible.

The last day to return these forms to school is Wednesday 6th February.

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**FAMILY PICNIC NIGHT**

The annual Family Picnic/Acquaintance Night will be held on TUESDAY 12th FEBRUARY where parents, students and teachers have the opportunity to meet each other and have a tour around the school.

The activities commence with a BBQ tea followed by a tour of the classrooms and other teaching spaces. Outlined below is the program for the night:

- **6:00pm to 7:00pm** - BBQ Tea on the main school oval.
- **7:00pm to 7:30pm** - Visit classrooms and other teaching spaces, where the children can introduce their families to the staff.
- **7:30pm** - Evening concludes.

The school will supply the BBQ meat, salads, bread & sauces. You will need to bring along a picnic rug, and drinks (non alcoholic).

To assist with the catering can you please let us know of any special dietary requirements by Friday 10th February (to your child’s teacher or Front Office).

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**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

The Premier's Reading Challenge starts this week for 2013. Students will be given their forms by classroom teachers this week. Once completed, Premier’s Reading Challenge books are signed off by an adult. Once an entire form is complete (12 books) the forms can come into the classroom teacher or conducting more "Nude Food Days' throughout the year. Nude Food Days are designed to encourage people to reduce the amount of packaging and wrappers used in lunch and snack foods brought to school. Students are encouraged to bring their recess and lunch in plastic containers which can be taken home, washed and reused again. On previous occasions we have noticed a significant reduction in the amount of litter and rubbish collected after a Nude Food Day. Studies also have shown that it is cheaper for households to buy food items in bulk and pack them in a reusable container instead of buying individually packed biscuits and snack foods.

Our first Nude Food Day is planned for Wednesday 13th February. We look forward to your support in this healthy lifestyle activity.

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**Library Renovation**

The library will be undergoing some exciting changes this year with new shelving in the teacher resource area and a new layout and paint in the fiction and non-fiction area. Unfortunately, this will mean some restrictions to the library during this time with RBL taking place in classrooms while shelving is being moved and no browse and borrowing while books are off the shelves. The new shelving in the teacher resource area will take place in week 2 and the fiction/non-fiction shortly afterwards. We will keep you posted on time frames as it occurs and put a sign up in the library door if the library is closed for borrowing. Thank you in advance for your patience and support.

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**Nude Food Day**

This year we will be continuing our promotion of healthy and environmentally sound lifestyles by conducting more "Nude Food Days' throughout the year. Nude Food Days are designed to encourage people to reduce the amount of packaging and wrappers used in lunch and snack foods brought to school. Students are encouraged to bring their recess and lunch in plastic containers which can be taken home, washed and reused again. On previous occasions we have noticed a significant reduction in the amount of litter and rubbish collected after a Nude Food Day. Studies also have shown that it is cheaper for households to buy food items in bulk and pack them in a reusable container instead of buying individually packed biscuits and snack foods.

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the library direct. Students have until the beginning of September to complete their reading.

**Senior Fiction Section**
The Senior students in Rooms 12 and 14 will be coming home this week with permission slips to borrow books from the Senior Fiction area of the library. These books deal with mature content such as death, addiction, supernatural themes etc. Please discuss with your child the importance of coming to you if they have any questions or concerns about what they are reading. I read a number of books from this section of the library over the holidays and have decided to restrict this section to only year 6/7 students. Last year’s permission forms can be used until end of week 2 to borrow from this section, after this time, students will need to have this year’s form completed and signed by a parent to borrow from the Senior Fiction area.

**Adult Borrowers**
The library offers parent borrowing cards to parents who wish to borrow additional books to read at home with their children. If you are interested, please come and see Tisha or Michelle in the library to set this up. You may find that some of the books in the Senior Fiction part of the library interest you as well!

Tisha Brett

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**Bookclub Orders**
**Order forms and money are to be returned to the office by Monday 18th February.**

**A word from Elaine...**
Welcome back to Warradale Primary. A very special welcome to all the new students and their families and to our new staff members as well. I do hope you settle into the school routine well and enjoy your time here.

My name is Elaine Heesakkers and I am the Christian Pastoral Support Worker for Warradale. As the name suggests my role here is one of support. I am here to help and support the whole school community. I will be available on **Tuesday 8:00 - 3:30 pm & Wednesday 7:30 - 3:30pm.** These times will be flexible if I am needed on another day. I am excited about being here at Warradale and to learn about all the things you do here.

I am looking forward to meeting you and being involved with the school community. Please feel free to come and chat with me.

Elaine

**MILO ‘in2CRICKET’ Program**
MILO in2CRICKET is a fun introduction to the game of cricket for boys and girls in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. It provides children with an enjoyable and safe environment where they can learn skills and play games.

Your nearest Centres will be run at:
Brighton CC, Brighton Oval, starting Friday 1st of Feb. at 6pm
Sheidow Park CC, Sheidow Park Primary School Oval, starting Sunday 10th of Feb at 12noon
 Plympton Footballers CC, Plympton Park Reserve, starting Tuesday 12th of Feb at 4pm

By registering and paying for the Program not only will you enjoy a summer of great cricket fun but every registered child receives an in2CRICKET Pack including bat, ball, t-shirt, bucket hat, backpack, drink bottle and other goodies!

To find out more details about your nearest Centre and to register for this season log on to **www.in2cricket.com.au** and type in your post code.

**Car Park Safety**
A number of families are using the Staff Car Park to drop off and collect their children. There have been several situations involving the main car park where staff trying to enter into the car-park have been ‘blocked out’ and forced to hold up traffic at the round-about while waiting for parents exiting the car-park after dropping off their children. Parents are not to use the main car park to drop off or pick up their children. The only exemption is if parents are using the Disabled Car Park space located near the pedestrian alley and yard access gate.

I am asking for your cooperation in making sure that the car-parks are for staff use only.
First Impressions
We have a number of new students starting at our school this year and when asked of their first day at school here are some of their first impressions.

I will like listening to stories at school.
Chloe Rm 18

I would like to do sport at school and make new friends.
Koula Rm 18

I am looking forward to running and jumping and doing sports.
Chelsea Rm 18

I like school.
Felix Rm 17

I want to learn how to read.
Zaza Rm 17

I want to learn about swimming.
Tenzin Rm 15

I want to learn about swimming.
Dylan Rm 15

Imogen Rm 17

I like playing on the playground.
Imogen Rm 17
Dear Parent,

Warradale Primary School would like to offer its students the opportunity to play a Summer Sport in 2013. If your child is interested in playing any of the sports listed below, please tick the appropriate box. The number of sports and teams offered is dependent on the number of volunteer coaches we receive.

Practice will be after school

**T Ball** on Saturday mornings at the Glenelg baseball grounds. Cricket on a Saturday morning at Marion Sports and Recreation Club. Volleyball will be held in the school hall.

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**NAME OF CHILD**

**DATE OF BIRTH**

**ROOM NO**

**YEAR**

**PARENT’S NAME**

**HOME PHONE NUMBER**

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**T-BALL**

(6-7)  

**VOLLEYBALL**

(6-7)  

**CRICKET**

(R-7)

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Please note a levy is charged for each student to cover uniforms, registration of teams and supply of necessary equipment. This levy is as follows:

- Approx $25 per student for T-Ball and Cricket (term 1 and 4)
- VOLLEYBALL (price to be advised)

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**Coaching Support Needed**

For the Sport & Recreation Committee to be able to offer these sports to all students interested, we need parent support as all sport is organised through parent involvement. The number of teams we are able to fill depends on the availability of coaches.

If you are prepared to assist in providing these sporting opportunities, please indicate which of the following roles you would be prepared to undertake.

The Sports and Recreation Committee will support all parents interested by providing guidance and training support from experienced people.

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**PARENT’S NAME**

**CONTACT NO**

**SPORT COORDINATOR**

**COACH**

**umpire**

**ASSIST AT TRAINING**

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We look forward to your support of sporting activities in our school.

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**PLEASE RETURN THIS NOTICE TO SCHOOL BY Friday 8th February**

Yours sincerely,

Rachel O’ Reilly
Deputy Principal