WARRADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER:
Week 10
Monday 4th April
Materials & Services Fees - final payment if not paying by instalments
Wednesday 1st April
Breakfast Club
Nude Food Day
Thursday 7th April
Materials & Service Fees - 2nd Instalment due
Friday 8th April
Assembly - Room 10
Week 11
Wednesday 13th April
Breakfast Club
Thursday 14th April
Newsletter
Friday 10th April
SRC Casual Clothes Day
End of Term
2:10 Dismissal

Term 2
Week 1
Monday 2nd May
Term 2 Starts
Wednesday 4th May
Wednesday 29th April
Breakfast Club
SAPSASA Soccer
'Start Smart' - Yr. 3-7
Thursday 7th May
'Start Smart' - Yr. 3-7
Friday 1st May
Mother's Day Stall
'That's Dancing' Payments due

REMININDERS:
Materials and Service Charges can be paid at the front office. Instalment due date is:
Second Instalment - 9th April 2015
Third & Final Instalment - 28th May 2015

Early Arrivals
Over the past few weeks we have noticed a significant number of students arriving at school well before 8:30am. Due to Work safety requirements, unsupervised students are not to be on school grounds before 8:30 am. Staff are officially on duty as from 8:30 am and a teacher is rostered on yard duty from 8:30 to 9:50. Their role is to supervise student wellbeing and to make sure that the students are playing safely.

Parents are advised that the school operates a before school care program through our OSHC service. This program operates between 7:00am and 8:30am and cost $10 per person.

If a child is on the school grounds before 8:30 they will be sent to the OSHC and parents will be charged for the child care on that day.

The same applies for the afternoon sessions. Staff are on duty until 3:30pm. Any child who has not been picked up by their parents by this time will be sent to OSHC and parents will be charged for the child care service. The afternoon costs are $17 per session.

Pupil Free Days
At this week's Governing Council meeting, the members of the Council gave their approval for the set Pupil Free and School Closure Days for the year. There have been 4 Pupil Free days granted by the DECD and the Federal Government for training and development purposes of staff and one School Closure Day for a day of local significance for the school community. On the Pupil Free days, students will not be required to attend school while staff are to attend professional training sessions.

To assist you with your forward planning the dates for these days are listed below:-

Term 2:--
Week 6 - Friday 10th June (attached to Queen's Birthday Long Weekend) - Pupil Free Day
Week 7 - Monday 13th June - Queens Birthday Public holiday

Term 3:--
Week 1 - Monday 25th July - Pupil Free Day
Week 6 - Friday 2nd September - Pupil Free Day
Week 7 - Monday 5th September - School Closure (Show day)

Term 4:--
Week 4 - Friday 4th November - Pupil Free Day

Our OSHC Service is available on Pupil Free Days but not on School Closure days (i.e. 7th September)

Greg Graham
GOVERING COUNCIL NEWS

2016 Materials and Service Charges
A reminder: The final payment of school fees for those families opting to pay ‘upfront’ is MONDAY 4th APRIL.
For those families paying by instalments, the second instalment is due on THURSDAY 7th APRIL. The third and final instalment is due on Thursday 5th May.
If families are applying for School Card, please get your applications in as soon as you can.
Please note that the Governing Council will be pursuing outstanding fees through a Debt Collection Agency.

BIZGATE – BPOINT
As of the 31st of March (today) the school is no longer using BIZGATE as an online payment option. Our new online payment option is called BPOINT. Follow the instructions on our school website or the Skoolbag App under “Online Payments”.

Policy Changes
At our recent meeting, the members of the Governing Council approved some minor amendments to two school policies that directly affect the students.
The school’s Parent Volunteer Policy has been slightly altered to cater for the DECD changes to the DCSI Child Related Employment Screening when parents assist in school activities. The policy now allows parent and caregivers the ability to assist in classroom based activities without needing a DCSI Screening clearance. However, the Governing Councils have maintained the clearance check for parents who volunteer with transporting students, some sporting events, school camps and some excursions.
The second policy change is to the School Uniform Policy. As from next term, it will not be compulsory for students to wear their hats during Terms 2 and 3 during outdoor activities such as sport, and play breaks. However on days when the UV rating is ‘3 Plus’ then hats will be required. Therefore students will need to have a hat at school at all times. It will be compulsory for hats to be worn during Terms 1 and 4. This change in policy has been brought about by changes in the DECD Sun Smart Policy. The uniform policy has also added the option of navy and royal blue to the school uniform colour requirements.
Full details of the changes to the policies can be found on the school’s website and copies are available in the front office.

PARENT CLUB

Mothers’ Day Stall
An early reminder – we will be holding a Mother’s Day stall on Friday 6th May. Gifts will range in price from $1.00 to $6.00. More information will be in the next newsletter.

EASTER RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS:
1st Ashley Rm 7
2nd Madison Rm 9
3rd Maddie Rm 7

SCHOOL INFORMATION

“That’s Dancing” Dance Program
Next term we will be continuing our specialised Arts program focus with the return of a whole school dance program.
This year we have hired the services of a local dance company - “That’s Dancing” to run the specialised Arts program. This program is part of the school’s Arts curriculum and will be reported on in the Semester 2 Report. The program is for all students from Reception to Year 7 beginning in Week 2 of Term 2. The program will run for 8 weeks culminating with a whole school performance in the last week of term.
This program is heavily subsidised by the school, however, parents are required to contribute $15 for R/1 students and $20 for students in Years 2-7. Payments can be done in full or through an instalment plan. However the final instalments are required by Friday 6th May.
This specialised Arts program has been running in the school for over 8 years and is endorsed by the Governing Council.
Details about the program and payment options has been sent home with each child. Payments can now be made through the front office.

ANZAC Day Dawn Service
ANZAC Day falls on the last Saturday of the school holidays. The Brighton RSL invited representatives from the local schools to attend the Dawn Service at the Brighton Arch of Remembrance adjacent to the Brighton Jetty. During the ceremony, Jade and Jackson, our Student Leaders, will be representing our school at the ceremony and will be laying a wreath as a
sign of respect to the fallen soldiers of World War I and subsequent wars.

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who were given the School Values Awards for Week 8:

Rm 3: Kate & Liam
Rm 4: Carezza & David
Rm 6: Emma & Zoe
Rm 7: Margherita & Dylan
Rm 8: Annabel & Jasmin
Rm 9: Angel & Kalani
Rm 10: Lily & Blake
Rm 11: Esther & Sarah
Rm 12: Kim & Maylia
Rm 14: Malachi & Michael
Rm 15: Bella & Linkin
Rm 16: Nathan & Tristan
Rm 17: Brian & Layla
Rm 18: Emily & Liam

**STUDENT VOICE NEWS**

**Casual Clothes Day**

On Friday 15th April (last day of term) The Student Voice Team have organise a Casual Clothes day. Students are permitted to wear casual clothes on this day but it will ‘cost them’ a gold coin donation. The money collected on the day will go towards a charity to be arranged. Posters advertising the Casual Clothes Day are posted around the school.

Adam & Jasper – Events Officers

**Emu Award**

The Emu Award was presented to the students from Room 10 for their efforts in keeping their designated class area free of litter. Well done!

Cleary & Rusheek – Environment Officers

**Lost Property**

There are over a dozen unnamed Bomber Jackets, windcheaters, hats, shorts and trousers in the Lost Property baskets located in the hall foyer. That equates to about $400 worth of clothing just lying around! Any unclaimed clothing will be cleaned and placed into the second hand clothing pool at the end of the term. Please check for lost items before the end of term.

**End of Term Dismissal**

Just a reminder that school finishes on Friday 15th April with a 2:10pm dismissal (one hour earlier than normal). Parents of students who may need the OSHC service because of the early dismissal may need to book a place for their child / children.

School resumes on MONDAY 2nd MAY.

**SHARE THE DIGNITY**

Share The Dignity is a nationwide foundation that’s determined to help women in need. The Share the Dignity Foundation is responsible for many charity events around Australia, including ‘It’s in the Bag’ and the April and August sanitary products collection. Their goal is to provide sanitary products for women as they believe that no women should have to choose between eating and buying sanitary items. Share the Dignity donates to over thirty charities each year. This year Warradale will be participating in the donations. It’s easy to donate; there will be a pink bin in the office with the Share the Dignity sign on it. Just place your sanitary donations in the bin and in April it will be sent to the foundation to be spread nationally to women in need.

For further information please go to, [www.sharethedignity.com.au](http://www.sharethedignity.com.au)

Jade & Jasper

**2017 CANBERRA CAMP**

This is a reminder that a $100 deposit needs to be paid to the Front Office by Week 5 Term 2 in order to secure your child’s place. The Canberra Camp is open to all current Year 5 and 6 students. Please come and talk to one of the Year 6/7 teachers if you require further information.

Bec, Tisha and Stacey
Entertainment Books
Entertainment Books are here again. You can purchase your digital or book copy at the Front Office or online at https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1610x75
Fundraising from these books go towards the 2017 Canberra Camp, so make sure to let family, friends and workmates know that they can be purchasing both the books and the electronic version from us. Make sure you enter Warradale Primary School as the fundraising organisation.

SPORTS NEWS
The next soccer meeting will be on Friday the 1st April, 3:pm in the Resource Centre for all coaches and managers.

Soccer Coaches Needed
It is great that we have so many students interested in soccer this year, which will be played during terms 2 and 3. We have enough students to be able to register 4 teams - U9, U10, U11 and Senior. In addition we have a good number of students interested in Soccer Skills.
We are still in need of a coach for our U9 Team and also for Soccer Skills. If you think you can help in any way please contact Narelle Billing as soon as possible – 0411 126 191. If we don't have a coach, we can't have a team!

Canteen News
A big "thank you" to Sarah and her volunteers for making such an effort with her Easter theme in the canteen this week. The treats look delicious!!

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM
This is a reminder that there will be no instrumental music instruction next week, Wednesday, 6th April, Week 10. Lessons will resume as normal in Week 11, the last week of Term 1.
Kirsty Friebe
Instrumental Music Teacher

PALS (Play at Lunchtimes)
This is a new activity run by some of the year 6/7 students, who are now known as the PALS Leaders. They were trained to learn to organise activities, which are fun, easy to do and safe to keep other students active during lunch times.
The PALS Leaders organised their first event for the Reception students of Room 18. More than the majority of the students had a great time, including the PALS Leaders themselves.
A big thanks to Mrs Carol Toole, who came to WPS to teach the year 6/7 students how to become PALS Leaders. We enjoyed learning about working with other children and especially the extra PE lesson. Maja Rm 11

On Tuesday we had our PALS training, run by Ms Davidson and Mrs Toole. Most of the games we played were simple, as they were mostly meant for lower year levels (they were still a lot of fun!) We learnt that when setting up games, we need to keep it simple, be enthusiastic and have everybody involved. The highlight of the day for me personally, was when we invited Room 18 to test our games. We had to teach them the game and then play it! It was a really fun day and I can't wait to set games up at recess and lunch!
Akia Rm 14
On Tuesday there was a training session for the PALS team. We explored options of games to play/arrange for lower primary students and...
learnt how to work together as a team. We had a mentor come in and share some key components of what we must always be aware of while working with Lower Primary students, these included being safe, inclusive and encouraging. We practised playing, demonstrating and explaining games to younger students and we even bought in a lower primary class for them to try out some of our games and test our leadership skills. The PALS team and I can all agree that Tuesday was an effective and fun day of learning and experimenting.

Jordyn, Rm 12

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Rooms 11, 12 & 14 Ancient Greek Structures**

From Week 3 onwards the year 6/7s worked on an Ancient Greece Design and Tech Project. This project required them to design and create a replica model of a building, statue, structure etc. that was built in Ancient Greece. They had to build their model as close as they could to what it looked like over 2000 years ago. The fantastic models that the year 6/7s have made will be on display sometime in Week 10 for parents and children to look at. We hope you will enjoy them as the students have worked very hard to complete them and get them in on time.
Rooms 11, 12 & 14
Ancient Greece Focus
Dealing with Behaviour Issues @ WPS

At WPS, we consider, as a priority, the social and developmental needs of students and actively teach programs that help children develop as safe, responsible and resilient members of their class and school community. Our aim is that our school is a positive, relaxed and welcoming inclusive environment.

A number of programs are explicitly taught to provide positive and developmental attitudes and experiences in classrooms. They aim to develop life-long learners who are responsible for their actions and learning and who have a social conscience in caring for others and include:

- School Values
- Circle Time
- Restorative Practices
- Play is the Way
- Kimochis – Teaching feelings through toys
- Boys Group - Social skills
- Girls Group - Self Esteem & friendship

These programs, along with student engagement teams and activities, support students in their social and emotional development. They include:

- Peer support programs – W.A.S.P.S
- Student Action Teams
- Student Leadership Teams
- Be Active Initiatives – Jump rope, ride to school
- Play at Lunch Time (PALS)

Warradale Primary School promotes its climate and culture with the core values of, Courage, Caring, Courtesy, Respect and Responsibility.

If behaviour gets a bit wobbly, as it can at times, we follow a process which includes in the first instance a restorative chat.

1 - Restorative Chat: This is a process we use to resolve issues as they arise.
   - When working with another adult the following questions will be asked:
     - What happened?
     - What were you thinking at the time?
     - What have you thought about now you are away from the class?
     - Who has been affected by what you have done? In what way?
     - What do you think you need to do to make things right in your classroom?

2 - Buddy Class : Sometimes a student may be asked to spend some time out in a buddy class to have time to cool down, have some time to think things through and distance themselves from the problem. Students are then invited to re-enter into the restorative chat process.

3 - Office Time Out: is a consequence of not being able to recover at a classroom/yard level, and involved serious repeated incidences of inappropriate behaviour. Parents will be informed of office time out by a note from the referring teacher or phone call.

4- Extreme Behaviours: DECD Policy will be followed.