What a busy Term!

What a busy term it has been! During the term our students have been involved in a broad range of learning experiences. The Harmony Day assembly was again very successful. Community projects such as the "Ride2School" and "Clean-up Australia" Campaign were also well supported by our school community. Local excursions to the new Oaklands Wetlands, the leadership workshop attended by our student leaders, The Family Fun Night at the beginning of the year were other success stories.

Term 2 looks like it is going to be just as busy and interesting for the students and staff, especially with SAPSASA Sports. We also have the NAPLAN testing happening in Week 2.

With many of these events, their success has come about by the work that the staff have put in leading up to the activity and the support given by you, the parents. We hope that this support will continue with the new learning experiences planned for Term 2.

School External Review

Last week our school was involved in a site review conducted by members of the DECD School External Review Unit. The purpose of the review was to assess how the school was travelling in all elements of the daily operation of the school. The review panel interviewed all of the teachers, the SRC Student Leaders and the SRC representatives from each class, students, a group of parents and members of the Governing Council.

The review team were very impressed with all of the responses from these groups. They were particularly impressed with the students and how well they were able to articulate their deep understanding of how they can learn, what they learn and how they can improve their own learning.

The panel were equally impressed with the professional attitude and commitment of all the staff with their understanding of the curriculum, their planning of lessons and their concern for the students and their welfare. The parents’ views of the school were also very positive with comments like: ‘Families value the school, and want their children here’. ‘They like the ‘smallness’ and that all staff know all students’. ‘Families find all staff very approachable’. ‘The focus on academic learning as well as well-being’.

Like all reviews there will be some directions that the school has to adopt to make further improvements. These recommendations will be published in a final report which will be released to the school in the latter half of Term 2. The report will be available to the broader school community via the school’s website. The school will be reviewed again in four years.
GOVERNING COUNCIL

School Fees & Other Expenses

Outlined below are some of the known expenses for school fees, whole school activities planned for Term 2:

- School Fees 3rd Instalment due Thursday 5th May (Week 1)
- 'That's Dancing' whole school program due Friday 6th May (Week 1)
- Canberra Camp 1st Instalment - 9th June (Week 6)
- School Photos – Thursday 30th June (Week 9).

Costs for class excursions and SAPSASA events will come up throughout the term and will affect specific students and year levels.

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.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Staff Changes for Term 2

Next term Amber Dohnt, our Counsellor, will be away all term travelling the centre of Australia with her family. As a consequence, Ben Arthur (Room 7) will be the Acting Counsellor. Ben will be working in his class two days a week and three days as counsellor. At this point in time we have not been notified by DECD HR Unit as to who will be sharing the Room 7 class duties with Ben. This should be confirmed over the holidays.

Meredith McArdle (Room 16) will be taking long service leave next term from weeks 1-4 travelling to the USA to visit her daughter who is studying opera in Boston. We would like to welcome Agapi Zisakis who will be replacing Meredith during this time.

Pam Madden returns to us from her extended leave next term. Therefore we would like to thank Cameron Wright for the sterling job that he has done teaching in Room 3.

Casual Clothes Day

Tomorrow, (Friday 15th April), the R-5 SRC will be hosting a Casual Clothes Day to raise money towards supporting the victims of the Belgium Bombing via the International Red Cross.

End of Term Dismissal Reminder

Just a reminder school finishes tomorrow, (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.

ANZAC DAY Commemoration

I am pleased to announce that Jade and Jackson, our Student Leaders, will be representing the Warradale Primary School community at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service wreath laying ceremony at the Memorial Arch, Brighton Jetty on Monday 25th April. Hopefully a number of other members of our school community can join Jade and Jackson by attending the Dawn Service as a mark of respect and support.

The students in Room 12 are selling commemorative poppies for $1 as a mark of respect to those lives lost during the war years.

Term 2 'Fridge' Planner

The new Term 2 'Fridge' Planner will be sent home with the oldest child of the family. You will see that it is already very crowded with a number of events scheduled for the term. Throughout Term 2 there will be updates published in the newsletter for you to mark on the planner.

NAPLAN Tests

On Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May (Week 2), students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will undertake the 2016 NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children.

Students can be exempted from sitting one or all of the tests due to a variety of reasons such as English language proficiency or by having an intellectual disability. Parents can also withdraw their child from the test due to philosophical objections or cultural reasons. Parents must notify...
the principal in writing if they wish to withdraw their child prior to the testing schedule.

Please contact Maureen Davidson if you wish to exempt or withdraw your child from one or all of the tests by FRIDAY 6th MAY.

Canberra Camp Payments

A reminder to parents that the first instalment of $100.00 of your child’s camp payment needs to be paid by the Thursday 9th June.

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.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Our Parent Interviews for Term 2 commence in week 2. Parents are encouraged to book a 15 minute time slot with teachers, using information that will be sent out in a handout in week 1.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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

Rm 3: Amira & Summer
Rm 4: Elsa & Sam
Rm 6: Bella & Daniel
Rm 7: Mahala & Gus
Rm 8: Ursula & Aaliyah
Rm 9: Amelia & Maddi
Rm 10: Matilda & Lucas
Rm 11: Kaden & Zane
Rm 12: Evelyn & Josh
Rm 14: Olivia & Aika
Rm 15: Lucas & Solomon
Rm 16: Jubilee & Austin
Rm 17: Sophie & Nate
Rm 18: Ollie & Eli

CYBER SAFETY (PART 2)

With the school holidays starting next week there may be times where your child is using the social media Facebook. Here are some facts and safety tips for parents to consider:-

Facebook is a free networking site that allows users to create profiles, upload, share and view photos and videos and send messages.

Facebook is restricted to users aged 13-years-old and above, however some users may lie about their age to join.

As with any social media there are some challenges that young people may face when using Facebook. These include online grooming (when an adult makes online contact with someone under the age of 16 with the intention of engaging in a sexual relationship) or cyber bullying and harassment. Other issues include privacy concerns, such as revealing too much personal information Facebook, reputation management for falling victim to scams shared through social networking sites.

The biggest issue for school aged students is the cyber bullying and harassment.

By maintaining strong privacy settings, users can limit the amount of information shared with strangers. You can block offensive users of Facebook by selecting the ‘Block’ option on their timeline or by accessing the ‘Blocking’ page through Facebook’s Account Settings.

To keep your child cyber safe, parents need to be vigilant on what their child is doing on their computer or mobile phone. Children posting inappropriate material (comments or photos) can be subject to criminal prosecution.

For more information to help protect your child, visit www.facebook.com/help.

SRC NEWS

Emu Award

The Emu Award was presented to the students from Room 10 (second time running!) for their efforts in keeping their designated class area free of litter. Well done! Cleary & Rusheek - Environment Officers

Buy a Poppy for Anzac Day

The students from Room 12 will be selling poppies at recess time this week. They will be available for $1.00 on the asphalt outside Room 12.

THE ARTS

Arts Donations

I am looking for donations of wool, string, magazines and any other useful materials suitable for use in
school sport news

soccer

missing soccer shirts
Do you have any school soccer shirts at home from last year? If you do, please return them to school immediately so that we can organise the uniforms for the 2016 teams.

training begins 3rd and 4th may
The 2016 school soccer season begins in Term 2. Training will commence in Week 1 as follows:

- soccer skills: Tuesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
- u9s and u10s: Tuesday 3.20 - 4.20pm
- u11s & seniors: Wednesday 3.20 - 4.20pm

The first games will be played on Saturday morning, 21st May. (Skills students do not play games on Saturdays).

A note will be sent home with your child this week to confirm their team and provide other information. If you do not receive it please contact me.

fees
Please pay your soccer fees by Week 3 of Term 2. Fees are $50 for those playing in a team and $10 for soccer skills. This helps to cover the cost of registration fees and equipment.

training for adults
Are you interested in learning a little more about soccer? The Southern Districts Junior Soccer Association holds free clinics to help adults learn some basics so that they are more confident to help out with training or even play in the back yard with their children. This year there is a coaching clinic being held on Monday evening May 2nd. No soccer experience is necessary! Contact Narelle for details if you are interested in attending this or the referee course that will help you learn the rules of the game.

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cricket

thank you to joey and julianne for coaching warradale blue and warradale gold in cricket this term.

netball
We are still urgently in need of umpires for our wednesday and thursday 4:00pm timeslots. Please contact Nicole Clark on 0427 470 905 if you or any family member can help out. Also, on match days and training nights (Tuesdays), the Coaches will need some help putting out and returning the goal posts so we would appreciate any parents or guardians assisting where possible! Finally, we will be asking families to participate in a rostering system for half time oranges, your Coach will be in touch about this arrangement.
Skirts are provided to all players for use during the term - but parents will need to purchase sports knickers to wear under the skirts. Skirt fittings will be held on Tuesday, 3rd May from 3:10pm - 3:30pm and Thursday, 5th May from 3:10pm - 3:30pm in the shelter shed near the school hall. If you have any other questions, please contact your Coaches.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

The canteen Term 2 Winter Menu will be available as from the start of Term 2.

Many thanks to the parent volunteers who have helped out in the canteen throughout Term 1 and hopefully this support will continue next term! If you are interested in helping out in the canteen please come in and see me.

Sarah - Canteen Manager

**A WORD FROM EMILY.....**

We are finishing up kindness club for this term. If you would like to join, come along to the Library during Wednesday lunch times in Term 2.

This term we have been writing get-well cards to children staying in the Women’s and Children’s Hospital.

**SHIP Students**

The Upper Primary SHIP students are solving complex real life problems by working on timetables that help our school run smoothly.

Do not let kindness leave you, write it on the tablet of your heart.”

Emily Dummin
Pastoral Support Worker
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COMMUNITY NEWS

High School Applications - Special Interest Sport
Initial Trail: Monday, 16th May 2016 by appointment.
Final Trail (by invitation only) Monday, 30th May 2016. Please phone Leanne Faithow on 8375 2800 to book an appointment for your initial trial and to receive an Information pack.

Rugby League Holiday Clinic
During the upcoming holidays the NRL is holding a Coaching Clinic on
Date: Tuesday 26th April
Time: 10 - 2pm
Venue: Hanson Reserve, Sixth Avenue Woodville Gardens
Cost: $10 includes football and lunch
To register: Go to Playrl.com and look for Find a Holiday Clinic or check PlayNRLSA on Facebook
More Info: Contact Dave on 0411 159 465

Japanese Festival