WARRADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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NAPLAN Tests Completed

Last week all of the Year 3, 5 and 7 students participated in the NAPLAN tests. Congratulations to all of the students for their efforts throughout the three days of testing. As a reminder to parents, the NAPLAN tests are considered just another part of the curriculum. It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in Literacy & Numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia. The School and parents will receive the test results towards the end of Term 3.

Three Way Interview Success

Last week over 95% of you were involved in the Student Led Interviews conducted by your child and their class teacher. During these interviews, the students took responsibility for reporting their achievements from term 1 and planning their future learning goals for the rest of the semester. This year I ‘sat in’ on a number of interviews and was very impressed with the presentation of our students. What I really noticed was the honesty of their understanding towards their learning and knowing what they are good at and what they would like to improve. There was a lot of future goal setting ranging from writing neater, working on spelling, trying hard in maths through to being more organised! If you were unable to meet with your child’s teacher during the week, please contact them to arrange for an appointment at a later time.

PUPIL FREE DAY

The Governing Council has approved four Pupil Free days this year. The first of these professional training days for teachers and SSO personnel is scheduled for Friday 10th June, (Week 6). The theme for the day is on understanding how we can improve our teaching practices to stretch and challenge our students. To address this we will be delving into the work of Carol Dweck a world re-known educationalist, who has conducted extensive research in 'Fixed or Growth Mindsets'. Briefly, people coming from a 'Fixed Mindset', work with the belief that there are only limited ways to do something. People with a 'Growth Mindset', work from the thoughts that there are many ways to achieve something. This is something that we will like to explore to help our students develop their problem solving skills - to challenge & stretch their thinking in trying different ways to solve problems, presenting projects or working with others.

Greg Graham

DATES TO REMEMBER

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REMINDERS:

| Thursday 9th June |
| Canberra Camp 1st Instalment |
| Friday 10th June |
| Pupil Free Day - Teacher Conference |
**PARENT CLUB**

**Mother's Day Stall**

Once again we had a fantastic response to our request for help with the Mothers’ Day stall. We would like to thank all of the parents and carers who gave up their morning to help the students select a special gift for their mum: Andrea, Gabi, Sandra, Narelle, Melanie, Julianne, Dianne, Marilyn, Georgie, Keren, Helene, Megan, Tom, Sandi and Samantha.

**Election Day Sausage Sizzle.**

The Parent Club in conjunction with the Governing Council will be conducting a ‘Sausage Sizzle’ on Election Day (Saturday 2nd July). We are seeking volunteers to help run the stall on the day. If you can spare some time to help out please leave your details with Robyn at the front office.

**SAPSASA NEWS**

**Soccer**

District SAPSASA Soccer Carnival

On Wednesday 4th May, Warradale Primary School participated in the South-West Carnival.

Two players identified to trial for the South-West District team are Joshua and Adam (Yr.7). If the boys are successful they will participate in the State Soccer Carnival to be held in the last weeks of this term. Good Luck!

We would also like to congratulate Mikayla (Yr. 7) for not only performing extremely well in the Girls soccer competition, but has already made automatic selection to the South West District Girls soccer team. Zack said “Overall it was a great experience for me and I really enjoyed it.” Mikayla mentioned that “it was a great opportunity to meet new people and play my best soccer.”

**SAPSASA Cross Country**

This week we had 20 students participate in the South-West District Cross Country event held at the Marion Golf Course. This year we had a large contingent of athletes who participated in their first SAPSASA event. All of our competitors did extremely well with some gaining their ‘personal best’ from their race placing from last year. Some of our Top 10 place getters are: Mikayla (Yr.7) 3rd Division 2, 13yr Girls 2000m

Hudson (Yr.7) 5th Division 1, 12yr Boys 3000m
Samuel (Yr. 7) 4th Division 2, 12yr. Boys 2000m
Maya (Yr. 7) 7th Division 2, 12yr. Girls 2000m
Michael (Yr.6) 7th Division 1, 11yr. Boys 3000m
Daniel (Yr.5) 7th Division 2, 11yr. Boys 2000m
Xander (Yr.6) 9th Division 2, 11yr. Boys 2000m
Aaron (Yr. 6) 10th Division 2, 11yr. Boys 2000m
Sophie (Yr. 5) 3rd Division 2, 11yr. Girls 2000m
Bella (Yr. 5) 8th Division 2, 11yr. Girls 2000m
Cooper (Yr. 4) 3rd Division 1, 10yr. Boys 2000m
Harry (Yr.4) 9th Division 1, 10yr. Boys 2000m
Emma (Yr.4) 8th Division 1, 10yr. Girls 2000m

Other members of the team included Kate, Talia (who both placed within the top 20 of their race), Lucas, Sam, Ryan, Josha and Austin.

A special congratulation goes to Hudson, Emma and Michael who gained selection to the District Cross Country squad. They will have the opportunity to compete in the State Cross Country competition later in the term.

Many thanks to Tony Condous, for training the team and to the parents who came along a supported all of our competitors.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Sarah our canteen manager is desperate in need of more volunteers especially on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays. Please leave your name at the front office if you are able to help drop into the canteen and have a chat with Sarah

**SRC NEWS**

This term on Thursday the 9th of June we have decided to support ‘Dress like a Pirate Day’ to support ‘Childhood Brain Cancer Research’. We ask that you come to school dressed as a ‘Pirate’ and bring a gold coin to add to the treasured donations. Please no swords or weapons. (Due to our Pupil Free Day we cannot hold this event on the Friday as other schools will be).

**CANBERRA CAMP**

**Entertainment Books**

Just letting you know that we will be selling Entertainment Books again this year. These are available now from the Front Office. Please remember 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.

www.entbook.com.au/1610x75
**Program Achieve Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who were given the Program Achieve Awards for Week 2:

Rm 3: Elle & Callum
Rm 4: Imogen & Lukas
Rm 6: Mayah & Jelveh
Rm 7: Maddie & Travis
Rm 8: Aisha & Lucas
Rm 9: Ebony & Sienna
Rm 10: Ruby & Jesse
Rm 11: Danielle & Jasper
Rm 12: Lachlan & Samuel
Rm 14: Cooper & Rusheek
Rm 15: Axel & Dylan
Rm 16: Charlotte & Henry
Rm 17: Sienna & Elissa
Rm 18: Maddison & Bronson

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

The Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2016 is well underway at Warradale Primary School. Listed below are the names of the children who have already successfully completed the challenge. Well Done!

Room 3: Kate
Room 8: Jourdan, Jack, Savannah, Kinjal & Annabel
Room 9: Alex, Chloe & Talon
Room 10: Blake
Room 11: Emmanuel & Danielle
Room 12: Hudson
Room 14: Mal
Room 16: Ayaan
Room 17: Amy & Thomas
Room 18: Sanjay

![Walk Safely to School Day]

"Walk Safely to School Day"
Friday, 20th May 2016

On Friday 20th May, children throughout Australia are being asked to walk to school with their parents or carers, while learning to be safe, active and healthy. If you can’t walk the whole way, combine a walk with public transport. If you must use the car, try leaving it a good distance from school and walking the rest of the way.

Parents or carers may be interested in purchasing a High Visibility Safety Vest for their child to wear when walking. These can be purchased for $3 from ‘Foundation 40 Australia’ (a supporter of ‘Walk Safe to School Day’ since 2011) through Ebay, 0432922519 or jimaustin.adelaide@gmail.com.

Below is some data that shows the number of children at our school that chose Active Travel on previous Walk/Ride Days.

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It would be great if we could better these numbers this year! So let’s get healthier, happier and more socially connected while at the same time reducing the congestion and parking problems around the school. ‘Walk Safely to School Day’ this Friday 20th May.

**From the Counsellor**

What an amazingly busy - but fun - start to Term 2! Sport, interviews, NAPLAN, Boys Group, Girls Group and dance! Thanks to everyone that has made my first few weeks in the role as Acting Counsellor enjoyable. It’s been fantastic to meet so many people within our school community and hear about some of the amazing things that are happening around school. It’s also been great to talk to our students about how they are working hard to become better friends for one another, and making better choices, particularly at school. Please remember, if you feel like it, come in to the Rainbow Room for a chat! If you have any other questions, drop me an email at Ben.Arthur725@schools.sa.edu.au

Ben Arthur

**A Word From Emily.....**

This Term I am at School:

Tuesdays: 12pm - 3.30pm
Wednesdays: 7.30am - 2pm

**Kindness Club**

In Kindness club we believe that “being kind is easy, but it makes a big difference”. We are currently...
decorating pebbles and shells with messages of kindness to spread along the south beaches.

“Do no let kindness leave you, write it on the tablet of your heart.”

Emily Dummin, Pastoral Support Worker
emily.dummin302@schools.sa.edu.au

We’re sailing off early!

Thursday 9th of June
Room 3

Our 'Walk Safely to School' promotion at Week 2’s Assembly

Science Investigation of Gum Trees in the school environment.

Dance

Helping the school and the environment

Sharing a Maths strategy with the class