

Warrenheip Primary School

Newsletter 1

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February Dates

Friday 11 th	Kelly sports Newsletter
Friday 18 th	Lake Dewar whole school excursion Newsletter
Thursday 24 th	Welcome Back BBQ
Friday 25 th	Kelly Sports

March dates:

Friday 4 th	Kelly Sports, MARC Van Newsletter
Monday 7 th	School Council 6pm
Thursday 10 th	Assembly (Parents permitted)
Friday 11 th	Kelly Sports
Monday 14 th	Labour Day public holiday
Thursday 17 th	Assembly (Parents permitted)
Friday 18 th	Kelly Sports, MARC Van, Newsletter
Thursday 24 th	Assembly (Parents permitted)
Friday 25 th	Kelly Sports
Thursday 31 st	Assembly (Parents permitted)

April dates:

Friday 1 st	Kelly Sports, Cross Country, Marc Van, Newsletter
Thursday 7 th	Assembly (Parents Permitted)
Friday 8 th	Last day of school for students
Monday 25 th	ANZAC Day Public holiday
Tuesday 26 th	Day 1 of Term 2

Principal's Report

Hello Everyone,

A big welcome back to the 2022 school year and a huge thank you for the warm welcome I have received. I look forward to working with our families and students and creating a fantastic working environment for our community. I have been thoroughly impressed with the connectedness and compassion shown by our students thus far.

We feel our students have settled well into their new classroom environments and getting back into the routine after the break has had some challenges, but generally we have all done a great job.

I am excited with the opportunity ahead and look forward to a fantastic year. Having grown up in Buninyong, I have a passion for community engagement and look forward to finding ways we can improve our school and build the school pride with our students and families.

As this is the first newsletter, and there is a lot to cover, we will be having a lot more student involvement in creating the newsletter items in the next week's newsletter.

Principal's Message cont.

COVID

While 2022 will once again provide us with challenges, we are determined to maintain a positive and structured learning environment. We understand there may be added pressure with absences, due to isolation, so we will endeavour to provide learning that can be completed at home during this time. We will need to adopt a number of processes to help stop the spread of the virus. It is important to take the time to read and understand these so your family can play their part. These may differ from previous protocols and announcements, so if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

The best tool we have to manage the spread, is when we have cold or flu like symptoms, that we isolate and conduct a rapid antigen test or PCR test. Please do not send your child to school if they display any symptoms.

What to do if you/family member or your child test positive:

A COVID positive result must be reported to:

The school by phone or the [RA Test Portal](#); this is so the school can support them, record that they will be absent while in a 7 day isolation, and let the rest of the school community know there has been a positive case onsite and they should monitor their symptoms.

If your child returns a positive result, your child has COVID-19. You must:

- quarantine your child for seven days

- advise the school about the positive result

- Your child must stay home until their symptoms have resolved and they are well

- Everyone in your household is a close contact and must isolate for 7 days.

RATs

Rapid antigen tests have been provided for the first four weeks. A new 5 pack will be coming home with your child in their bag today. (Friday 11th February)

Vaccination

Parents and carers must have had two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine or have a valid medical exception (with limited exceptions) to enter school buildings. All staff working in schools need to be fully vaccinated or have a verified medical exception.

COVID-19 vaccinations for students are not required for them to attend school but vaccination for students is highly encouraged. For more information on how to book a vaccination, including important information about vaccination for children aged 5 to 11, visit [Vaccination in-formation for children and teenagers](#).

Masks

Mask wearing will continue as compulsory in years 3-6 unless students have a lawful medical exemption. The school MUST be presented with the medical exemption for this to be approved.

In years Foundation to Grade 2 masks remain a recommendation. Staff will continue to wear masks indoors with the exception of communicating when teaching.

Ventilation

We will also make sure that classrooms are well ventilated by opening windows and doors to minimise the risk of infection. We have received air purifiers, which will be used in all classrooms around the school as an added safety measure.

I wish you all the very best as we face the challenges ahead of us this term, and look forward to eventually meeting everyone face-to-face.

Michael Searl

School Hats

During Term 1, all students must wear a broad brimmed sun smart hat. It is important to label the hat with the child's name. Due to health reasons, we encourage students not to share their hats. Hats are available to purchase from school. See price list below.

Uniform

The new uniform looks fantastic and is available to purchase on a Thursday afternoon.

Polo Top – Short Sleeve	\$ 17
Jumper	\$ 14
Polo Fleece Zip up Jacket	\$ 22
Dress	\$ 22
Shorts	\$ 12
Track Pants	\$ 16
Hat	\$ 15



Lunch Orders

Friday Lunch orders are on again this year. The form and money will need to be returned to the school each Wednesday. A big thanks to our Parent's Club for running this. **New forms for the following week will come home on the Friday.**

Kelly Sports

This term we have 7 Kelly Sports sessions on a Friday. The sport in focus will be baseball and T-ball and develop the students skills in this area. All students will be encouraged to participate and show humility as they 'play fair' for each session.

Welcome BBQ—Thursday 24th February 5:30-7:00pm

After waiting for the all clear, we will be having a welcome BBQ at school on Thursday, 24th February. It would be great to see all families there and enjoy some dinner and dessert together. Due to COVID safety requirements, staff will prep and serve the BBQ and salads. Looking forward to seeing you all there. No need to bring anything other than yourselves. You will need to sign in and have proof of vaccination status.

Lake Dewar Excursion

Friday 18th February, all students who return the form will attend the Lake Dewar Lodge excursion. The students will be completing the Amazing Race where they will be taking part in a number of team challenges. Thanks to the Parent's Club who have provided the cost of the bus. The school has also subsidised the cost to assist and make it more affordable.

Book Club

Scholastic Book Club money and forms need to be handed in by February 14th. Online purchases are preferable, as we will be transitioning to online purchases only (Starting Term 2). Look for this picture and follow the prompts.



Subjects:

This year we will be continuing with the specialist subjects:

- French
- Music
- Art
- Sport/PE

From The Office:**First Aid**

If your child requires any medication during school hours, this must be stored in the First Aid Cupboard or Staff Fridge. The medication will be given by our First Aid trained staff and logged for record, following the written consent by parent/guardian or doctor. Please ensure your child's name, dose and time to be given are clearly marked on the form. Forms can be collected from the office.

Parent Payments

Thank you to the families who have paid their school fees for this year. If you haven't, payments can be made at the office using cash, Bpay or directly depositing into the school account. Account details BSB: 063502 Account No: 1013 7582. If you would like to discuss a payment plan, please do not hesitate to contact me. We appreciate your contributions.

CSEF Camp sports Excursion Fund

If you were eligible for CSEF in 2021 you will automatically be rolled over into 2022. This will give your child/children \$125 towards any camps or excursions. If your circumstances have changed and now feel you maybe eligible please contact me at the office on a Thursday.

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