

Warrenheip Primary School

Newsletter

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LEARNING

RESPECT

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February Dates

Friday 18th	Lake Dewar whole school excursion Newsletter
Thursday 24th	Welcome Back BBQ 5:30-7:00 Working bee 4:00-5:00
Friday 25th	Kelly Sports

March dates:

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

April dates:

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

Students of the week

5/6 – Oscar

2/3/4—Jackson

P/1—Lillian



Joke of the Week

Q: Why did the chicken cross the road?

A: To get to KFC and be
cooked.



By Riley Davidson

Principal's Message

Hello everyone,

Just a couple of updates from me.

Start with the **COVID updates**. (yawn)

We want to thank parents and students for the great job they have done in keeping our school as safe as possible by following important COVIDSafe measures such as mask wearing, physical distancing, ventilation, getting vaccinated and rapid antigen testing.

This has meant that our school has remained open and our students in class. This is a fantastic outcome and a testament to the hard work of parents, carers, students and school staff.

Rapid antigen tests

To keep schools as safe as possible, the Victorian Government has extended the COVIDSafe measures introduced for the beginning of Term 1. This includes extending the availability of free rapid antigen tests (RAT) for screening until the end of term. It is anticipated an additional 24 million RATs will be provided to schools and early childhood settings to continue to support early detection and prevent infection, for use at home.

The need for this program will continue to be monitored, and may end earlier based on health advice. This is great news and will mean we're able to continue identifying COVID-19 cases as early as possible, reducing the impact on our school and individuals.

Department of Health modelling indicates that in the first two weeks of school returning, the program has already prevented more than 21,000 cases in schools alone. Their modelling indicates, assuming a 75 per cent compliance rate with screening of students, that by continuing RAT screening in schools for the full 10 weeks of Term 1, we will prevent:

- 61,000 COVID-19 infections in children aged 5 to 17
- more than 150,000 COVID-19 infections in the overall community (on average 15,000 per week over 10 weeks, or more than 2,100 per day)
- around 400 hospital admissions.

The department will continue to supply RATs to our school for your use.

Twice-a-week testing continues to be strongly recommended for both students and staff.

Testing will be conducted at home, and students and staff must report any positive result. There is no requirement to report a negative result.

Vaccination

Vaccination is another key component to protect students and staff in school settings.

Vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11 are open and third dose vaccinations for 16 to 17 year olds are now available.

There are lots of convenient options to access vaccinations. These include state-wide vaccination hubs, your local GP or pharmacy.

You can book your appointment in a few different ways, including:

- online: coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine

- by phone: 1800 675 398 (Coronavirus Hotline)

- In person: talk to your local pharmacy, doctor, or attend a state-wide vaccination hub.

- using the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder - [COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder | Australian Government Department of Health](#)

In addition, schools provide a trusted place among the community to access vaccination, particularly for families who may experience language or social barriers.

Following successful implementation of school pop-up clinics at the commencement of Term 1, more than 230 schools across Victoria are currently hosting mini-vaccination clinics led by GPs and pharmacists. Many of these clinics will also make vaccinations available the broader school community, inclusive of families of students and school staff.

Mask rules will remain the same, with students in Grade 3 and above required to wear masks – although they will not be required outdoors.

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank you again for your continued support in helping your child to complete the rapid antigen tests and other COVID Safe measures. As a result of these efforts our school can continue providing a safe environment for students and staff.

Principal's Message cont.

Covid cont.

Ventilation

Improving ventilation is one of the most effective measures to keep education settings safe. 51,000 air purifiers were delivered to schools by Term 1, 2022 to support COVIDSafe settings in schools.

Up to an additional 60,000 air purifiers will be rolled out to schools ahead of winter to supplement natural and mechanical ventilation during the cooler months.

The winter allocation will provide enough purifiers to cover all classrooms, in government schools and low-fee non-government schools based on current enrolments. This includes general purpose classrooms and other specialist classrooms such as art and science rooms.

Working Bee

Next Thursday the 24th, I will be moving some soft fall bark, from the back of the school to the front playground. If you have a barrow and can assist, please join me and help move a few barrows worth. If you can assist in any other way that can improve the look of the school, that would be much appreciated.

Welcome Back BBQ

Following the working bee, we will be having a welcome back BBQ for our school community. With Covid safe practices we will need to make sure we are vaccinated, sign in with the QR code and try to social distance where possible.

The snags will be cooking so please bring yourselves and allow the staff to serve you some dinner as we build the connection between school and community.

We are having have Kelly Sports there to set up some games for our students, and maybe even get the competitive juices flowing amongst the parents.

See you on the Downball courts!

Lunches

With Covid restrictions on food handling etc. we ask that students have lunches that don't require heating up. We need to make sure we reduce the risk where possible and avoid handling students' lunches. We would appreciate the assistance in this area.

Eggs

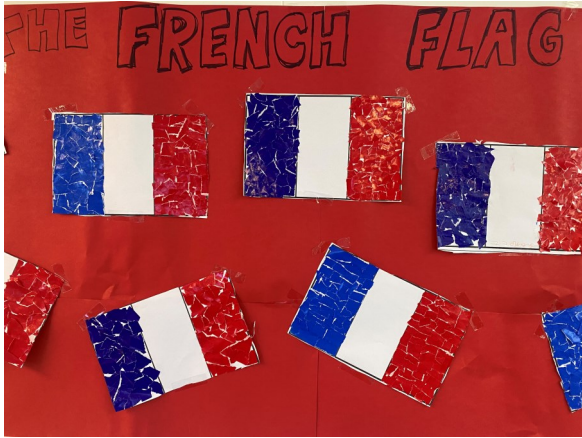
With a student with a severe allergic reaction to eggs, we ask that we try and reduce where we can. If we can avoid having egg in sandwiches and lunchboxes, we will reduce the likelihood of an anaphylactic reaction. Thanks for your cooperation.

School Fundraiser BBQ

The Parent's Club have organised a fundraiser on Sunday, March 13th. There is lots of availabilities for you to help out, so if you can assist, place your name in one of the time slots. The sheet will remain in the front office. There is also a donation list attached to the sheet so if you cannot help out with your time, perhaps you can assist with a donation.

Playgroup

Playgroup will be starting back up again. It will be running on a Friday morning at school (starting on the 25th). As per department guidelines, vaccination is required, signing in with the QR system and social distancing where we can. More information will be posted from Georgie via the Warrenheip Facebook Page.



French

We have been learning about how to say the body parts in French. And how to stand and sit.

Head = le tete

Neck = Le cous

Feet = la pied

Stand up = levez vous

Sit down = asseyez vous

By Riley D

ART

We have been doing a project where we write our name in bubble writing and have been using pastels to make patterns. The writing was covered with black paint and we need to do 2 coats.

We needed to let it dry and after it is dry, we use a chopstick or skewer to scratch off the black paint.

(see picture below)

By Casey

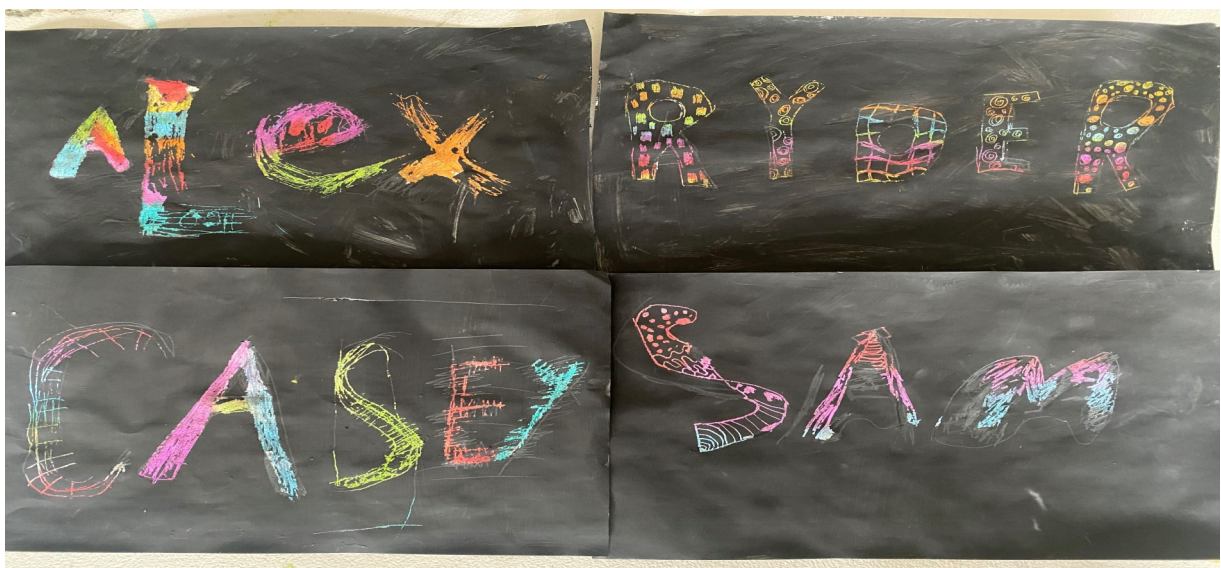
Kelly Sports

Our coach Paul came to our school and we played games like chaos, ball tiggy and another game called Destroy Ballarat.

Destroy Ballarat is where you have to knock down cones by throwing a ball at them. Once you knock them down, you pick them up. The winner is whoever has the most cones.

We are learning about throwing and catching as our sport is baseball.

By Ryder Beg.



Four Square/Downball

All you need is a four squares marked on the ground and a ball. We like to use a rubber ball. The four spaces are King, Queen, Jack and Dungeon. The King or Queen serves by bouncing it in their square first and then your opponents square next. Each player has to hit it back with their hand without catching. The ball needs to bounce in your square first before your opponents. The ways you can go out are: if it double bounces in your square, if you hit the ball straight into the opponents square (this is know as on the full), if you hit it too hard and it bounces out of the lines it is out. You can play it on to save the person.

You can't double tap it or serve it by bouncing and then hitting it. Once you are out, you join the back of the queue.

By Lena and Darcy

'Gang Up'

Don't worry, Gang up is just a game.

First you start off with putting your feet in and doing dip dip dip, to see who is 'it'. Then whoever is 'it', they count for 5 seconds while everyone runs away. If the tagger tags someone, they're it with the tagger. So they can gang up on other people. The game keeps on going until the last player left is the winner. The winner is the next games tagger.

Sometimes the winner can choose someone who is playing to be the tagger.

The taggers work together by telling each other who they should gang up on. Some people like to hide in bushes, behind trees and other places.

It is a never ending game that we love to play.

By Sayge



Thank you

A huge thank you to Tamara and Lesley for their efforts with hot lunches. They went down a treat last Friday. Stay tuned for the next availability.

Return to School 5/6

School has begun and it hasn't been too chaotic. There have been a few arguments but we working on it. My books still haven't arrived yet but they should be arriving any moment now. I have really enjoyed learning about place value in maths and can read numbers up to billions.

I have liked using the 'show don't tell' writing tool as it gives me more to write.

I am super excited about the excursion and a little worried about the team work.

By Oscar



Return to School P/1

I have liked playing Down ball with the older kids. I have liked drawing. I have drawn some monkeys today.

My favourite subject is maths.

My teacher is Mrs Le Marshall

By Stavros

Return to School 2/3/4

The return to school has been great and I am really liking being closer to my best friend.

We have stick insects in the classroom which have been lots of fun. I have seen a stick insect moult and it is disgusting as they eat the skin. Gross!

I am enjoying changing class for spelling as I get to sit with my best friends.

We have been learning about Maths number problems. Mr Searl even taught me the Fibonacci sequence. My Reader's Notebook cover is nearly complete.

And I have been looking at dragons!

By Rex