

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome back to another fun packed and educational year at Warrenheip Primary School! It has been lovely to see all the kids back and to hear their stories from the Christmas break. It has also been great to meet the new preps for this year and I'm especially pleased to be teaching them on a Friday morning.

There are plenty of new dates for you to get your heads around in the calendar above, and next week we will start to hit you with all the notes for the new year (!), but today I just want to remind you that we have planned to hold our Welcome Back BBQ on Friday 14th (Valentine's Day) at 5pm. As last year, we will have Kelly Sports out to run some fun parents / kids activities before we share a BBQ tea at around 6.30. If you were able to bring a small plate of something sweet to share that would be fantastic. I hope to see you all there siblinas and other familv members are most welcome too. A note with full information is attached to this newsletter.

With the hot weather we have had this week we have been trialling a "hot weather timetable" here at school. Essentially what we have done is to extend recess to 1 hour, from 10.30 to 11.30, and then shorten lunch to just 30 minutes from 1.30 to 2pm. We hope that this means that the kids get to play in a slightly cooler part of the day. Staff will discuss this again at next week's staff meeting to see if it worked out, and any feedback from parents is most welcome.

The timetable itself is pretty similar to last year for most of the week. You will remember that Mrs Sue Tromp has decided to work 4 days this year, and her Friday has been taken up by Mrs Helen Collins. For vour information, the office is staffed on a Thursday this year; Janine Schulze is our new Business Manager and she will be glad to help out with your problems on a Thursday.

I am really pleased to see that all the kids have hats this week. Well done to all of you parents for your efforts here. We are of course a sun smart school so it is important to remember hats for play in term 1.

Also attached to this newsletter are 2 notes from the Education Department. contains One information about the Corona Virus which I very much hope does not affect any of our communitv members. The second note is regarding your privacy and the information that we collect at school. There are links to the privacy policy on the "Forms" page of the school website. Next week we will be sending out a copy of all the information we have about you so that you can check it for mistakes.

Finally, we have a large quantity of lost property here which has been collected over the holidays. You are welcome to come and go through it if you are looking for lost jumpers etc. – it has been bagged up and will be disposed of in a few weeks if no-one wants it.

Have a great weekend, Arthur Lane