



Warrenheip Primary School Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

March

Fri	06	Cross Country
Mon	09	Labour Day Holiday
Tue	10	Pupil Free Day
Fri	13	Responsible Pet Ownership
Mon	16	School Council meeting 6pm
Thu	19	GRIP Leadership conference (Grade 6)
Fri	27	End of Term 1 - 2.30pm finish

April

Tue	14	Start term 2 (TUESDAY!)
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? Weekly Puzzle ?

All of Alison's pets are cats except one. All of her pets are goldfish except one. How many cats and goldfish does Alison have?

Last week's winner: Joel got Piggy in the Middle!

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Last Friday we had a fantastic day out at Lake Dewar lodge for the Amazing Race. The weather was cool but dry, and everyone was very excited to try some new activities as well as revisit some familiar things. Everyone who came along had a really great time, and many of the students tried something new.

I was particularly impressed with some of our younger students who found one or two of the activities challenging but who managed to complete them anyway – these are the sorts of things that build resilience and help to create strong and confident humans. It was lovely to have our new education support student Jayde with us on the day. Sadly she has been unable to be at school this week due to illness, but we look forward to seeing her again next week.

This year Warrenheip Primary School is implementing the Respectful Relationships program throughout the school. We are combining it with the

Resilience project work which has been ongoing for a couple of years. Both programs work really well together, and part of what makes a difference is the focus on social skills and getting along. This is always a big part of the challenge that children face at school because they have to work out that they can't behave to each other the way they behave at home – friends don't have to stick around like family do!

We will keep working on these programs all of this year, and from time to time I will be able to share with you something from the program or something else that might help your kids to do better at school. Today I am sharing a short article from Parenting guru Michael Grose which I hope that you will find interesting.

Next Friday we have our annual Cross Country competition at Russell Square. I encourage all students to make the effort to attend that day, even those who may not be super keen runners. It is really important in a small school setting that we all support each other and provide encouragement on the day. The

children in prep to Grade 2 will be going to Lal Lal primary school to take part in a separate day which will include a mini cross country race as well as other activities. We will all leave and return on the same bus. Please get your permission forms back as soon as possible.

Please note that the Midlands District Amateur Swimming Association will be holding its annual 9yrs & Under 25m Encouragement Swim Meet on Wednesday 18th March at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre. Any interested swimmers must contact me at school before next Friday.

Book club is coming home this week and is due back at school by Friday 13th March.

Don't forget that next weekend is a long weekend with Labour Day on the Monday, and that we have a pupil free day on Tuesday 10 March (in just over a week). Staff will be learning more about literacy teaching that day together with staff from other schools.

*Have a great weekend,
Arthur Lane*