

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Well, we have made it to the end of term 1! This has been a very different term for us all, reintroducing the children to normal school routines and trying to get everything organised after the upheaval of 2020, only to have to deal with another lockdown and start all over again!

This week we had the final site inspection by the company who will be installing our solar panels next term (we hope). We applied for a solar fit-out last year and have been successful – they will be installed on the roof of the portable classroom. We also had a visit from the Australian Electoral Commission to inspect us in preparation for the federal election which is due between August and May 2022.

On Wednesday the guys from Bartlett Blinds came to install the new blinds in the Art shed. They did a fabulous job and the shed looks heaps better for having them up.

Also yesterday we drew the Easter Raffle kindly organised by our Parents Club. Thanks very much to all of you who so very kindly donated Easter goodies for the raffle – there was a huge spread of gifts which you would have seen on Facebook with some 40 prizes being drawn in total! Overall our wonderful organisers and very generous parents have raised over \$500 to benefit the children at Warrenheip PS which is an outstanding effort for a school of our size. Well done and thank you to everyone involved!

Next term is looking like another busy one for us. Early on we have our cluster sports events. This involves children from around 10 smaller schools getting together for Athletic and Winter sports. The schools include Magpie PS, Hepburn PS, Little Bendiao PS and several smaller schools too. so involves around 300 kids in total. Winter sports is held here at Warrenheip using our grounds, as well as the Warrenheip tennis courts and the old Warrenheip rec reserve. Children in grades 3 - 6 take part in a range of sports organised by Tim Beacham from Magpie PS.

Athletic sports is held at the Llanberris athletics ground in Ballarat. All the children will take part in the day in various sporting activities and the day is usually a lot of fun. Please note that you will need to get your own children to and from Llanberris that day as we do not provide transport, but parents are most welcome to stay for the day and we will most likely look for a few parent helpers on the day to assist with scoring events and escorting groups of kids (eg: to the toilets!).

We are hosting 3 Harmonica workshops here at the beginning of term which will also include kids from Mount Egerton PS. The workshops will include a free harmonica for each child but we will keep the 'harps' at school for now as I would like to do a performance with them later this year and we will need to go on practicing.

There will be heaps more good stuff for next term including some chook eggs to hatch out, and more details will come closer to the time.

I hope that you all have a restful and pleasant Easter break and that Easter bunny brings lots of unnecessary yummy stuff!

Have a great Easter, Arthur Lane