



# Warrenheip Primary School Newsletter

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### March

Fri 29 Lacrosse (session 2)

### April

Mon 1 School Council meeting 6pm

Wed 3 African Drumming incursion (all day)  
and community performance (3pm)

Fri 5 End Term 1: 2.30pm finish

Mon 22 Easter Monday holiday

Tue 23 Start Term 2

Thu 25 ANZAC day holiday

- We are Sun-smart: please wear a hat in Term 1!
- African Drumming Notes

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"The secret of happiness is something to do."

John Burroughs

*Dear Parents and Community Members,*

We have had a lovely week at school this week, with warm but not too hot weather and a bit of space in the busyness to do some normal teaching. It has enabled us to think a bit more long term about the way that we run things here at Warrenheip and to make some small changes – some permanent and some to see how we go.

We have not gone out for the 'walk' lately. We examined the rationale for the walk carefully at a staff meeting and decided that we could not justify the loss of 30 minutes or more of instructional time every day. We are planning to use the time we gain back to introduce a reading program to the school which we hope will encourage the kids to read every day. We feel that this will be a lot more beneficial for the children than an extra half hour of exercise right after they've just had recess.

We have also started to share some time with the children in the classroom just before recess and

lunch where they can eat inside. We are trialling this change because of a big increase in the amount of rubbish that was being left out in the yard, as well as to help the less self-directed children to take the time to eat each day and fuel their brains for learning. As always, I welcome feedback on either of these two changes.

The children started having a go at some lacrosse last week and will have a couple more sessions either side of the coming holiday. As well as that we will be offering lacrosse as one of our winter sports when the cluster comes together next term at Warrenheip. If any children are interested in pursuing lacrosse as an after school sport, sessions are run at 1030 Eureka St on Wednesdays between 4pm and 5pm. All are welcome to attend.

Well done to everyone for turning up today to support the school at the cross country. It is really great to see even non-runners make the effort to come and support their team-mates.

The Easter raffle is now fast approaching. If you haven't already,

please consider donating some Easter eggs or similar prizes to make the raffle a success. The more we have to give out the more prizes there will be and the more opportunities you have of winning something back!

Notes home this week are a permission form for the African Drumming incursion on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the information about ordering school photos. Please note that you get a much better choice of photos if you order online, but we can accept envelopes and money here at school if you need us to.

As a final note, there will not be a hot lunch order next week due to diary clashes. Hot lunch will be offered on the last day of term and a note will come home next week.

*Have a great weekend,  
Arthur Lane*