



Warrenheip Primary School Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tue	May 9 th	NAPLAN (Grades 3 / 5) (3 days)
Fri	May 12 th	Winter Sports
Fri	May 26 th	Winter Sports
Mon	Jun 5 th	Grade 2 Sovereign Hill
Mon	Jun 5 th	School Council meeting 6pm
Mon	Jun 12 th	Queen's Birthday holiday
Mon	Jun 19 th	Pupil Free day (Report Writing)
Fri	Jun 30 th	End of Term 2 (2.30pm finish)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"The art of being happy lies in the power of extracting happiness from common things."

Henry Ward Beecher

Dear Parents and Community Members,

A huge "thank you" to all the parents and community members who turned out at Llanberris on Friday to support the children at the Wathaurung District Athletic Sports. We had perfect weather and the day was superbly organised by Tim Beacham from Magpie PS. Our Warrenheip children were extremely well behaved and a real credit to their school and to their parents. Not only that, but they collected a heap of ribbons from their events including an impressive number of first places. Well done everybody!

This week the grade 3 and 5 children will have been completing NAPLAN. I hope that no one has been too stressed by the process. Please remember that NAPLAN is not the only thing that matters to your child's education; it is not really even a very important thing. In larger schools it is used to look at overall averages of different groups of children and different teaching methods or approaches. In our small school setting it has no relevance to our instruction and is not given a great deal of time even during the recent

review. By the time the results come out we will have conducted our own, in-depth assessment of the children's abilities and reported them to you in their semester one reports. If any children are seeming stressed by the whole process, please feel free to contact their teacher or myself at school.

Another huge "thank you" is due to Jeremy Maddern, who has put up the new basketball back-board. The children have been using it every day since! Also thank you to the Mannix family for holding a mini working bee (by themselves) to prune back the creeping vine around the gas tank. We had been 'spoken to' by the man from ELGAS, but he will have no complaints about the results of their efforts!

Please note that school council has approved two pupil free days. These are the final two days for this year (other than public holidays). The first will be on Monday 19th July for teachers to complete Semester One reports. The second will be on Monday 17 July, for staff development and school planning. This is the first day of term 3 so Children will not return from the next holiday until the Tuesday. We have chosen this day due to the amount of new work that needs to be started off as a result of the school review.

From next week Assembly will be moving to a Tuesday. Having assembly on a Friday was eating in to the children's PE time, and causing some friction. At the same time we visit the mobile library on a Tuesday afternoon so that day is already disrupted. We will be moving our library times forward by 30 minutes so that Assembly can be held (in the old portable classroom near the toilets) between 3 and 3.30pm. Parents are most welcome to join us for Assembly.

As a final note, it has been reported to me that one of our school families have had a case of nits. The children involved have all been treated and are fine to be at school, but to avoid the risk of re-infection I would urge all parents to check your child's hair for signs of head lice, and please do not send them to school until after treatment has begun. The attached letter and brochure give further information on the subject.

By the way, please excuse the odd appearance of this newsletter: the photocopier is out of order and we only have a small printer at the moment!

Have a great weekend,

Arthur Lane