



Warrenheip Primary School Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>Aug</u>		
Fri	21	High School transition letters sent
Wed	26	Community Police visit
Mon	31	School Council meeting 6pm
<u>Sept</u>		
Fri	18	Last day of term 2.30 finish
<u>Oct</u>		
Mon	5	Start term 4

WEEKLY PUZZLE

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Last week's winner:

Dear Parents and Community Members,

This truly is a challenging time to be living and working. This week's news has a lot of school principals scratching their heads and trying to work out what things should look like from next week. I have been in consultation with a number of local principals this week, and we have discussed the new regulations at staff meeting last night.

We have not yet received any specific advice from the Department, so I am going to explain what we think is the right way forward at this stage. *This advice may change at short notice* and I apologise in advance if that happens, but I think that we should all understand what your school will look like next week and not wait for other people to get sorted out.

The premier announced this week that all Victorians will have to wear a mask when out

of their homes from next week. Children at primary school do not have to wear a mask at all, in school or not, but may do so if they want.

Teachers and other staff who work in schools do not have to wear a mask while in the classroom, but adults in classrooms need to maintain 1.5m distance from each other as we do at the moment.

The yard duty teacher will not need to wear a mask either, as they are by themselves, outdoors supervising the children.

Teachers *will* have to wear masks if we are in the staffroom together, or in meetings together, regardless of social distancing. We will also be wearing masks for the pick-up in the afternoon when other adults are around.

I have explained to the kids today that this means they will rarely see a teacher in a mask but it does not mean that we

are not wearing them when we have to!

Please remember that parents and community members who get out of their cars at pick-up and drop-off times will need to be masked up as per the state guidelines. Note that you won't need to wear a mask if you are in your car by yourself or with people who live at the same address as you.

Please also note that we do not have masks to give to students or others at school – you will need to source your own masks if you need them.

I hope that this all makes sense to everybody. Feel free to get in touch if you are not sure of how any part of this will work. I will pass on the department's advice as soon as I have it, but in the meantime please stay safe and well!

*Have a great weekend,
Arthur Lane*