



Warrenheip Primary School Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May

Wed 30 Basketball Session 1

June

Mon 4 School Council meeting 6pm

Fri 8 Resilience project student sessions

Mon 11 Queen's Birthday holiday

Tue 12 Pupil free day – report writing

Wed 13 Pie drive orders due

Mon 18 B'rat Community Health – wellbeing program

Thu 21 Eco-Link outreach incursion

Fri 22 B'rat Community Health – wellbeing program

- Term 2 weather is changeable; please dress kids in layers!
- Resilience Project excursion forms.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference."

Tom Brokaw

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Well done to all students for your participation in this week's final winter sports. I understand that there are some younger children who were disappointed at not getting the chance to represent the cluster in their chosen sport. All I can say to you is to keep on trying, and you'll get there eventually. Teachers often give priority to Grade 6 children because it is their last chance before high school – you will be a grade 6 one day and you'll get the same chance then!

Thank you also to Kerry, Sam and Joy for cooking a huge number of sausages this morning to feed the 130 or so children who were here for sports. We asked the other schools for a donation to help cover costs and we have made a small profit for the day so that is wonderful. It's amazing how a sausage in bread can make everyone feel as though they're at an event and lift spirits all round. It made a big difference to the day and will help to keep the sports events at Warrenheip into the future.

This week I am sending home the permission forms for the Resilience Project excursion. Please return the forms as soon as possible – no payment is necessary.

The Resilience Project aims to "inspire school communities to practise the evidence based strategies that build resilience and improve mental health. Practicing gratitude, empathy (compassion) and mindfulness leads us to a happier more fulfilling experience."

Students will take part in a session at Bungaree with many other students from our partner schools, and we will then begin to roll out the program on a regular basis in the classroom. Many other schools, as well as the NRL, AFL, Australian Cricket and Netball teams have benefitted from the Resilience Project so I know that our children will too.

Please be aware that this is an extremely expensive program to run. We could not possibly find enough money to run this program by ourselves so we are very lucky to have been able to join forces

with the other schools to help spread the cost.

As well as this, Parent's Club have very kindly paid for the whole cost of the project, including the cost of transport to and from Bungaree in 2 weeks' time. That \$2,000 cost is being paid for through the fundraising efforts of a small group of dedicated parents without which your kids would be missing out. Thanks so much to Parent's Club for your hard work and generosity!

By the way, have you got your Pie Drive forms? There are spare ones on the front desk at school if you need more.

We are sad this week to say goodbye to Ms Frew. She has brought many great activities to Warrenheip – did you see the electrical play-dough on Facebook? Rochelle has been a wonderful addition to the junior class and we wish her well in completing her studies this year!

Have a good weekend!
Arthur Lane