



Warrenheip Primary School Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct

- Mon 19** School Council meeting 6pm
Fri 23 Public Holiday – AFL Finals
Wed 28 Police Liaison visit #2 (Gr 4 – 6)

Nov

- Tue 3** Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup
Wed 11 Transition morning (New Preps)
Thu 12 Swimming Program session 1

Thought for the day

“What if...?” is not a good question. We need to ask “What next?”

Dear Parents and Community Members,

We have had a great week here at Warrenheip this week. The children have continued to settle back in to the routine of normal school life and the weather has been kind to us. Please note that the oval is still out of bounds to all children as it is very muddy indeed. We will need a couple of good dry weeks to get it useable again.

On Thursday this week we had Lucas from Venue3D tours taking a bunch of “google maps” type pictures of the school. He will be putting these together into a virtual school tour which will be available to view on the website. The initial shots looked very good and I am keen to see the final result.

I am very pleased to tell you that we have been able to organise a swimming program for this term. The program will run at the Eureka outdoor pool on a Thursday afternoon. There will be 5 sessions starting on Thursday 12 November and each Thursday until the 2nd last week of term. We are still finalising details of cost, and a permission form will most likely come home next Thursday.

Here's how the program is set up:

We will be dropped off by the bus at the far end of the pool. Children will leave their bags and outer clothes under the shade sail and have their lesson in either the 50m or 25m pool, depending on age and ability. Both pools are heated to the same temperatures as the indoor pools at the Aquatic Centre. We will be the only school at the pool – we will have exclusive use of the pool every week.

After the lesson the children will collect their things and go to the change rooms to get dry and dressed. We will leave via the front entrance. Once we have gone the area will be sanitised and the next group will not start until 15 minutes after we have finished.

Lessons are being delivered at a 1:6 ratio and the whole program complies with the current COVID-19 regulations including the operational guidelines for schools that are currently in place. I have talked at length with the management of BALC to be certain that the program is safe for our children to undertake. A minimum of 2 teachers from Warrenheip will be with the children during the lessons so that toileting and other issues can be managed as appropriate.

If you have any concerns about the program please get in touch and I will be happy to help.

Thank you very much to the parents who took time to fill in our short survey. Your responses are very much appreciated and will be collated for the school reviewer to get a sense of what our community thinks of us when she comes to Warrenheip in February next year. The survey is still open if anyone else wants to have their say – the link is in the email I sent you last week.

Don't forget that book club closes next week – Thursday 22nd is your last chance.

Also next week, remember that Friday is a public holiday and there will be no school on that day.

A final reminder to school council members. I sent out the agenda for Monday night's meeting via email yesterday, we will be meeting in the 5/6 classroom so as to be socially distant, and the meeting is available remotely via Webex on request.

*Have a great weekend,
Arthur Lane*