

## Warrenheip Primary School Newsletter

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#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### <u>Nov</u>

Wed 11 Transition morning (New Preps)

Thu 12 **Swimming** 

Thu 19 **Swimming** 

Wed 25 Transition morning 2

Thu 26 **Swimming** 

<u>Dec</u>

Thu 3 **Swimming** 

## Thought for the day

The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity.

# Dear Parents and Community Members.

It has been a quiet week here at school, and an oddly shortened one with the Cup day holiday in the middle. On Wednesday Michelle Jackson started in the P-2 room teaching for Dianne while she is away. Michelle will not be able to take all of the days but she will be here for most of them. She is an outstanding teacher and we are lucky to have her here with us for the rest of this term.

You should all have received your child's booklist information for 2021 this week. If you have not then please contact me and I will sort that out for you. We work very hard to make sure that the cost for the booklist items is as low as possible. If you need to discuss payment options please contact either myself or Janine to work that out. As in previous years all of the stationary and textbooks will be delivered to school and distributed at the beginning of next term.

We are now more than half way through the term, and we are starting to think about assessments for the end of year reports. Assessments will be conducted over the next 2 or 3 weeks, and due to the year that we

have had we will be trying to keep them to a minimum.

The end of year reports will once again look a bit different to normal this year. We will not be assessing the children's progress in most of the curriculum so you will only get the dots and a grade for English and Maths. The written report will again concentrate on the children's experiences with the lockdowns COVID and for students in grades 3 – 6 there will also be a comment from the students about their learning. The end result will be something in between what you received at the end of semester one this year and a normal report.

We are currently trying to organise our end of year events, but without much of the usual community sharing due to the ongoing restrictions on allowing people on to the school site. It is a series of difficult and unpleasant choices and we are still hoping that the rules will change in time to open up a little for a celebration. In the meantime we are doing what we can to give the children an end of term to remember.

At the last school council meeting it was decided to get rid of our usual pupil free day in late November for planning. We felt that there had been enough disruptions to the school routine this year. Instead we will be taking the first couple of days of next year to plan and prepare for the kids coming back. School will open for the children on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021. There will be heaps of reminders about this.

Finally, we are still waiting for a small number of swimming program notes to come back to school. If you cannot find your child's note please let me know and a spare will be sent home.

The swimming program starts next Thursday afternoon. Children will need to come to school with their swimmers on under their school clothes and with a towel and dry underwear to change into afterwards. Due to COVID guidelines we cannot invite parents to come and watch the swimming like we usually do.

Have a great weekend, Arthur Lane