



Warrenheip Primary School Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec

Thu	3	Swimming
Mon	7	School council meeting 6pm
Tue	8	State-wide transition day
Wed	9	Sports Day Excursion
Thu	17	Graduation / Class Party / Secret Santa
Fri	18	Last day (optional) 1.30 finish

Thought for the day

**Change is the end result of all
true learning.**

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Another very busy week here at school, with various plans being finalised and all of our end of year assessment finished off as well.

As you will have seen in the news, the restrictions in Victoria have changed again and we now have firm advice from the department about what that means for us.

- Parents are now welcome back on site at pick up and drop off times.
- Parent volunteers are also welcome back into classrooms (although it's probably a bit late for that this year!)
- Masks do not need to be worn if outside and social distancing.
- Students who suffer from hay fever do NOT have to be sent home with runny noses.
- For cold or flu symptoms – once a negative COVID test is received children can return to school – no need to wait for symptoms to clear.

There are other school specific changes, but these are the most important for now. I will open the bubble taps again as soon as the plumber has been to flush them through and unblock the drain – in the meantime please make sure

that your children have drink bottles at school.

Details of the Graduation and end of year ceremonies will come home next week. We can't hold graduation like we normally do – restaurants have to stick to the social distancing requirements and the Barkly say it's not worth their while opening so we will stick to an "at school" graduation this year. I think that we have come up with enough surprises to make the day special for the four graduates! We will be able to welcome a few family members on site for graduation - strictly by invitation only.

Our usual celebration at the end of the year with the 'big fella' and all the kids will be able to go ahead now as it is always outside. Parents and siblings are welcome to join us from 3pm on the 17th. A full running list for the day will be sent home next week.

We are hoping to run an excursion to the Adventure Park in Geelong – they are now open, and our restrictions allow us to go. I have not been able to get hold of them yet – they are swamped with enquiries. Fingers crossed!

Coming home in hard copy this week are two notes. The first, for

all children, is a permission form for a sports day at Kirks Res. Reserve. We have hired coach Paul and others from Kelly Sports to run a day of fun activities for us. We are only charging \$5 for the day to cover the cost of the bus; the rest of the cost will be covered by a Sporting Schools grant. Please return your permission forms as soon as you can to help with our organising of the day.

The second note is for children in Grades Prep to 2. The "Glasses for Kids" program is an initiative of State School's Relief and will provide a free eye test and glasses if needed for all P – 3 kids. Please note that if you have already got glasses you can still be checked. I need to have these notes in before the end of term, although the visit is scheduled for March of next year.

Finally, we will be drawing the Secret Santa on Monday at Assembly. A note will come home in a sealed envelope to let you know who to buy for. Please don't get sucked in to any pressure from your own child to over-buy. The \$5 limit is meant to guide you towards a small token, don't go crazy!

*Have a great weekend,
Arthur Lane*