



Warrenheip Primary School Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec

Thu 17 **Graduation / Class Party / Secret Santa**

Fri 18 **Last day (optional) 1.30 finish**

Jan

Wed 27 **School Opens (teachers only)**

Fri 29 **Student testing (by appointment)**

Feb

Mon 1 **School Starts 9am (all students)**

Thought for the day

**Sometimes life is going to hit
you in the head with a brick.
Don't lose faith.**

Dear Parents and Community Members,

This newsletter is coming out a day early so that we can get some dates fixed for next year – it is highly unlikely that I will get a newsletter out next week with all the excitement, so this will have to do!

What a year this has been! The quote above is from Steve Jobs, founder of Apple, and really sums up 2020 I think. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful staff here at Warrenheip for an exceptional year of work. Teachers and support staff have all gone way above and beyond to keep everything running as smoothly as possible, even if the goal posts have kept moving. Teachers have designed and delivered home learning programs, sometimes at a moment's notice. Angela and Fiona have provided invaluable support in the classroom and beyond. Janine has dealt with a husband stuck in Sydney during lockdown and still kept everything running in the office. Ed Daly has stepped up to provide extra cleaning on top of his existing hours. We have renovated the art shed, and will hold a "Grand Opening" at some stage next year. Plans are almost complete for the

school review in February, and the diary is quickly filling up with excursions, sports and incursions. Phew! We are all looking forward to a good break at the end of next week.

A few notices before the end. First, I am sending home two flyers in hard copy this week for instrumental music lessons. Both Tim and Jess have taught here privately and are both fabulous musicians. Please contact them if you would like your child to experience the benefits of learning a musical instrument.

Also in hard copy is a flyer explaining the program for next Thursday. It's going to be a great day and I hope that our graduating class will enjoy their send-off. The whole day will be video recorded and uploaded to the school website on a special graduation page so that the whole family can see the ceremony over the Christmas break. Lunch on Thursday will be provided at school – kids are being asked to choose between burgers and nuggets (veggie option available). Please be aware that as we can now invite you all to come on site, we will hold our usual Santa visit at 3pm on Thursday before we finish up for the year at 3.30.

There will be staff at school on Friday for those who have to work and don't have childcare available. Attendees on Friday will be helping to clean up after the graduation / party. School will close on Friday at 1.30pm.

School reports are being finished off as we speak, and they will be emailed out to you all at the end of next week. If anyone particularly needs a hard copy of your child's report please let me know.

Finally, some notices for the new year. School officially opens again in January the day after Australia Day; Wednesday 27th Jan. This will be a pupil free day, as will Thursday 28th Jan. On Friday 29th we will be inviting individual children or small groups to attend for a short time if possible so that we can conduct initial assessments to establish where everyone is at. We will notify you if your child is needed at school on the day. Apart from that all children will start school at Warrenheip on Monday 1st February 2021.

*Have a very merry Christmas
and a happy New Year,*

Arthur Lane