



## Warrenheip Primary School Newsletter

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### September

Thu 19 \*\* Swim and Gym 11am – 1pm \*\*

Fri 20 End of term 2.30pm finish

#### October

Mon 7 Start term 4 - 9.00am

Thu 10 Preparation for Puberty (5/6)

Mon 14 School Council meeting 6pm

Wed 16 School Ready transition program starts

Thu 17 Preparation for Puberty (5/6)

Sat 19 Op Shop Ball (Warrenheip Hall)

### ? Weekly Puzzle ?

A cowboy rode into town on Friday. He stayed in town for three days and rode back out on Friday. How is this possible?

Last week's winner: The answer was Jimmy, but in all the excitement over the answer I didn't make a note of the winning entries. Well done to everyone who had a go!

*Dear Parents and Community Members,*

Welcome to the penultimate newsletter for Term 3. Today the excitement is all about footy colours day, raising money for cancer charities and the building excitement of the Parents Vs Kids match this evening. The oval is still quite soft so I expect that there will be some very muddy people by the end of the match. Next year we are planning to have a plumber look at the drainage of the school grounds to see if we can fix that up a bit in the future.

Next week is the last week of term 3 so please don't forget that school will finish at 2.30pm on Friday. As well as that the times for the swim and gym program have changed, with swimming next week from 11am to 11.45am and then the gym session from 12pm to 1pm as normal.

Many thanks to the grade 4 – 6 parents who have already returned their camp notes. It is really helpful to us to have the notes back as soon as possible,

even if we have to wait a few weeks for payment!

Next term will be quite a busy time for us as usual and we are already filling up the calendar with important events. One key event early next term is for children in grades 5 and 6 who will be participating in the "Catching On" program (more commonly known as Preparation for Puberty). The program will be delivered by a community health nurse with an extensive experience doing this program in schools over many years. This topic is part of the Victorian Curriculum and there is heaps of information about it on the Department's website. I also have some additional information at school which explains the importance of this topic in a young person's life. I am very happy indeed to chat to any parent who has a concern about the Catching On program.

The program will be delivered over 2 weeks, with 2 sessions on each day, so it will be 4 sessions in total. You need to be aware of the program so that you can be prepared if your child should

come home wanting to discuss what they have learned.

On the second day of the program, before she starts the grade 5/6 sessions, Cynthia will be inviting the Grade 4 students to participate in an additional one hour session where she will cover topics around protective behaviours and personal space. We feel that this would be a good fit and a great opportunity for the younger students in grade 4 to be able to share in the messages around personal safety, without making them deal with the more mature content in the puberty education classes.

There are a couple of school holiday community notices attached to this newsletter, but no permission forms (!) I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible tonight at the footy match and BBQ tea.

*Have a great weekend,  
Arthur Lane*