

Dear Parents and Community Members,

This is the last newsletter for term three and it certainly seems like the kids are ready for a bit of a break. Term 3 always takes it out of them, especially the younger ones with Swim and Gym, so I hope that everyone gets a chance to unwind over the next 2 weeks.

Last Friday some of our children were out for all or part of the day at the Sovereign division athletic sports event well done to Abby, Aiden and Lena for representing Warrenheip Primary School at this event. To achieve this level of participation puts you in the top 10 for the whole of Ballarat and much of the surrounding area so that is a fantastic result! Well done!

Also last Friday, we had our annual and much anticipated Footy Colours day. It was great to see all the teams represented at the parade first thing in the morning. We had a really good footy themed day which included a visit from the Bulldogs Read program people who took the kids for an afternoon of footy games, skills and fun.

After school we had the Parent's Vs. Kids annual grudge match. The children did a wonderful performance before the match started, and it managed to stay dry for the evening. In another contested game, hotly the parents were the winning team on the night, with a 2 point lead. There were some rumblings about the tribunal having to impose a handicap rule or two for next year. In the meantime it was really great to see everyone there and enjoying themselves.

Next term we will be looking forward to the preparation for puberty course in the grade 5/6 class. We will be having a few sessions more of Lacrosse, once again run by the irrepressible Tasi! We have been successful in getting a sporting schools grant for term 4 and we will be trying out bowls with that grant – their Junior Jack Attack program looks fabulous.

The grade 2 kids will be joining other schools for the Sovereign Hill one day costumed school experience. We will of course be running our Prep transition program through the term. The Op Shop ball is at the end of week 2 and I hope to see you there. Some of the grade 5 and 6 kids will be away for 2 weeks on Somers camp, and Mrs Collins and I will have all the 4 - 6children with us for cluster camp at the beginning of November.

There is a pupil free day on Monday 11th November next term to make a long weekend with Ballarat Show day.

Finally, as we are a sun smart school I must remind everyone that hats will be required next term for all children who wish to play outside. Please make sure that your child's hat has their name in it as lost hats which are unnamed cannot easily be returned to the owner!

I hope that you all have a great school holiday and manage to take a break at some point. See you all next term!

Have a great holiday, Arthur Lane