



Warrenheip Primary School Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

December

Mon	9	Adventure Park excursion
Tue	10	State-wide transition day
Thu	12	Graduation
Mon	16	Regent Cinema excursion
Thu	19	End of year celebration day
Thu	19	School Council meeting 3.30pm
Fri	20	End of Term 4: 1.30pm finish

? Weekly Puzzle ?

Question: A snail is at the bottom of a ten metre well. He climbs three metres per day, but at night he slips back two metres. How long will it take him to get out of the well?

Last week's winner: Well done Harvey, the answer was 'Yes!'

Dear Parents and Community Members,

We chose our Secret Santa on Monday of this week. I have been reminding the children all week that they mustn't give away who they have to buy for. We love holding a Secret Santa at the end of the year – it is one of the things that we feel pulls us together as a community. I also spoke to the children about what to do if your child doesn't get along so well with the person they picked – we see this as an opportunity to learn a lesson about generosity and kindness. 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, rather than getting into a 'toy wars'. The Secret Santa box is just inside the front door of the school, when you're ready to go!

We've had a Christmassy kind of week this week. I have discovered how to say "Merry Christmas" in a number of foreign languages, and have found out about several new Christmas customs from around the world. In music we've been practising for the arrival of the man himself on Thursday 19th at around 3pm

– we are planning to sing him a couple of carols and you are very welcome to join us then.

Some of you will already know, but our Business Manager Alishia O'Connor was recently successful in applying for the Business Manager position at Creswick primary school. We are very pleased for Alishia as this is a big step up for her, but it has left us needing a replacement. If you are in the school either next Thursday or the one after please drop in to say Hi to Janine Schulze, who is replacing Alishia in the office from 2020. Janine currently works in the office at Mt Pleasant PS and we are really pleased to have her joining our team next year.

I am in the final stages of planning the school improvement plan for next year as well as the budget. It looks very much as though student wellbeing will be a particular focus for us with whole school programs planned, grade specific programs being booked and a small group program being looked at for possible inclusion. We understand that our students will simply not learn at all unless they are in a good space mentally, and the surveys, anecdotal evidence and

observations from the class and the yard all lead us to believe that this is something that we need to work on. You will doubtless see more about this as we move in to next year. Speaking of which we will be in review again next year, which is a lot of work for us all but which we will be concentrating on early in the year.

Next week on Tuesday we have the State-wide Transition day and children will be in their new grades for the morning. On Thursday night next week we say an official 'farewell' to our graduating Grade 6 class, which is always an emotional night! Please don't forget your permission forms for the movies the week after, and also note that next week's hot lunch is a freebie to thank you all for supporting this fundraising effort through the year.

Finally, don't forget that we are off to the Adventure park on Monday. Be at school by 8.15am please ready for an 8.30 departure. We should return by 3.30 as normal.

*Have a great weekend,
Arthur Lane*