



Warranwood Primary School CONNECTIONS

Prep News and Information - Term 3 2017

WELCOME BACK!!

Welcome back everyone! We hope you are ready for another exciting term of learning and having fun. This term we will incorporate some different approaches to our learning in preparation for Junior School. We will be continuing with our Discovery Learning but will also incorporate more structured rotational literacy and maths activities. All students will be encouraged to become more independent learners and will experience working with lots of different students outside of their normal friendship groups and in many different learning activities.

THE CLASSROOM

Our whole school River of Voices unit last term allowed students to look at the history of our local area and how things have changed over time. This term we will use this knowledge as inspiration for some more exciting activities with our Artist In Residence (Rob) and Jeenah in the Art room.

We will also continue to explore in more detail our local area by looking at the roles and responsibilities of different people within our community including the important role that we as individuals have.

All students are already excited about exploring the literacy genre of Fairytales and soon they will get the chance to go to a Fairytale Ball!!!



Happy 100 Days to us!

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION

On Thursday, August 3 2017 we will celebrate the milestone achievement of 100 days at school. The Prep students will have breakfast at school and a special treat for lunch. During the day we will have a variety of activities for the students to participate in and at the end of the day we will be having some special entertainment. As this day forms part of our whole-school camping program, the students will remain at school until 5:45 pm. Parent help on the day will be limited to our Class Representatives. Information regarding the day has already been sent home via your child's communication pocket. Let the count down begin!!! 😊

INDEPENDENCE

A huge part of coming to school for our Prep students is learning to be independent. The Prep year is a very important time to establish independence skills and it is our responsibility as parents and teachers to help the students achieve this.

One way you can help your child achieve more independence at school is through verbal reminders, praise and positive reinforcement – allow them to complete their morning tasks on their own (such as changing their take home book and putting their lunch orders and communication pouches in the tubs). Giving your child small tasks at home that help the family will also improve their independence at school.

Becoming independent is something all children need to learn and with your help and ours, the students will be ready for a successful future.

PORTFOLIOS

Thank you to everyone who has returned their child's portfolio. It was great to read all of the encouraging and heartfelt comments about your child's progress. It makes the students feel very proud of their work and encourages them to continue to try to do their best.

If you have not returned your child's portfolio please do so as soon as possible so we can include their fantastic pieces of work from this term.

PARENT HELPERS

Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered their time helping in the classroom. We are very grateful for any assistance parents are able to offer as it makes a huge difference to the classroom program. As we are introducing rotational activities this term, some parent helpers will be allocated a specific group to work with so it is important to let the teacher know ahead of time if you are unable to assist. Our classroom helpers' rosters are displayed on our windows so if you would like to add your name this term please check the times available and see your child's teacher. If you are unable to help on a regular basis but find time to pop in every now and then please talk to the classroom teacher. Again, thank you so much for your help in the classroom. We know your children love having you be a part of their day at school.

CONNECT GROUPS

We look forward to more Connect Group sessions this term providing the students with different activities ranging from cooperative learning and role plays to drawing and creative construction encompassing our R-U-In values.

We find these sessions an excellent way for our Prep students to establish relationships with the Year 1 students, some of whom will be in their Year 1/2 class next year. Connect Groups are all about making connections across the school. The connect group highlight for this term will be our whole school Alien maths day – it will be out of this world!





TAKE HOME READERS

As the students continue reading throughout the term we ask that you record the books they read in their reading diary. This ensures that you are not continuing to read the same book over and over and provides a record of consistent reading. Remember that if your child wants to re-read a book or does not get around to reading it that night it is OK to keep it for another day. Please understand that although it can be difficult to find the time, it is really important for your child's development to read with them as much as you can. It doesn't have to always be a take home reader. You can read and share books from home or the Library. If your child is tired you can read to them and encourage them to read some of the key words they are able to identify. Remember to try and make it an enjoyable experience!

TAKE HOME WORDS – SIGHT WORDS

We will be continuing to send home sight (high frequency) words this term. Please help your child to learn these words. When we are testing them they must be able to recognize the word immediately. We often test them out of order to ensure they are not rote learning their words. It is more important that your child has a solid recognition of these words than to move through them quickly so if you find your child comes home with words marked it means more practice. You might like to encourage your child to play Snap or Memory with their words or type them on the computer in Word and change the font, colour and size to maintain their interest.

JUNIOR GYM



Our Junior Gym program will be running again this term. Each Thursday the students complete rotational activities in the hall and they have a ball! This program provides some additional physical activity for the students and further develops their gross motor skills. We are lucky to have a group of Year 6s to help us run these sessions.

CANTEEN

Just a reminder, that the canteen is closed on Wednesdays for lunch orders but open during lunchtime every day for the students to purchase snacks.

Lunch orders need to be placed in the class basket at the beginning of the day. Due to our concerns about food allergies, we ask that you please discourage your children from buying snacks from the canteen for other students. Buying food for others can also cause distress for the students who are not selected by their friends to share the money.

WACKY WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday, September 6 we will be having our annual whole school Wacky Wednesday!

This is a fun market with each level holding a stall or running games. The prep stall will be lolly bags (more information to be sent home at a later date). The students can come dressed in wacky clothes and will be able to visit all the stalls and buy treats, play games and have fun. All money raised from this event will be going towards a project determined by our student SRC committee.

FOOTY DAY

As one of the great traditions at Warranwood we will be having our Footy Day on Thursday September 21 where the students come to school wearing their favourite football team clothes (football jumpers, scarves, beanies or football team colours). The students will participate in a range of football related activities throughout the day and can also enjoy a canteen lunch. Details about this special day will be given later this term.

SPRING FAIR

Our biannual Spring Fair is not far away! Our Class Reps are organizing the roster for our stall already so please have a chat with them and see what you can do to help.



TERM 3 DIARY DATES

Thursday July 27 – *Community Day*

Thursday August 3 – *100 Days of School Party (free dress)*

Friday August 4 – **CURRICULUM DAY**

Monday August 7 – *Alien Maths Day (dress up day)*

Tuesday August 15 – *Pet Incursion*

Wednesday August 16 – *Science at Steiner*

Thursday August 17 – *First Aid Incursion*

Tuesday August 29 – *Kew Traffic School Excursion*

Wednesday September 6 – *Wacky Wednesday (dress up day)*

Friday September 8 – *Rubbish Incursion*

Tuesday September 12 – *CFA incursion*

Wednesday September 13 - *Victoria Police incursion*

Wednesday September 20 – *Prep Fairy Tale Ball (dress up day)*

Thursday September 21 – *Footy Day (dress up day)*

Friday September 22
END OF TERM - 2.30pm finish