

WARRADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



4th February, 2016

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Week 1 Term 1 No. 1

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Week 2

Wednesday 10th February

Breakfast Club

Nude Food Day

Student Consent Forms Returned

Instrumental Music starts

Friday 12th February

Assembly - Host: - Student Leaders

Rec Parent welcome dinner (6-8pm)

Week 3

Monday 15th February

School Directions - 7:30pm

Tuesday 16th February

Acquaintance Night Family BBQ

(6-7:30pm)

Wednesday 17th February

Breakfast Club

Nude Food Day

Finance Committee - 7:30pm

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Tuesday 16th February

- Acquaintance Night Family BBQ

Monday 22nd February

- Governing Council - 7:30pm

REMINDERS

School Times:

Start 8:30am Students on Campus
8:50am Lessons Start
Finish 3:10pm Dismissal
3:30pm Students off Campus

Materials and Service Charges can be paid at the front office. Instalment due date is:

First Instalment - 5th March 2016

Second Instalment - 9th April 2016

Third & Final Instalment - 28th May 2016



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Department of Education and
Children's Services

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope that the holiday break was enjoyable for you and your family.

Welcome also to the many new families who have joined our school. We wish our new students and their families a happy start to their involvement with the Warradale community. New students include 38 Reception children who have just started their schooling.

Other new students include:-

Year 1 - Laylah, Layla, Thomas & Emilo

Year 2 - Amelia, Sophie, Harrison & Oliver

Year 3 - Andy, Irene, Tyson, Skye, Annabel, Aayan & Riley.

Year 4 - Josha, Aayan & Swasti

Year 5 - Daniel, Zoe & Jelveh

Year 6 - Jade, Cooper & Tosh

Year 7 - Johnny

We will be starting off the school year with 377 students which is 39 more than our starting enrolment last year.

As mentioned in the final newsletter for 2015, we have a number of new staff joining us this year. They are Maureen Davidson (Deputy Principal) Stacey Kondaris (Yr. 6/7 class), Meredith McArdle (R/1 class) and Jacinta Wade (Japanese Language). We also have a number of contract teachers continuing with us this year. They are Kylie Johnson (Yr. 2/3), Sarah Will (R/1), Ben Arthur (Yr. 3/4) and Jade Stannard (4/5). We also have a number of new support staff (SSOs) joining us this year. They include Penny Young, Rachael Connor and Kendall Fitzgerald along with our new Canteen Manager, Sarah McPherson.

We also have a new Instrumental Music teacher starting this year. Her name is Kirsty Friede. Kirsty will be teaching students involved in the instrumental music program (strings) every Wednesday. Please make yourself known to all of the new staff and welcome them to our school.

Over the holiday break we also had some considerable renovations to the administration building with a revamped reception area and foyer, a new Deputy Principal office, upgraded photocopying room and a new conference/meeting room. The OSHC service also had new flooring installed throughout their main room.

We have had a very smooth start to the new school year with an enthusiastic 'vibe' permeating across the school which is something that we all want to continue for your child's learning!

Greg Graham.

2016 Staff

Outlined below is a list of all of the staff, their roles in the school and where they can be located.

Principal: Greg Graham,

Deputy Principal: Maureen Davidson

The 2016 classes are:

Room	Year levels	Teacher
18	Rec/ Yr 1	Naomi Watkins / Sarah Will
17	Rec/ Yr 1	Marie Merchant / Sarah Will
16	Rec/ Yr 1	Vicki Garrard
15	Rec/ Yr 1	Merdith McArdle
10	Year 2/3	Kylie Johnson
9	Year 2/3	Jill Jenkinson
8	Year 2/3	Leanne Neville
7	Year 3/4	Ben Arthur
6	Year 4/5	Anne Flannery/ Jade Stannard
3	Year 4/5	Pam Madden
4	Year 4/5	Brooke Vella
11	Year 6/7	Stacey Kondaris
12	Year 6 /7	Rebecca Maddigan
14	Year 6/7	Tisha Brett

Our specialist teachers are:

Amber Dohnt (School Counsellor)

Jacinta Wade (LOTE Japanese - Room 13)

Tony Condous (PE - Gym / Hall)

Natalie Scheepers (Music - Room 1)

Our student support staff (SSO) is as follows:-

Reception /Administration Robyn Terlikowski

Finance Marcia Welsh

Urban Camp Manager Beth Morton

Learning Support & Admin Chris McDougall

Learning Support Sally Brauer

Brenda Philips

Tracey Cook

Brooke O'Connell

Penny Young

Rachael Connor

Library & Administration Michelle Bell

Grounds Person David Mills

Christian Pastoral Support Emily Dummin

ICT Technician Andrew Brokensha

OSHC Directors Brooke Bottell

Canteen Manager Sarah McPherson

Instrumental Music Kirsty Freide

Aboriginal Liaison Kendall Fitzgerald

From the Deputy Principal ...

I would like to introduce myself to the school community.

I feel so very fortunate to have been appointed as your new Deputy Principal. It is a real privilege to be part of such a positive and supportive culture that is 'Warradale'.

I look forward to working with students, parents and staff to build upon the wonderful learning that is already happening here.

I have been Deputy Principal at Richmond PS as well as Numeracy Coach and Co-ordinator at Morphett Vale PS. At both school's I've had a particular focus on student improvement and promoting numeracy within the school community. I look forward to working with you and your families in continuing this commitment at Warradale.

I am on yard duty every morning at the crossing and after school in the yard, please come and say hello!

Maureen Davidson

Maureen.Davidson499@schools.sa.edu.au

GOVERNING COUNCIL NEWS

2016 Materials and Service Charges

Your 2016 Materials & Service Charges 'package' will be sent home this week.

This package contains the following:-

- The Materials & Service Charge Invoice (white)
- A Payment Agreement Form (green)
- School Card Application (yellow) if required.

To assist with our records we ask parents/caregivers to complete the Payment Agreement Form (both sides) and return it to school with your invoice payment or school card application form. Full payment of this year's Materials and Service Charges are due on Monday 4th April.

For further information please contact the school at your earliest convenience

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Home Communication

Thursday has been identified as the specified day for our fortnightly newsletters and other whole school news or information packages.

The Newsletter is sent home electronically via your personal or family email address and is also posted on the school's website.



You are requested to supply your personal or family email address to the school. All email addresses and information will be confidential and secure. Parents can forward an email to the school indicating their consent to have their email address listed. The school's email address is written at the top of this newsletter. Alternatively you can send a written copy with your child or phone your email contact details to Robyn.

The newsletter is also posted on the mobile phone Application - *Skoolbag*.

Skoolbag - Smartphone Communication

To improve the communication links between home and school, the school has also an electronic link using your mobile phone. *Skoolbag* is a mobile phone App that the school and parents can use to communicate directly with each other. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android tablets). The App enables the school to deliver school notices, information on special events, reminder notices, school documents (such as canteen menus, the newsletter or excursion consent forms) directly to parents. There is no cost to parents in using the *Skoolbag* App. For you to access this free service you will find instructions on how to install *Skoolbag* on your Smartphone or Android device attached to this newsletter. The service is now in operation and once you install it on your mobile phone or iPad or Android Tablet, you should be able to receive school updates directly. Find out more about *Skoolbag* at www.skoolbag.com.au To help to keep you informed of the many activities occurring across the school you need to regularly check your newsletter via email or *Skoolbag* mobile phone application and/or their class communication book.

Term Planner 'Fridge' Calendar

This week your child would have received a copy of the Term Planner for this term. Please use the blank calendar to jot down any school events, class excursions or return dates as they arise. Updates to the calendar will be advertised in the newsletter each fortnight under the 'Dates to Remember' section on the front page.

School Uniform

It has been great to see students back at school dressed smartly in their Warradale uniforms. Please remember that thongs, baseball caps and jewellery (except sleepers, studs and watches) should not be worn to school. Tops with pictures or logos (except the school logo) are also not

acceptable. Denim jeans are not acceptable as school trousers. Black shorts, skirts, trousers are not permitted. Nail polish should also not be worn to school.

Student Record & Consent Form Updates

Each year the school needs to update their student records and consent forms. This week we have sent home a General Consent (blue) form for parents to complete, sign and return to school. The first is a General Consent form, which asks parent permission for your child to be involved in the following:-

1. Local excursions around our neighbourhood.
2. The use of your child's picture for newsletter and Website
3. The use of your child's picture for classroom & office displays
4. The use of your child's picture in media (i.e. local paper)
5. Home Contact information

The last day to return these forms to school is Wednesday 12th February



FAMILY PICNIC NIGHT

The annual **Family Picnic/Acquaintance Night** will be held on TUESDAY 16th of FEBRUARY where parents, students and teachers have the opportunity to meet each other and have a tour around the school.

The activities commence with a BBQ tea followed by a tour of the classrooms and other teaching spaces. Outlined below is the program for the night:

- 6:00pm to 7:00pm - BBQ Tea on the western Oval in front of the EYLC
- 7:00pm to 7:30pm - Visit classrooms and other teaching spaces, where the children can introduce their families to the staff.

7:30pm - Evening concludes.

The school will supply the BBQ meat, salads, bread & sauces.

You will need to bring along a picnic rug, and drinks (non alcoholic).

To assist with the catering can you please let us know of any special dietary requirements by Friday 12th February (to your child's teacher or Front Office.)

CANBERRA CAMP **2017**

A Canberra camp meeting for all current Year 5 and 6 students' parents will be held immediately after Acquaintance Night in Room 12 at 7:30pm. We strongly encourage all parents to attend to hear information and ask questions.



SUMMER SPORTS

Please fill in the attached registration form if your child would like to play cricket or T-ball this term. Teams registered depend on the number of forms I get back. Students who do not return their form by the due date will not be placed in a team and cannot attend training.
Maureen Davidson



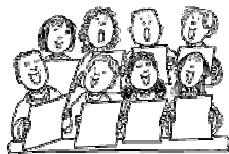
Nude Food Day

This year we will be continuing our promotion of healthy and environmentally sound lifestyles by conducting more "Nude Food Days" throughout the year. Nude Food

Days are designed to encourage people to reduce the amount of packaging and wrappers used in lunch and snack foods brought to school. Students are encouraged to bring their recess and lunch in plastic containers which can be taken home, washed and reused again. Nude Food Days will be conducted every Wednesday.

FESTIVAL CHOIR

Festival Choir is a choir held at Warradale Primary which is offered to all Year 5-7 students. Students joining Festival Choir are asked to commit from February to September and there is a cost of \$20 which includes a choir book, cd and weekly lessons from our choir trainer Lee Ching. In September, our Choir joins with choirs from across the state to perform at the Festival Theatre in a combined choir of 600 children. Students attend rehearsals in town closer to the performance date and parents can purchase tickets to watch the performance. Interested students will be asked to sign up in the next week. Please talk to your child about taking up this opportunity.



Canteen Helpers

As mentioned previously, Sarah is our new Canteen Manager and she is looking for volunteers to help out in the canteen. A 'Volunteers Wanted' form has been sent home with your child for anyone interested in helping out in the canteen during the term. If you can spare the time your help would be greatly appreciated. Simply complete the form and return it to the canteen or Front Office at your earliest convenience.



Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge starts this week for 2016. Students will be given forms by their classroom teachers this week to record the books they read by mid-September. For the young and those children who do not enjoy reading the Premier's Reading Challenge offers a great opportunity for parents to share quality time, encourage their children to read and may help them form great reading habits which could benefit them for the rest of their lives. Please show your support by encouraging and recording the books your child reads.

Resource Centre
Michelle

A Note from the Counsellor...

Hi and welcome to 2016 new families and old. I hope you all had a good rest and are ready for a great year ahead.

This term I will be spending time in each of the early year's classes learning about Kimochis (the Japanese word for feelings). This is the 3rd year I have implemented the Kimochi program- a comfortable way for young children to talk about their feelings, building self-esteem, character and confidence.

On Friday afternoons I will continue my boy's group program which is focussed on students who need to improve on a range of social skills - the focus of Term 1 is community service.

I also have a booking sheet in the Front Office for students who may like to have a chat to discuss any issues or concerns they are having at home or school.

If you have any concerns please contact me via email-

amber.dohnt391@schools.sa.edu.au

or pop into the Rainbow Room for a chat.

Amber Dohnt

A WORD FROM EMILY.....

Hello Everyone, I hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

This Semester I will be available at school on Tuesdays (12 - 3.30pm)

Wednesdays (7.30am - 2pm)



Breakfast Club begins again Week 2 on Wednesday. Feel free to stop in for breakfast and a chat. Parents, students and younger siblings are

welcome. We have all sorts of cereals, fruits, toast and eggs set up in the hall from 8.00 - 8.50am.

If you would like to get in contact with me at any time during the term you can leave a note in the PSW letterbox, make an appointment through the front office or send me an email at Emily.dummin302@sa.edu.au

I look forward to a great year with you all.

Emily Dummin

Pastoral Support Worker



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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SERVICE – SOUTH
Lawrence St, Morphett Vale SA 5162:
PO Box 350 Morphett Vale, SA 5162
Phone: 8392 3800 Fax: 8392 3899



The **Instrumental Music Service** invites 2016 **Year 5** and 6 students who would like to learn a musical instrument to attend an:

INFORMATION SESSION

Brighton Secondary School Music Centre

Wednesday Feb 10th 2016 (Week 2),

or

Wednesday Feb 17th 2016 (Week 3),

9.00 – 10.00am



Parents and prospective students are welcome. The instruments that will be offered in 2016 are:

**Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba
Electric Bass and Percussion.**

For more information or to register your interest please email Sue Asser (Hub Coordinator) at Sue.Asser329@schools.sa.edu.au or text to mobile- 0400 570 089. Please include name, Year level, school and contact details.



Beachfront hub continuing students

Continuing students will start in week 2,
Band for everyone, 8 – 9am.

Warradale Primary School
SUMMER SPORT NOMINATION FORM
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY

Dear Parent,

Warradale Primary School would like to offer its students the opportunity to play a Summer Sport in 2016. If your child is interested in playing any of the sports listed below, please tick the appropriate box. The number of sports and teams offered is dependent on the number of volunteer coaches we receive.

Practice will be after school

Matches are held:

T Ball on Saturday mornings at the Glenelg baseball grounds. Cricket on a Saturday morning at Marion Sport Centre, Sturt Rd.

NAME OF CHILD.....

DATE OF BIRTH.....**ROOM NO**.....**YEAR**.....

PARENT'S NAME.....**HOME PHONE NUMBER**.....

T-BALL

CRICKET

Please note a levy is charged for each student to cover registration of teams and supply of necessary equipment. This levy is as follows:

- **\$20.00** per student for T-Ball and Kanga Cricket
(this includes the cost of a trophy)

Coaching Support Needed

For the Sport & Recreation Committee to be able to offer these sports to all students interested, we need parent support as all sport is organised through parent involvement. The number of teams we are able to fill depends on the availability of coaches

If you are prepared to assist in providing these sporting opportunities, please indicate which of the following roles you would be prepared to undertake.

The Sports and Recreation Committee will support all parents interested by providing guidance and training support from experienced people.

PARENT'S NAME

CONTACT NO

SPORT COORDINATOR

COACH

UMPIRE

ASSIST AT TRAINING
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We look forward to your support of sporting activities in our school.

PLEASE RETURN THIS NOTICE TO SCHOOL BY Friday 12th February

Yours sincerely,
Maureen Davidson
Deputy Principal