

# WARRADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017

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Week 1 Term 1 No. 1

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

### Week 2

#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Acquaintance Night BBQ - 6:00pm to 7:30pm

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Breakfast Club starts

Student Consent Forms Returned

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Instrumental Music starts

#### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Rec Parent welcome dinner (6-8pm)

### Week 3

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February

School Directions - 7:30pm

#### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Year 6/7 Team Building Activity

Finance Committee - 7:00pm

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Breakfast Club

Year 7 Windcheater Deposit due

OSHC Meeting 6pm

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Assembly Room 3 Hosting

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

- Acquaintance Night Family BBQ

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 - 2nd March 2017  
Second Instalment - 6th April 2017  
Third & Final Instalment - 25th May 2016



Government of South Australia  
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 have 5 new students who have transferred from other schools along with our 43 Reception children who have just started their schooling.

We wish our new students and their families a happy start to their involvement with the Warradale community.

We will be starting off the school year with 371 students.

I am pleased to announce our new staff members; Natasha Pearce comes to us from Fulham North Primary School but has also taught at Roxby Downs Area School. Natasha has been teaching for over 10 Years and will be working in one of our Year 2 classes.

We also have a new part time teacher - Ms Katja Werner. Katja comes to us from the Riverland where she was teaching at Renmark North Primary School. She has also had experience working in schools overseas. Katja will be sharing the class with Anne Flannery (Room 6). Anne will be in the class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Katja will be there on Thursdays and Fridays. Katja will also be taking Science lessons for the Year 3 students in Rooms 7 & 8. I am sure that the Warradale School community will make them welcome.

Kylie Johnson has been reappointed to our school for another 12 months. Kylie will be teaching a Year 2 class and working alongside of Natasha.

Sarah Will has also returned to us and will be working in a team teaching situation with Marie Merchant and Naomi Watkins in the EYLC rooms of 17 and 18. Details of who is on staff is listed below.

We have also got 4 Final Year Student Teachers from Flinders University, working in our school this semester. They are Patrick Clarke (Room 8), Kimberley Penneck (Room 11), Kathryn Archer (Room 12) and Janine Baker (Room 14) and Steven Karagiannis (Room 17) who is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

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.**

## **2017 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 2017 classes are:

Room	Year levels	Teacher
18	Rec/ Yr 1	Naomi Watkins / Sarah Will
17	Rec/ Yr 1	Marie Merchant / Sarah Will
15	Rec/ Yr 1	Vicki Garrard
16	Rec/ Yr 1	Meredith McArdle
9	Year 2	Natasha Pearce
10	Year 2	Kylie Johnson
8	Year 3	Leanne Neville
7	Year 3	Jill Jenkinson
6	Year 4/5	Anne Flannery/ Katja Werner
3	Year 4/5	Pam Madden
4	Year 4/5	Brooke Vella
11	Year 6/7	Stacey Konidaris
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

Rachael Connor

Desi Giotas

Candia Thompson

Library & Administration              Michelle Bell

Grounds Person                          David Mills

Christian Pastoral Support              Jo Chapman

ICT Technician                              Andrew Brokensha

OSHC Director                              Brooke Bottrell

Canteen Manager                          Sarah McPherson

Instrumental Music                        Kirsty Freibe

Aboriginal Liaison                         Leticia Fortune

## **GOVERNING COUNCIL NEWS**

### **2017 Materials and Service Charges**

Your 2017 Materials & Service Charges 'package' will be sent home this week.

This package contains the following:-

- The Materials & Service Charge Invoice (white)
- Instalment Agreement Form (grey)
- School Card Application (pale orange) if required.

To assist with our records we ask parents/caregivers to complete the Instalment Agreement Form (both sides) or the School Card Application Form and return it to school otherwise full payment of this year's Materials and Service Charges are due on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> March. 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](http://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 **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February**



## **ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT**

The annual **Family Picnic/Acquaintance Night** will be held on **TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February (to your child's teacher or Front Office.)

## **SUMMER SPORTS**

Please fill in the attached registration



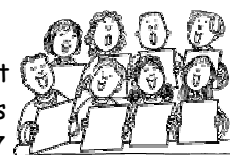
form if your child would like to play cricket. Teams registered depend on the number of forms we get back. Students who do not return their form by the due date will not be placed in a team and cannot attend training which starts on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 3.15-4.15. **Parents are required to attend all training sessions.**

At this time we **do not** have a coach for T. Ball but if you are interested in coaching a team please contact me by the 9<sup>th</sup> of February as games commence on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Maureen Davidson

## **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 \$30 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 Entertainment Centre in a combined choir. Students attend rehearsals 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**



Sara our Canteen Manager 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**



This is the fourteenth year of the Premier's Reading Challenge has been running. Over 131300 students completed the Challenge in 2016 from 704 schools in South Australia which is an outstanding achievement. Students will be given forms by their classroom teachers this week to record the books they read by September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. For the young and those children who do not enjoy reading the Premier's Reading Challenge is an important initiative that supports the State Government's commitment to improve the literacy skills of young South Australians and encourage them to enjoy reading. It also offers a great opportunity for parents to share quality time with their children and help them form great reading habits which benefit them through the rest of their lives. Please show your support by encouraging and recording the books your child reads. All information about the Challenge is on the Premier's Reading Challenge website at [www.prc.sa.edu.au](http://www.prc.sa.edu.au)  
Resource Centre  
Michelle

### **A Note from the Counsellor...**

Hi and welcome to 2017 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 building relationships through Kimochis (the Japanese word for feelings). This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Monday 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 will be involved with the Corner Church with some of the Upper Primary students on a Wednesday afternoon, Choir will be on Thursdays and Fridays I will be facilitating small groups from Years 2-7 with a focus on critical thinking.

If you have any concerns please contact me via email:

[amber.dohnt391@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:amber.dohnt391@schools.sa.edu.au)

or pop into the Rainbow Room for a chat.

Amber Dohnt

### **A WORD FROM JO.....**

"Hi Everyone,  
Welcome to 2017!  
If I am yet to meet you, my name is Jo and I work as the Pastoral Care Worker here at Warradale. I also work in the same role at Brighton High



which is lots of fun. I am a representative of the local Churches here at School to support Staff, Students + Families. I am here to be a role-model, mentor, engage with the school, the community and provide social, emotional + spiritual support. No two days really look the same for this kind of work, but I love the variety and working alongside young people.

You may see me at School events, assemblies or at Breakfast Club Wednesday mornings - feel free to come and say hi and have a chat. I will be at Warradale Wednesday's and Friday's this year. Looking forward to meeting you and your families this year at Warradale!

Jo Chapman,  
Pastoral Care Worker"

[jo.chapman@sa.edu.au](mailto:jo.chapman@sa.edu.au)

## Children's University 2017

The Children's University programme is run out of The University of Adelaide. It rewards students who take up learning opportunities outside of the classroom. Students purchase a passport and collect stamps for each learning activity they take part in. After achieving 30 or more hours of extracurricular learning they are eligible to attend a Children's University graduation ceremony at the University of Adelaide.



We are relaunching the Children's University programme here at Warradale for students in Years 5-7. There will be more information about this at an information session this Friday at 9.15 which you are welcome to attend. It is a fantastic way for students to get involved in many different learning opportunities. Some activities will run at school and there are many other public learning destinations they can visit. You can find more information on the Children's University Australia website [www.childrensuniversity.com.au](http://www.childrensuniversity.com.au)

## Community News

### **Morphettville Park Football Club**

Come and join the Roos footy family!

We need new players like you. Come and join the family friendly and inclusive club. Every player gets a game. Training Friday evenings and games on Sunday mornings.

Registration days Sunday 12th February from 1.30-3.30 pm and Friday 17th February from 5.30 -7.00 pm at the club, Denham Avenue, Morphettville.

Look for us on Facebook for more details or contact us on [mpfcmarketing@hotmail.com](mailto:mpfcmarketing@hotmail.com) or <http://www.mpscroos.com.au/>

If you want to get out on the field sooner, see details below of the pre-season program:

3rd Feb: Pre-season fitness session #2 + Bring a friend 9 aside competition - 5.30 - 7pm

10th Feb: Skills clinic & pre-season fitness - supported by our A & B grade player mentors - 5.30 - 7pm

17th Feb: Skills clinic & pre-season fitness - supported by our A & B grade player mentors - 5.30 - 7pm

Netball - Registrations are now open for 2017 Winter Season. Go to <http://www.mpscroos.com.au/netball-registration-forms/>

Trials are on Sunday, 5th February, 9:30 and Sunday, 12th February, 9:30.

Look for us on Facebook for more details or contact us on [mpnc@y7mail.com](mailto:mpnc@y7mail.com).

We look forward to seeing you

The Roos Crew.



### **Guitar Lessons at Warradale Primary School on Fridays**

Small group lessons for \$15 and individual lessons from \$25

Please contact Kym Skurray on 8296 9957



#### **HAL Covebotics**

**Would you like to learn how to build robots?**

Then we have the club for you! HAL Covebotics is a fun, hands-on club where you will create your own inventions and explore the world of technology. Kits and computers are provided for you to use in the club and your first session is free so come along and give it a try. Suitable for ages 10-15.

*Presented by Marion Library Service in conjunction with Techspace Learning*

**Saturdays during school term starting**

**Saturday 4 February,**

**1.30pm-3.30pm**

**Cove Civic Centre**

**1 Ragamuffin Drive,**

**HALLETT COVE 5158**

**T 8375 6785**

**Cost \$20 per session (your 1st session is FREE!)**

*Bookings essential, spaces limited*

[marion.sa.gov.au/libraries](http://marion.sa.gov.au/libraries)

City of Marion Libraries

HAL Covebotics



# Holdfast Partnership



(Brighton Secondary School; Brighton, Glenelg, Paringa Park, St. Leonards, and Warradale Primary Schools; Ballara Park, Baden Pattinson, Dover, Dunbar Terrace, Oaklands Estate, Seadiff Community, Somerton Park and Warradale Kindergartens)

is proud to present:

**A Masterclass for Parents of Pre-school → Year 12 Students**

**Special Guest Presenter - Dr Michael Carr-Gregg**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 6:30 – 8pm**

Followed by a Year 12 Parent Information Session

*Venue: Brighton Secondary School – Concert Hall*

Parents are sometimes left wondering "where did my lovely child go?" as they progress through adolescence, negotiating the pathway from Pre-school to Year 12.

The pressure on parent/child relationships is regularly strained. Michael Carr-Gregg has successfully worked in this field for decades. In this presentation he will offer some insights about the changing patterns in adolescence over time, how to negotiate some typical, difficult situations and things parents should consider for long term benefits.

The Holdfast Partnership (Kindergartens and Schools) have been focussing on the concepts of Struggle and Stretch in learning. This presentation aims to deliver some background on these philosophies and give parents an understanding of how to apply similar philosophies in the relationships with their children.

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is an exceptional public speaker with research-driven and engaging messages for parents and teachers alike. This presentation promises to deliver useful parenting advice for those of you with children negotiating the pathway through to Year 12.

Following Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, Tristan Kouwenhoven, Assistant Principal of Senior School at Brighton Secondary School, will provide a 30 minute overview of 2017 for parents with current Year 12 students. This will include important dates, communication with school, tools to help your child and valuable study hints.



**Profile:**

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia's highest profile adolescent and child psychologists in private practice.

He believes that the risks of the online environment can be managed and that technologies can be deployed to improve the mental health and well-being of young people. He wrote his PhD at the University of NSW on Adolescents with Cancer and named and founded CanTeen over 30 years ago with a group of young cancer patients.

He has worked as an academic, researcher, and political lobbyist. He is also the author of nine books including the best selling Princess Bitchface Syndrome and is working on his tenth.

He also sits on the Board of Smiling Mind, as well as being a Community Ambassador for Big Brothers Big Sisters and Playgroup Victoria. He has been the Treasurer of the Australian Psychological Society Committee (Melbourne Branch) for the past five years and a member of the ePsychology special interest group for the APS. He is a columnist for a number of publications including Girlfriend Magazine and the Australian Boarding Schools Association publication LightsOut.

He is the resident parenting expert on Channel 7's Sunrise as well as psychologist for the Morning Show with Neil Mitchell on Radio 3AW. He is married with two children and is a Special Patron of the Hawthorn Football Club.

**BOOKING DETAILS:**

The Brighton Secondary School Concert Hall holds 350 people.

To secure a seat please collect tickets from the Front Office at Brighton Secondary School.

There is no cost.

The tickets will be numbered and you will be asked to present your ticket on the night.

For information contact [denise.hoskin@brighton.sa.edu.au](mailto:denise.hoskin@brighton.sa.edu.au)

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 2017. If your child is interested in playing cricket, please return the form below. The number of teams offered is dependent on the number of volunteer coaches we receive.

Practice will start on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of February from 3.15 to 4.15

(Parents must attend to supervise your children)

Matches are held on a Saturday morning at Marion Sport Centre, Sturt Rd, commencing 11<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**NAME OF CHILD**.....

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

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

**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 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
<b>SPORT COORDINATOR</b>	.....	.....
<b>COACH</b>	.....	.....
<b>UMPIRE</b>	.....	.....
<b>ASSIST AT TRAINING</b>	.....	.....

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

PLEASE RETURN THIS NOTICE TO SCHOOL BY **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

Yours sincerely,  
Maureen Davidson  
Deputy Principal