

WARRADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Week 5

BOOKWEEK ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

Week 6

Mon. 26th Aug – Catch up photo day
- Life Education Van arrives
Wed. 28th Aug – Breakfast Club
Thur. 29th Aug – Kidz Biz Family Evening
- Middle School Father's
Day breakfast
Fri. 30th Aug – SCHOOL CLOSURE

Week 7

Mon. 2nd Sept – PUPIL FREE DAY
OSHC operating
Tues. 3rd Sept – OSHC Mtg 6:00pm,
Finance Mtg 6:30pm
School Directions Mtg
7:00pm
Wed. 4th Sept – Breakfast Club

REMINDERS

WUCS Gates

Following a number of concerning traffic incidents and close calls recently, we will be trialling the closure of the gates between the WUCS/Children's Centre carpark and the Eastern Oval in weeks 8-10 this term. The trial has been endorsed by our Governing Council and will evaluate the impact of directing all foot traffic in/out of the front of the school on student safety and pedestrian behaviour. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns about this trial.

Playgrounds

From this Monday 26 August (Week 6), we are changing the year levels assigned to our three playgrounds at recess and lunch times, as per below:

New Playground: R-3s

OSHC Playground: 3-7s

Rainbow Playground: 5/6/7s

Uniform

Please support our school and help us strengthen our sense of community by adhering to our school uniform policy. A school uniform promotes a sense of belonging and is a symbol of our respect for school values and each other. Leadership will be closely monitoring uniform across the school between now and the end of term and contacting families where appropriate.



Government of South Australia
Department of Education and
Children's Services

Reading to children is a great way to instill a love of reading in them. Here are five suggestions that can help make the experience of reading to your children fun, relaxing and educational:

1. Give it all your attention

For many people, the best time to read with children is at night, once they are in bed. But whatever the time, it's important to give the book and your children all of your attention. Phones and other devices with enabled notifications should be switched off. Everyone should be comfortable, and children should associate time spent being read to with enjoyment... Make reading to your child a part of the daily routine

2. Engage with the story

Children don't typically enjoy having the story stopped every few seconds for comprehension checking, so keep interruptions to a minimum.

When picking up a book again after a break, recap the story with your children ("So, where are we up to?") and let children provide the recap where possible. Share your response to a book and encouraging your children to respond to stimulate critical thinking.

3. There's no age limit

It's never too early or too late to start. The skills infants and young children develop through shared reading experiences can set them up for literacy achievement in their subsequent schooling years.

We should read to young people for as long as possible. There is no age where the benefits of being read to completely expire.

4. Pick a book you both enjoy

Select a book that interests both you and your child. Reading together is a great opportunity to share your passions while broadening your children's horizons. Don't be afraid to start reading chapter books to your children while they are still very young. The age to begin this will vary depending on your child's attention span, but it's often possible to begin this with pre-schoolers.

As long as the story isn't too complex, children love to be taken on an enjoyable journey into books that are too hard for them to read independently. It's also a good idea to take your children to the library and model how you choose interesting books for shared reading.

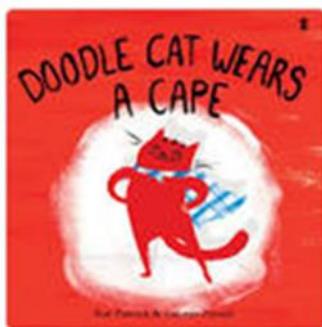
5. DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR STYLE

It's great to use expression and adopt different voices for the characters in a book, but not everyone will feel able to do this. Reading aloud provides parents with a valuable opportunity to slow down, relax and share the wonderful world of books with their children, so don't worry too much about your style!

Based on The Conversation by Margaret Kristin Merga, Paul Gardner, Saiyidi Mat Roni and Susan F Ledger, published on the ABC New website (updated 2 April 2018).



Doodle Cat can perform all kinds of superhero acts, like catching humans when they fall from trees and firing furballs at top speed. But will Doodle Cat's superpowers work when his friend is sad? Maybe he'll have to try something new. ... At tomorrow's Book Week Assembly, many staff will be wearing red and Doodle Cat capes to help celebrate. Parents and community members attending the assembly are welcome to wear red and join in the fun!



On Monday week 4, Senior Constable Helen Anderson from SA Police (SAPOL) spoke to all students and staff about road safety. Please continue to talk to your children about road safety and the importance of using designated crossings and lights wherever possible. If any members of our school community would like something clarified with regard to traffic laws and/or crossing safety, please notify Robyn at the front desk so we can forward all inquiries for a SAPOL response. Important points highlighted by Helen:



- Always stop, look, listen, think before crossing any road
- Walk between white lines at all designated crossings
- At push button crossings, only cross when man is green (must wait when man starts flashing red if you haven't yet entered the road)
- Wear a securely fitted helmet when riding bike/scooter/skateboard/skates - max two finger width between eyebrow and front of helmet and chin strap firmly fastened (you

should not be able to get two fingers between strap and chin!)

- Where a crossing is not available, walk straight across the road

SCHOOL INFORMATION

RAFFLE BOOKS - Please return by Friday 13th September!

COMMUNICATION: Some families seem to not be receiving school communication, please ensure you have the following - Skoolbag App (for notices) QKR App for all payments (including Canteen and OSHC) give your up to date email address to the school. Regularly check the Planner that is sent home each term. Please read the fortnightly newsletter as this has dates to remember and reminders.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

We will be having a catch up photo day next Monday, August 26th. for those children that missed having their photo taken.

ONLINE SAFETY- GET INFORMED & ACT

Children are constantly exposed to information, images/video and events that we as parents were never shown or knew about. With technology being an increasingly prominent part of our lives, it can seem hard to monitor and filter everything that our children see and do online. However what it can be done. It just requires a few simple steps.

1. Keep communication lines open with your child about their online activity
2. Get involved and play online with them once in a while and question them about the games they play and the habits they have online
3. Have some control over the device they use by getting informed about content filtering, parental locks and limiting time on the device

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To ensure your child is safe, it is crucial as parents that we get involved and get informed before our children make a digital footprint they wish they could forget. In the newsletter this week is a simple facts sheet about online safety and grooming from www.thinkuknow.com.au It has many more helpful insights into cyber safety and worth a look. Both PlayStation and Xbox have websites dedicated to helping parents wrestle back control of their child's gaming console. Some of the biggest concerns of late in schools are student's involvement in chatrooms and online communities via their Xbox and PlayStation consoles. These chatrooms and communities are frequented by adults that are unknown and are a place to groom children. Games like Fortnite encourage players to join online chats with players and visit mixed user communities and it is here that problems arise and where parents need to be involved with their child's online habits. The time you take now to invest in find out about their online habits and educate them will reduce the time spent trying to fix a serious online offence or get them out of an online grooming situation. I am currently investigating a parent session at Warradale Primary around online safety to further support families. Stay tuned.

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SCHOOL SPORT

Soccer News

Our after-school soccer season will soon be over and there will be no more training sessions or games after this week. Teams will play their final games this weekend on Saturday morning 24th August followed by our Presentation Day from 11.30am - 2.30pm.

Presentation Day is a fun family occasion for our soccer community, held on the school's back oval with a barbecue, parents vs children soccer games and the presentation of trophies for competition players and medals for skills players. If your child is involved in Warradale's after-school soccer program, we hope you can come along and enjoy this celebration.

Adult v Children Games:

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| U9s | 11.30am |
| U11s | 12.00pm |
| Seniors | 12.30pm |
| Skills | 12.45pm |

Presentation of trophies and medals: 1.15pm

More information has been emailed to families of soccer participants. If you have any questions, please contact Narelle at warradalesoccer@gmail.com or 0411 126 191.

TERM 4 AFTERSCHOOL SPORT

It is time to start organising our summer sports teams again for term 4. Matches will commence in October soon after school returns so please return your nomination forms by 16th September 2019.

Nomination forms will be going out to eligible classrooms in August or are available from the front office.

*We are also in need of a **Sports Co-ordinator** for both of our summer sports, please let the school know if you are interested and would like more information.*



Teams can only be registered if we have parents to coach and enough students to fill additional teams.

Thank you!

Warradale Primary School Soccer thanks our sponsors for their donations to our home game fundraising barbecues.

Balfour's Café Marion

Coles Park Holme

Complete Cafe Services

Their support helps us raise funds to purchase uniforms and equipment for our soccer program.