

WARRADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Week 1 Term 4 No 17

TERM 4 DIARY DATES:

Week 2

Arbury Park Camps Yr3-5 classes
Yr 6/7 Aquatics, Friday 25 October

Week 3

Yr 6-7 Canberra Camp

Gov. Council Committee Meetings

Monday 28 October

6pm - OSHC

6.30pm - Finance

7pm - School Directions

Governing Council Meeting

7.30pm Monday 4 November

REMINDERS

Thursday 7 Nov - Pupil Free Day

R-4 Assembly, 9am Fri 15 Nov

4-7 Assembly, 9am Fri 29 Nov

New Reception Orientation Days:

Friday 22 November

Friday 29 November

Welcome to Term 4! We have already hit the ground running this week and we look forward to an exciting term of learning, improvement and celebration ahead. We kicked off the new term with a whole-school assembly on Monday morning, and moving forward, we will continue to hold whole-school assemblies on the first and last days of each term. Year level assemblies will also take place in weeks 5 (R-4) and 7 (Yr4-7) this term. Assemblies are a great way to showcase student learning and celebrate excellence in our school community, whilst also providing students with authentic opportunities to present to an audience.

Deputy Principal Appointment

I am pleased to announce that Ms Sarah French has won our B2 Deputy Principal position for a five year tenure, commencing January 2020. Sarah is currently the Principal of Port Augusta Special School and will bring a wealth of experience and knowledge in school leadership and student support to our site. Her first visit to our school will be this coming Monday 21 October (Week 2). Jamie Meredith will continue his stellar work in the role through to the end of the year and has offered his full support with the transition process.

Website Upgrade

Next Tuesday, a photographer will visit our site to capture images for our website upgrade project. Identified students (with specific parental consent) will be snapped in a number of our key learning/outdoor spaces so we can update and enhance our school's digital presence. A representative from the Department approved website developer, EWS, will then attend our Governing Council meeting in week 4 to share a concept plan for our new website, with a view to the new platform going live by the end of this term.

Class Placement

Our 2020 class placement process has now commenced, with staff preparing to collate and analyse a range of complex learning and behavioural data to establish provisional classes. Class placement is a complex process that is based on balancing the needs of all students for optimal learning outcomes. We ask that you trust the professional judgement of our teaching staff and speak with your child's class teacher or a member of leadership if you have any questions regarding the process. Should you have any specific requests you would like considered in relation to the placement of your child, please put them in writing and provide them to Robyn at the front desk by no later than Friday 1 November (week 3).

At this stage, based on projected enrolments, we are anticipating that we will have 14 classes again in 2020, made up of both straight and composite year levels. Classes are sized according to our student-centred funding allocation, against the Department's recommended average of 26 students in R-2 and 30 in Years 3-7. If for some reason your child/ren will not be returning to Warradale Primary School next year, we kindly ask that you notify Robyn in the front office as soon as possible.

Term 4 Challenge

At our assembly on Monday morning, I talked to students about the two holiday challenges I set them all at the end of last term. The first was to read a book that they hadn't read before with someone special in their lives, and the second, to perform a random act of kindness for somebody else. It was energizing to talk with a number of students about new books they read and the people they had shared them with, as well as things they had done (unprompted) to help family, friends and community members during the break!

This term, I am encouraging all students, staff and community members to think before they act ("*stop, think, do*"). Challenging yourself with this process creates time and opportunity to "put yourself in the shoes of others", which in turn helps foster a school culture of care, respect and courtesy.

Josh Vick
Principal



2020 New Reception Transition

With regards to transition into our junior primary learning program, the following elements are now in motion for our 2020 new Reception student intake:

- Teaching and leadership staff working with all of our feeder pre-schools to share student information and collaboratively plan transition for individuals and groups
- Days scheduled (Monday, Thursday Week 2 & Wednesday Week 3 of this term) for Warradale PS staff to personally attend preschool sites to observe, interact and collaborate with children and their early childhood educators
- Warradale school transition visit days scheduled for Friday Wk 6 & Wk 7, including opportunities for parents/caregivers to meet teachers and key staff, hear from site leadership, participate in a year level assembly (9.15-9.45am Friday Wk7) and share morning tea with other new parents

Camps and excursions

A large number of our students will be involved in camps and excursions this term. Approximately 70 of our Yr 6/7 students will be travelling to Canberra in week 3, while our 3-5 classes will be involved in the experience of three action-packed days at Arbury Park next week. I would like to acknowledge the tremendous amount of time, energy and goodwill that many of our teachers and support staff commit to provide these opportunities for students and I kindly ask that you support them by returning all requested documents in a timely manner and assisting your children to follow all planning and preparation instructions provided. We look forward to all attending students, staff and parents returning safe and sound with many tales of adventure and learning.

Hats

As we enter the warmer months of the year and an associated rise in the UV index, there is an expectation that all students wear a sun safe hat (wide-brimmed or legionnaires) when outside. Students have been given a week's grace to relocate their school hats, but from the beginning of week 2, will be directed to an under-cover area if they do not have a hat for yard play and outdoor learning activities.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY NEWS

We are pleased to announce our graduates for 2019. The following students will be attending a formal graduation ceremony at Bonython Hall, The University of Adelaide on Thursday, November 14:

Chloe, Jasmin, Madison, Tahlia, Federica, Anne, Luke, Isla, Maddi, Sophia, Olivia, Maria, Alex, Annabel, Morgen, Evan, Jazmine, Bruno, Savannah, Christian, Juliet, Lucas and Ashley.

Special mention to our Year 7 students graduating for the last time as part of the Warradale program. They have achieved these hours of extra learning during their time in Children's University: Tahlia 126 hours, Tara 69 hours, Luke 107 hours, Jazmine 177 hours and Ashley 45 hours.

For the Year 5 and 6 students who intend to continue with Children's University in 2020 the program continues this term. They can continue to collect hours and bring their passports to the Library on Thursday morning to get their stamps.. A Children's University Pen Pal Club is beginning this term, giving students the opportunity to write to a student in New Zealand. Interested students have already signed up and will be able to start writing to their pen pals next week.

Congratulations to all our 2019 graduates!

QUEENSLAND HOLIDAY RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Prize Jill Hall

2nd Prize Alice Hillman

3rd Prize Danielle Mechan

4th Prize Jelena Milajevic

SPORT

Warradale Netball - Term 2 & 3 2019

Thanks to all parents, players, coaches and umpires for another great year for Warradale Netball. We are really lucky to have so many talented players in our school! This is a bit of a wrap up for the year from our Coaches, a list of our Trophy winners, and some pictures from presentation day.

- Most Improved (Netball Skills) - Georgia Douglas
- Coaches Award - Grace Woodcock (Netball Skills), July Myo (Year 4), Hazel Gagliardi (Div 4), Isobel Smith (Div 3/4), Alaina Victory (Div 2)
- Best & Fairest - Lexi Cananne (Year 4), Jessica Hele (Div 4), Jasmin Clark (Div 3/4), Tahlia Clark (Div 2)
- Lapins Leighton Award - Mayah Porter

Netball

Skills

This year we had a total of 18 Year 2's, 1's and Receptions participate in Netball skills for a total of 8 sessions. They all learnt basic skills, from various types of passes, shooting, pivoting as well as rules of netball and also positions on the court. I hope all the participants enjoyed learning about the sport of Netball and that they are able to continue improving their skills. Thank you to Natalie and Lexi for helping out each week, it was a great assistance for me and the children. **Seanna**

Year 4

What a difference a year makes. Year 4 netball had a great year this year. All players were very enthusiastic and this showed with the results they were getting on the court. They played like a team and they were all trying their very best and having fun. Their skills and knowledge of the game was growing each each. We only had 2 losses for the season and we finished top of the ladder. This bought us to play in the Grand Final against our neighboring school Brighton, our team were confident but knew it was going to be a tough game. All players tried their best and we were able to come home with the win by 1 goal. There was lots of excitement from the crowd that was their to watch. Thanks to all the Mums, Dads, Grandparents, siblings, friends and a favorite SSO (AJ - the kids loved having you their) that came to watch, it was much appreciated and the team really did play their best game of netball for the year. A special thanks to my Team Manager Sam, thanks for everything you did throughout the year. you made my job alot easier. **Seanna**

Div 4

Our Division 4 team only just found enough team members and parent helpers to commence the season. The team fought strongly through the season with regular intercepts and a strong defence. The players rotated frequently around the court throughout each game, gaining a good all-round

understanding of netball and how each position can support the other positions. With all team members attempting goals and no specialised 'goalies', our scores were consistently low. But the scores did not reflect how much the girls tried and learnt on court. Well done to the younger players who were not phased when they were occasionally up against some bigger, stronger opponents. Congratulations to the team on your achievements! **Amie & Alex**

Div 3/4

Well we have reached the end of the season and when I think back to our first few games it makes me feel very proud to see how much the girls improved. They have worked really hard to improve their footwork and ball handling skills and their overall understanding of the game has come a long way. I would like to thank the girls for bringing so much enthusiasm to our trainings and games each week. I hope you all enjoyed the season as much as I did! A BIG thank you to Nicole for being the team manager and to all the parent helpers that came out to watch, score, time and to cheer us on. The girls and I have had a great season and your support has made it all the better! I hope to see you all back again next year! Hayley

Year 7

We had a fun season, like usual, with this bunch of girls. Always entertaining and some netball played too! This team was 2nd until we had 3 games to go and, unfortunately, had a tough run home to drop out of the 1v2 game to play for the flag. Nevertheless, we are very proud of all of them and loved watching them grow over these last two terms, and for us, over the last 3-4 years as their primary school netball Coaches. We wish you all the very best in High School in 2020 and will miss you a lot! Please make sure you keep playing! Nic and Tracey

Finally, see you in 2020! Nicole

