



Warooka Schools Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 1 2018
Week commencing:
Monday 29 January 2018

DIARY DATES

February Tuesday 6 Tuesday 13 Tuesday 13 – Friday 16 Wednesday 14 – Friday 16	Acquaintance Night Governing Council AGM 7:00pm R – 5 swimming 6/7 aquatics	March Tuesday 6 Thursday 15	Sports Day Assembly 2:45pm
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From the Principal

Welcome

Welcome to the 2018 school year. I hope you have now settled in to, and are enjoying, the routines of school and preschool.

Play Is They Way programme

During the first two weeks of this term we are placing an emphasis on the five key concepts from Play Is The Way. This “is a practical methodology for teaching social and emotional learning using guided play, classroom activities and empowering language – behaviour education using wisdom, not force.”

The concepts are:

- Treat others as you would like them to treat you
- Be brave – participate to progress
- Pursue your personal best no matter who you work with
- Have reasons for the things you say and do
- It takes great strength to be sensible

Newsletter publication dates

It is our intention in 2018 for our newsletter to continue to be distributed on Thursday of the “odd” school weeks. This term, expect a newsletter on:

- 1 February (today)
- 15 February
- 1 March
- 15 March
- 29 March
- 12 April

Lunch orders

Lunch orders will again be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays this year, beginning next Tuesday, 6 February.

Sun safety

Thank you for your support in ensuring children have a broad-brimmed hat to wear outside at school.

Healthy eating

It's great to see the variety of healthy foods that students bring to school each day. We encourage them to minimise the amount of processed/packaged foods they pack, which promotes healthy eating as well as reducing waste. (It's amazing to see the number of food wrappers that make up our general waste some days.) Students are also asked to bring fruit each day to have as a snack during class time.

Computer use form

One of the forms sent home today is about using computers and other equipment at school. For Reception and Year 1 students we are not expecting students to sign the form but we would appreciate it if a parent were able to talk through the information in it to help these students understand the expectations of responsible use, and then sign it themselves before sending it back.

Kerry-Ann



Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development

Visitors , excursions & special events

Acquaintance Night BBQ

To help us all settle in to a new year, we hope to see as many families as possible at our informal BBQ next **Tuesday evening, 6 February from 6:00pm.**

The evening is a relaxed way to start the year and interact with students and staff, as well as visit classrooms. Teachers will be available from **5:30pm** if you wish to arrive earlier for a chat.

Meat, bread, sauce, plates and cutlery will be supplied. You are asked to simply bring a salad to share and something to drink (and glasses).

If you haven't returned your 'slip' indicating your attendance at the Acquaintance Night BBQ, please do so tomorrow.

Thank you to the families who have already returned their slips – and especially to those who have volunteered to cook!

Governing Council AGM

The Annual General Meeting of our Governing Council will be held at **7:00pm on Tuesday 13 February** in the staff room. An invitation is extended to **all** parents/caregivers to attend this meeting. We encourage everyone to come along to find out about what is happening with the school and preschool, and to learn more about how Governing Council works if they wish. There is no pressure to join the Governing Council.

Special thanks to all of our current members for their time and commitment to the school: Josh Harkin, Chris Hayes, Dale Hobbs, Jamie Murdoch, James Sheppard, Jasmine Swales-Smith, Adam Furbank and Charmayne Bornholm.

Our Governing Council comprises 8 elected parents of the school, as well as a person nominated by the Parents & Friends Club, a staff member and the principal. This means that we have some vacancies this year for parent members, due to some members retiring. Please consider nominating for a position if you are interested in becoming more involved.

The first meeting of the 2018 Governing Council will be held immediately following the AGM.

Water safety through swimming & aquatics

Swimming and aquatics programmes for our Reception to Year 7 students will be provided in Week 3 of this term. For the Year 6/7 class this will involve aquatics lessons at Port Vincent over three days. For the younger students, the programme will be similar to that used before last year. Students will travel to Point Turton for a swimming lesson each day from Tuesday to Friday.

We are looking forward to the exciting learning opportunities these activities will bring. Details and consent forms will be provided soon for the relevant activities for your child(ren). Please contact Kerry-Ann if you have any questions.

Finance News

“School Fees”

Governing Council has approved the “school fees” for 2018 as:

- ❖ SBP – \$180.00 per child (\$45 per term)
- ❖ R-7 - \$220.00 per student

Invoices are attached to this newsletter and fees are due to be paid by **Friday 9 March 2017.**

We are happy for parents to negotiate payment by instalments. If you wish to take up this option please contact either Carmen or Kerry-Ann as soon as possible and come in and sign a payment agreement.

Please note also that an EFTPOS facility is available here at school.

School Card Scheme

The 2018 School Card Scheme provides financial assistance towards the cost of educational expenses for school students of low-income families. It is administered by the Department for Education and Child Development.

Parents of dependent students from 4 years of age receiving full-time schooling at a government or non-government school can apply for School Card. Applicants wishing to be considered for School Card assistance must apply each year.

School Card application forms are available from the Front Office at school or online at www.sa.gov.au.



Eligibility for School Card assistance is dependent upon the combined family gross income for the 2016/2017 financial year being within the following School Card income limits:

No of your Dependent Children	2016/2017 Gross Annual School Card Income Limit	2016/2017 Gross Weekly School Card Income Limit
1	\$57 870	\$1 113
2	\$58 903	\$1 133
3	\$59 936	\$1 153
4	\$60 969	\$1 173
5	\$62 002	\$1 193
Each additional dependent child	Add \$1 033 for each dependent child	Add \$20 for each dependent child

Eligibility is not dependent on any member of the family receiving any Centrelink benefits or Family Tax Benefits but a Centrelink requirement for 2018 is that the applicant's partner's name and CRN must be included on the application forms if applicable.

Parents/Caregivers who are eligible for School Card assistance will need to come into the school as soon as possible and complete a School Card Application form.

Families experiencing financial difficulties can apply for School Card under the categories of self-employment or hardship by completing a 2018 School Card Application Form.

Please note that School Card assistance is not available for preschool children.

If you require more information regarding the School Card Scheme, please contact the **School Card Section** on a free call **1800 672 758**.

Parents & Friends

Welcome back to a new school year for 2018 and I hope everyone had a great holiday.

We are having our AGM starting at 12:00 noon for lunch on Tuesday the 6 February at the Warooka Hotel followed by a meeting at 1:00pm.

We look forward to seeing lots of new faces.

Bec Baker
Secretary

Attachments

Please find attached to this newsletter the following:

- 1) Parent Survey of Student Interest and Needs (Primary students only)
- 2) General consent
- 3) Permission Slips
- 4) Media / "Image" Consent
- 5) ICT User Agreement (Primary students only)
- 6) "School fees" invoice
- 7) Family details update
- 8) Governing Council nomination forms

