



Warooka Schools Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 1 2019

Week commencing:
Tuesday 29 January 2019

DIARY DATES

February		March	
Tuesday 5 Tuesday 12 – Friday 15 Wednesday 13 – Friday 15 Tuesday 12	Acquaintance Night 6pm R-5 swimming lessons 6/7 aquatics camp Governing Council AGM	Tuesday 5	Sports Day

From the Principal

Welcome

Welcome to the 2019 school year. There has been plenty of excitement as children have arrived at preschool and school to start a new term. We welcome back our returning students and extend a special welcome to all children and families who are starting at Warooka Schools this year.

We also welcome a new staff member, Miss Amanda Di Fiore, as our Reception / Year 1 teacher this year. I'm sure that she will be warmly welcomed by our school community. Here is a message from Amanda:



Hello and welcome to a new school year! I wanted to write and introduce myself. My name is Amanda Di Fiore, and I will be teaching in the Reception/Year 1 class this year.

Teaching is an absolute passion of mine! I am very excited to be a part of the team at Warooka Primary School. 2019 is going to be a year of fun, learning and lots of adventures. Now I thought you might like to know a bit about me.

I was born in Adelaide, South Australia and moved to the Yorke Peninsula to begin my teaching career.

I studied at Flinders University where I completed a Bachelor of Education (Primary R-7 and Special Education)/Bachelor of Disability Studies.

My goal for this year is to show students the importance and significance of learning in their everyday lives. I aim to create a positive environment where all students feel safe to express their ideas and opinions. I intend to create an engaged and positive classroom where all students are encouraged to contribute, not just by me but also by their peers. I use many different modes and activities to give every student an opportunity to be successful, including cooperative, hands-on learning, play-based activities as well as integrate interactive videos and many more. Therefore, I strive to support children on their journey to becoming lifelong learners.

I look forward to my journey at Warooka Primary School and getting to know the lovely community.

Amanda Di Fiore
Reception/ Year 1 Teacher



Belonging, Being & Becoming

During the first two weeks of this term we are placing an emphasis on developing the ideas of belonging, being and becoming with all our students.

- Belonging – to a family, community, school, class, group and team
- Being – the best version of yourself, kind, mindful and aware
- Becoming – by growing and developing not just physically, but socially, emotionally and as a learner

Through this approach we are encouraging and supporting our students to becoming lifelong

learners and thoughtful citizens who are ready and willing to meet challenges and do their best

Newsletter publication dates

It is our intention in 2019 for our newsletter to continue to be distributed on Thursday of the “odd” school weeks. This term, expect a newsletter on 31 January (today), 14 February, 28 February, 14 March, 28 March and 11 April.

Lunch orders

Lunch orders will again be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays this year. We thank Hardwicke Bay Café for providing this service. Students are asked to place their orders in tubs provided in classrooms at the start of the school day, and lunches will be delivered for the first lunch break.

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.

Have your say on school bus services in regional South Australia

If you are using the government school bus service or you have an opinion about how the services work, then you will be interested in the review of regional South Australian government school bus services. This review is looking at what options and implications there are for providing all students, regardless of whether they attend a government school or non-government school, a place on the school bus and for the bus to start making stops outside its normal route. The review is also looking at how moving the responsibility for school buses from the Department for Education to the Department for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure might make services more efficient, and how buses could be available for community use.

Have your say by providing your comments through the YourSAY website. You can make comments until 15 February 2019. Help shape the future of this important regional service which currently transports more than 14,600 students across more than 430 school bus routes across regional South Australia.

Kerry-Ann

School Based Preschool News

In the SBP we plan and program for children's learning and development using Belonging, Being and Becoming – The Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF). This framework supports and enhances children's learning as they progress through preschool and their transition to school. The EYLF consists of 5 outcomes: Children have a strong sense of identity; Children are connected with and contribute to their world; Children have a strong sense of wellbeing; Children are confident and involved learners; and Children are effective communicators.



Amy Murdoch

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, 5 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 already 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 12 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 (Chairperson), Chris Hayes (Treasurer), Dale Hobbs, Jamie Murdoch, James Sheppard (Deputy Chairperson & Secretary), Jasmine Swales-Smith, Jo Rowe and Andy Bennett (Grounds, Paula Hart & Tanya Launer.

Our Governing Council comprises 8 elected parents of the school, as well as a representative nominated by the Parents & Friends Club, a staff member and the principal. There will be at least one vacancy this year for a new parent member to join so please consider nominating for Governing Council if you are interested in becoming more involved. A nomination form is attached to the newsletter.

The first meeting of the 2019 Governing Council will be held immediately following the AGM.

Parents & Friends

Welcome back. We hope you have had a great break. We will be having our AGM on Friday 8 February at Tavern on Turton starting at 10:30am. We like to see you there. For all questions or enquires please ask me.

Bec Baker
Secretary

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 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).

Finance News

"School Fees"

Governing Council has approved the "school fees" for 2019 as:

- ❖ SBP – \$180.00 per child (\$45 per term)
- ❖ R-7 – \$225.00 per student

Invoices are attached to this newsletter and fees are due to be paid by **Friday 8 March 2019**.

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 2019 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.

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 online at www.sa.gov.au under the heading Education, Skills and Learning, or from the school office.



Eligibility for School Card assistance is dependent upon the combined family gross income for the 2017/2018 financial year being within the following School Card income limits:

No of your Dependent Children	Gross Annual School Card Income Limit	Gross Weekly School Card Income Limit
1	\$59 432	\$1 143
2	\$60 493	\$1 164
3	\$61 554	\$1 185
4	\$62 615	\$1 206
5	\$63 676	\$1 227
Each additional dependent child	Add \$1 061 for each dependent child	Add \$21 for each dependent child

Families over the School Card limits but who are experiencing financial difficulties can also apply for School Card under the categories of self-employment, hardship or changes in financial circumstances.

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**.

Attachments

Please find attached to this newsletter the following:

- 1) Parent Survey of Student Interest and Needs
- 2) General consent
- 3) Media / "Image" Consent
- 4) ICT User Agreement (Primary students only)
- 5) "School fees" invoice
- 6) Governing Council nomination forms
- 7) "What is happening on the SYP for children 0-5".

