



Warooka Schools Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 1 2020

Week commencing:

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DIARY DATES

February Tuesday 4 Tuesday 11	Acquaintance night BBQ Governing Council AGM & meeting 7:00pm	February Tuesday 11- Friday 14 Wednesday 12-Friday 14 Friday 21	R-5 Swimming 6/7 Aquatics Playcentre in Preschool
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From the Principal

Welcome

Welcome to the 2020 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 2 new staff members, Miss Rachel Snewin as our Reception / Year 1 teacher, and Miss Amelia Honner in our Year 6 / 7 class. I'm sure that these educators will be warmly welcomed by our school community.

With today's newsletter families will find a package of other documents. Please take the time to read through these carefully as they contain important information as well as some forms to keep us updated. We would appreciate prompt return of the forms but please contact the school if you have any questions.

When completing the media / image consent form please carefully consider your responses and ensure the form is filled out completely so it is clear what you do and do not give consent for. We need to be sure whether or not you consent to images appearing in our newsletter, on our Facebook page, or in other locations. If you have any questions about this then please contact Kerry-Ann or Jo.

Please note that although technical issues have meant a black and white newsletter today we do plan to bring you our news in full colour in coming weeks.

Newsletter publication

This term our newsletter will be published on Thursday of the 'odd' weeks:

30 January
13 February
27 February
12 March
26 March
9 April

If any community groups would like to have notices included then these should be forwarded to Jo by the day prior to publication.

We encourage you to receive your newsletter by email rather than as a printed copy if this is convenient for you. If you would like to use this option then please let us know your email address.

Warooka Schools Facebook page

We have our own Facebook page on which we share updates relevant to parents / caregivers of children in our preschool and school as well as community members interested in our schools. It is particularly useful to see current information in the event of a late-notice change of plans. (Although we will not rely solely on this method.) Please like our page if you would like to keep up-to-date this way.

Lunch orders

As of next week, Café Mooroooboo will be providing lunch orders on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A menu is provided with this newsletter.



If a child would like to order lunch then they will need to fill in a lunch order bag, include the required money, and place the bag in the lunch order box in their classroom as soon as they arrive at school. Lunch order bags are available from the school if needed.

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.

Bushfire support

It has been a difficult time for many communities due to recent bushfires. Everyone has had different experiences and some of you, your family or friends may have been directly affected. You are in our thoughts. Support is available for schools, students and families. Our staff have resources to help guide them through supporting students in the classroom and in the school yard. There are also resources available to parents if they need some guidance on supporting their children. For more information search for 'after a bushfire' on education.sa.gov.au.

School Sport YP Facebook page

This page will provide school sport updates for SYP SAPSASA (as well as NYP SAPSASA and Yorke Peninsula Secondary) events in 2020. Like the page if it could be helpful to you this year.

Caronavirus

SA Health has provided updated advice to us about Novel Coronavirus, which is occurring in the Hubei Province of China and has also been reported in other parts of mainland China, and several other countries, including Australia.

The updated advice is that:

- Students/children and staff who have travelled to Hubei Province in the last 14 days should not attend school and isolate themselves in their homes for 14 days after leaving Hubei Province.
- Students/children and staff who have travelled to mainland China, not including Hubei Province, are able to return to school unless they are contacts of a confirmed case, or they have symptoms consistent with the virus.
- All students and staff who have travelled to mainland China should monitor themselves

for the 14 days from their departure from mainland China for symptoms of Coronavirus.

Symptoms may include: fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, and sore throat.

The latest advice is available on the Australian Government Department of Health website:

www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov

This advice also says people should take general measures to protect against infections including:

- washing hands
- covering mouths while coughing or sneezing
- avoiding contact with wild or farm animals.

We will keep you updated if there is further specific information you need to know.

Electronic devices

If a child brings an electronic device (e.g. iPad, iPod, etc) to school we encourage them to store the device in a safe place in the classroom during the day, as negotiated with the teacher. Students are expected to be responsible for their own device as the school cannot take responsibility for any damage or loss. Devices are not to be used while at school.

Uniforms & hats

It is important for our children to protect their skin by wearing wide brimmed hats when outside. For this reason, we expect them to wear a school hat when outside during lessons and lunch breaks. Caps are not appropriate substitutes as they do not provide sufficient protection. Students will be expected to wear appropriate hats or to stay under solid shade. We appreciate parents / caregivers encouraging children to wear the expected hat.



Please also remember that our school jumper colour is red so we encourage children to wear either a school uniform jacket or jumper, or a plain red version. Other jumpers are not part of our



uniform and are not expected to be worn at school. Thank you for your support with this issue.



From time to time we have some second hand uniforms available at school at very low cost so please contact Jo in the office if these might interest you. We place only a few major uniform orders in the year and do not tend to keep many extra items on hand. If you place an order and would like to spread out the payment then please contact Jo about this. We are always happy to support families in this way.

Kerry-Ann

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, 4 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 if you wish. 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).

Please return the attached slip as soon as possible (by Monday) to indicate your attendance at the Acquaintance Night BBQ to assist us with catering. We would also appreciate any volunteer cooks!

Governing Council AGM

The Annual General Meeting of our Governing Council will be held at **7:00pm on Tuesday 11 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, James Sheppard, Chris Hayes,

Jamie Murdoch, Joanna Rowe, Andy Bennett, Nicole Redman, Steve McNeair and Paula Hart.

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. Parent members are elected for a 2-year term and as of this year's AGM there are 6 members who will complete their term. This means that they may or may not choose to again nominate to be on Governing Council. Other parents of children in our school and preschool are also welcome to nominate. Please consider nominating for a position if you are interested in becoming more involved. Forms for nomination and self-nomination are attached and should be returned to Jo at the school by Friday 7 February.

The first meeting of the 2020 Governing Council will be held immediately following the AGM.

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 with students travelling 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).

Playcentre

Playcentre in the Preschool

The next session will be held on **Friday 21 February from 9:00am – 11:00am.** All parents/caregivers of children under school age are encouraged to bring their children to this special Playcentre session, which will be held in our Preschool building.

Please come along and enjoy a morning of fun and learning with your child, and bring a piece of fruit

The following session will be held on Friday 20 March.



School Garden

The garden has grown well over summer. Thanks to Rob and Bev for keeping the water up.



Parents and Friends News

Our AGM will be at 12:00pm on 10 February at the Warooka Hotel. Please come for lunch and the meeting. We hope to see some new faces.

Finance News

'School fees'

Governing Council has approved the Materials & Services Charge ('school fees') for 2020 as:

- ❖ SBP – \$180.00 per child (\$45 per term)
- ❖ R-7 - \$230.00 per student

Invoices are attached to this newsletter and fees are due to be paid by Friday 6 March 2020.

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 at school.

School Card Scheme

The 2020 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 applications are available online using these steps:

1. Visit sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard
2. Select the type of School Card you would like to apply for and follow the prompts
3. Complete all mandatory fields
4. Once you have completed a page click on the 'NEXT' button
5. Once you have filled out all pages click the 'SUBMIT' button

You can save the form and return to complete it at another time by clicking on the 'SAVE' button.

Eligibility for School Card assistance is dependent upon the combined family gross income for the 2018/2019 financial year being within the following School Card income limits:

No of your Dependent Children	2018/2019 Gross Annual School Card Income Limit	2018/2019 Gross Weekly School Card Income Limit
1	\$60 264	\$1 159
2	\$61 340	\$1 180
3	\$62 416	\$1 201
4	\$63 492	\$1 222
5	\$64 568	\$1 243
Each additional dependent child	Add \$1 076for each dependent child	Add \$21 for each dependent child

Parents/Caregivers who are eligible for School Card assistance will need to submit an application as soon as possible. Families experiencing financial difficulties can apply for School Card under the categories of self-employment or hardship. Eligibility is not dependent on any member of the family receiving any Centrelink benefits or Family Tax Benefits.

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 (Primary students only)
- 2) General consent form
- 3) Permission Slips
- 4) Media / "Image" Consent
- 5) ICT User Agreement (Primary students only)
- 6) "School fees" invoice
- 7) Governing Council nomination forms
- 8) Acquaintance Night reply slip – for catering

Community Notice



WAROOKA NETBALL CLUB


If you are interested in playing for our club in Senior & Junior grades please contact
Paula Hart 0418 841 835 or
Kylie Pedler 0417 870 464
ASAP

TO ENTER VISIT WWW.SURFINGAUSTRALIA.COM/SURFINGSOUTHAUSTRALIA/EVENTS

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SURF JAM

BERRY BAY



SURF COMP	WHITE WATER
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U-14 BOYS & GIRLS	U-12 BOYS & GIRLS
U-16 BOYS & GIRLS	U-14 BOYS & GIRLS
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