



Warooka Schools Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 3 2017

Week commencing:

Monday 30 October

DIARY DATES

November		December	
Mon 6 – Wed 8	Year 6/7 first aid course	Fri 1	Year 7 transition day at YAS
Thur 9	Assembly hosted by YEL group 2:45pm		Playcentre in SBP
Fri 10	Playcentre in SBP	Wed 6	Governing Council meeting at Inland Sea 6:00 for 6:30pm
Tue 21	P&F meeting 12:00pm at school	Thur 7	Year 4 – 7 surf safety day
	Tuck Day	Fri 8	Year 7 transition day at YAS
	YEL session at Warooka	Mon 11	Reports home
	Claudine Buckskin visit	Tue 12	Celebration Night
		Thur 14	Year 7 Dinner
		Fri 15	End-of-term – early dismissal 2:25pm

From the Principal

Importance of play

Our Early Years Learning Framework says:

Play provides opportunities for children to learn, as they discover, create, improvise and imagine. Children's immersion in their play illustrates how play enables them to simply enjoy being.

Our statement of philosophy for our School Based Preschool also includes play:

Play-based, confidence, supportive.

These two documents describe how we facilitate learning in our preschool, and play is an important aspect of this.

Play remains an important part of learning as children grow and develop, too. The interesting ways that our students have been using the Nature Play space are just some examples of learning through play that are possible throughout the school.



Visitors , excursions & special events

Filippino Visitors

We were fortunate to have Cherry Ledesma (principal) and June Patalinhug (teacher) spend time with us last week as part of the AFFLIP (Australian Foundation for Fostering Learning in the Philippines) Learning Network visit. Through our involvement in this program we have been 'twinned' with their school, Baliok Elementary School, Talomo District, Davao City since 2014. Baliok E.S. has 959 students from Kinder to Year 6 with an average of 42 students per teacher (with no support staff). They have recently added Years 7 and 8 for a total of approximately 1 300 students. The nutritional wellbeing of their students is closely monitored, with funding used to provide lunches for 100 identified students. There are many other differences between our two schools but also similarities in what we are aiming to achieve and the goals we have for teaching and learning.

During their visit Cherry and June learned a lot (especially about teaching and learning literacy) and we also learned much from them. The biggest thing we learned was how lucky we really are and that we should appreciate what we have. Cherry and June observed lessons in each class, spent time discussing teaching and learning with teachers, and also shared games and dance with our students. We are pleased to continue our partnership with plans in place for shared ongoing learning between our schools. We were sad to say farewell on Friday but we wished our friends well .

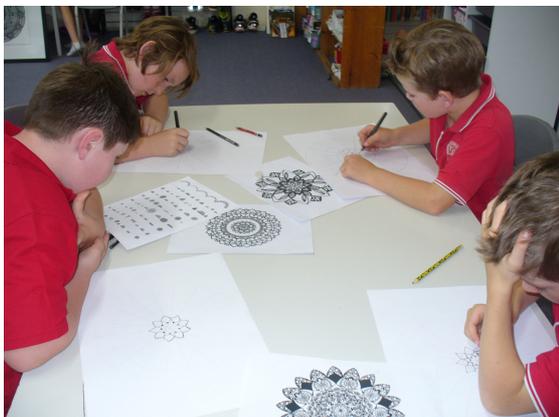
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Child Development

Mandala drawing workshops

Artist, Cathy Gray provided workshops for our students in Years 2 to 7 on Friday. We were excited by the level of engagement and high quality work produced during these sessions. We thank Cathy for spending time at our school and introducing this style of art to our students.



Celebrating all educators

Last Friday was World Teachers' Day across Australia but at our school we acknowledged all of our educators for the wonderful work they do. Special presentations of certificates were made on behalf of the school by students. Other educators are receiving their certificates this week.

Playcentre

Playcentre mornings for Term 4 at Warooka Schools in our School Based Preschool:

Friday 10 November
and
Friday 1 December

9:00 – 11:00am

Please come along and enjoy a morning of fun with your child. Bring a piece of fruit to share. All welcome.

Amy Murdoch



Year 6/7 first aid course

This course will be provided at school during part of each day on Monday to Wednesday next week. The trainer will be Sally Lightburn of Jemagras Health & Safety Training. This course aims to introduce the main areas of first aid and equip students with basic knowledge and skills to be more able to help themselves and others.

Year 4 – 7 surf safety day

Separate, more detailed information will be provided to students and their parents/caregivers about this day. Students will spend the day at Berry Bay with instructors from the Port Vincent Aquatic Centre to improve understanding of surf safety ahead of the summer holidays.

Health information

We have been made aware of a confirmed case of whooping cough at another YP school. Please refer to the attached fact sheet from the Department of Health for information on whooping cough, including symptoms, diagnosis, infectious periods and treatment. If your child presents with the described symptoms, please seek medical advice before your child returns to school or preschool. Immunisations with vaccines that protect against whooping cough are effective in reducing the likelihood of illness and complications from the disease. Children within the school community who have received the recommended number of doses of whooping cough vaccine are much less likely to become infected with the disease. If your child is not immunised, it is recommended that you contact your local doctor for more advice regarding preventative measures. The school also reminds parents/carers that they should be notifying the school of any communicable or infectious disease such as whooping cough, chicken pox, measles, rubella, influenza, gastroenteritis and head lice etc. While the school will not identify the student/s, we will notify the school community as required.

Safety information

Please become familiar with our bushfire action plan, which is attached. Warooka is **not** considered a high risk site requiring closure on days declared catastrophic (Code red) so we will **remain open** on these days. However, our bus routes are in high risk areas and **buses will not run** on these days. If needed, school staff will supervise students on site until they are collected by parents.



Book Club news

Scholastic Book Club Orders

Book Club order forms for Issue 7, 2017 were sent home in Week 1, and orders and payment are due back at school by **Monday 6 November**. We



are unable to accept any late orders so we ask that if you are planning on using the online payment system please **finalise your order before Monday 6 November**. We appreciate your support in working with this time limit. If you are paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to **Warooka Primary School**. Please note that this is our **only** Scholastic Book Club order for the term.

Jo Piller

Parent & Friends

It's that time of the year again!!

We will be having our popular raffle again this year at the Celebration Night. We are looking for donations from families to help make this work. If you could send in any non-perishable items to the school, please do so. It can be anything from books to chocolates. Thanks for your support.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 November at 12:00pm in the school admin building. We look forward to seeing you there.

Bec Baker

Attachments

Please find the following attached to this newsletter:

- Whooping Cough fact sheet
- What's Happening on the Southern Yorke Peninsula for 0 – 5 y.o.
Please note: Ready Set Go at St Columba's is actually being held on Tuesdays this term (Weeks 4, 5, 6 & 7)
- Bushfire Action Plan
- Protective practices – information for parents and caregivers
- Parent & Friends Fundraiser information sheet

