



Warradale Primary School

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From the Principal Friday 22 January 2021

We hope all students and families enjoyed a safe and restful summer holiday period. School returns this Wednesday 27 January for all students Reception to Year 7 and we are looking forward to continuing our whole school improvement journey together.

To our new students and families, especially our 66 new receptions who are about to start their primary school journey with us, we extend a very special welcome.

COVID update

In line with Health SA and Department directives, we now have a school QR code for check-in via the mySA Gov website. For those entering school buildings or attending events (eg. Acquaintance night, AGM, parent-teacher interviews), it is a requirement of entry that you scan the code. Hand sanitisation stations have also been delivered to our school - these have been placed at the front office entrance and in OSHC.

Parents/caregivers of new reception students can hand their children over to their class teacher upon arrival at school in the first week back. For all other students and families, we kindly ask for your continued support with "kiss and drop" at the front of the school. Reception teachers will walk their classes out to the Keynes Avenue gates adjacent our school crossing at the end of the school day where parents/caregivers will be able to meet their children for collection. All other inquiries and entry requests must be made by contacting our front office during school hours.

We will be recommencing whole school and year level assemblies this term, however, due to indoor space restrictions and social distancing requirements for non-school staff, we are not yet inviting parents/caregivers to attend. We will use Seesaw to keep everyone connected with assemblies and other in-school activities.

With our Department advising against the booking of any interstate travel until further notice and major Canberra Camp attractions limited to ACT residents only until at least the end of Term 2, staff are investigating intrastate alternatives for our 6/7 students. We will provide a further update to the families directly concerned as soon as possible, including any alternative camp options and payment implications.

Welcome to new staff

This year we warmly welcome a number of new staff members to Warradale. I'm sure you will make them all feel welcome and part of our school community.

Courtney Jones - Year 6/7 Teacher

Hi parents and carers, my name is Courtney Jones and I'll be teaching in Room 7. I have been a TRT at Warradale since 2019 so I already know many of the students and families. I have five years teaching experience from early years to senior school and have taught PE, Health, EALD students and Aboriginal Education. I can't wait to be a part of the full-time teaching staff at Warradale Primary School.



Mel Watt - Japanese Teacher

Hajimemashite Warradale Primary families (*pleased to meet you*)! My name is Mel Watt and I am thrilled to be here with you in what I am already feeling to be a warm and welcoming community. I have taught Japanese, as well as History, Geography and English for over 10 years in both Secondary and Primary Schools here in Adelaide. I lived in Japan for almost 2 years and have been back to visit many times. Japanese is my favourite subject to teach and I can't wait to share this passion with the students at Warradale. I have three children of my own who are 10, 7 and almost 2 who keep me very busy when I'm not teaching. Please come and say *konnichiwa* (hello) if you see me around the school.



Dylan Evans - Senior Leader & Year 6/7 Teacher

My name is Dylan and I will be the R-7 Curriculum and Pedagogy Leader at Warradale. I will also be teaching Year 6/7 in Room 6 on Thursdays and Fridays this year. I have most recently been in Whyalla as the Curriculum and Pedagogy Leader for the partnership, but I am originally from Gawler where I worked at Gawler Primary for many years. I'm a self-confessed sports fanatic who loves footy (go the Crows!), soccer and basketball. Outside of school, I love taking my two Labradors down to the beach with my wife. We are also preparing to welcome our first child into the world! Please come say hello in the first few weeks.



Yasmin Gillard - Reception Teacher

My name is Yasmin and I am very excited to be teaching Reception this year at Warradale Primary School. I am a passionate early years teacher and look forward to working closely with students, families and the school community. In 2020, I worked at Oakland Estate Kindergarten as their Early Childhood Educator and so I already know a number of our new students and families well. I live locally, so you may see me walking my dogs around the neighbourhood or having a coffee at the local shops!



Parent/Family Volunteers

At Warradale Primary School volunteers are an important part of our school community. Parents/family volunteers can get involved through:

- Classroom support (eg. reading support)
- Excursion/camp support
- Governing Council and sub-committees
- After school sport coaching/coordinating
- School sport during/after school
- Canteen support
- Library assistance

The Department for Education has strict rules regarding volunteering in schools and preschools. All volunteers must complete a *Volunteer Application and Agreement form*, and be inducted into the school. Along with these forms, volunteers also require both a *Department of Human Services (DHS) screening clearance for Working with Children (WWC)* and a *Responding to Abuse and Neglect (RAN) certificate* before commencing. To obtain a Responding to Abuse and Neglect (RAN) certificate, prospective volunteers must first visit <https://www.plink.sa.edu.au> and register as a non-departmental member to complete the necessary training. We will be providing more information shortly about our school induction sessions (approximately 30mins) that will be offered once a term across the school year. If you are interested in finding out more about volunteering in our wonderful school, please contact Sarah French on 82962678.

Save the dates: Acquaintance Night - Tuesday 9 February & AGM - Monday 22 February

Parents/caregivers will be invited to visit our school and learning spaces for an Acquaintance Night, between 5.30 and 6.30pm on Tuesday 9 February (Term 1 Week 3). Classroom and specialist teachers will be in their learning areas and available for families to introduce themselves and ask any questions they may have.

Our Governing Council's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at 6pm on Monday 22 February (Term 1 Week 5). We have four council positions up for re-election this year and would encourage anyone interested in the governance of our school to attend. Nomination slips will be available from next Wednesday.

With kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josh Vick'.

Josh Vick - Principal