



# Warradale Primary School

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## Teaching and learning update Friday 27 August 2021

### KEY DATES & REMINDERS

**Governing Council Meetings (Term 3) - 7pm 6 September (W8)**

**Senior Choir - Festival of Music - 10 September (W8)**

**Sports Day - Thursday 23 September (W10)**

**Student Enterprise Day & Casual Day - Friday 24 September (W10)**

### Book Week

This week students have engaged with a number of Book Week activities, celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators around the 2021 theme: 'Old worlds, new worlds, other worlds'. On Thursday, students dressed up as their favourite book characters, showcasing their love of books and reading.



### PAT Testing

If your child is in years 3-7, they will participate in both PAT-Reading and PAT-Mathematics testing over the next two weeks. The data from PAT assessments is used to pinpoint a student's 'location' in their learning journey then monitor their achievement levels over time. Like NAPLAN, we ask that parents talk positively about this process with their children and help them to get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast and arrive at school on time to best support their participation. Any questions, please feel free to contact PAT coordinator Dylan Evans.

## What's going on in the early years?

### Foundation/Year 1

Our foundation and year 1 classes have been focusing on nouns in grammar lessons . During phonics, the students have learned about single sounds, alternative vowels, tricky words, writing and reading. All classes have continued developing their counting strategies in Maths. The classes are progressing through the strategies at different rates, depending on the developmental needs of individual students. The Mathematics focus is on doubles, turn arounds, rainbow facts, number lines, counting on and subitising. In Science, students are focusing on earth and space science, learning about weather. In geography, students are exploring our local environment and our place in the world.

### Year 1/2

This term the Year 1 and 2 classes started the term recognising NAIDOC week with discussions around this year's theme 'Heal Country'. They have more recently celebrated 100 days at school with various learning activities, including doing 100 exercises, building with 100 lego blocks and using 100 cups to make a tower. Learning in Science has focused on the Earth's resources, how these resources are used, and observable changes in our sky and landscape.

### Year 2/3

The learning focus in Maths has been collecting data and creating tally, picture and bar graphs. In English, the class is reading the Gruffalo and we are discussing how to bring characters to life when writing a narrative story, with a focus on the characters' inside and outside traits. In History, students have begun learning about timelines and focusing on indigenous athletes past and present.

### R-3 Assembly, Friday 27 August

Rooms 15, 17 and 18 put on a fantastic show-case of learning at the R-3 assembly this week, which included a number of musical performances that had everyone in the hall moving and singing! Aboriginal leader David Booth, our Aboriginal Community Education Officer Mick and Ms K also presented awards for our NAIDOC Week art competition.

