



# Warradale Primary School

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## From the principal Thursday 24 February 2022

### TERM 1 KEY DATES & REMINDERS

**\*\*Winter Sports Nomination Forms - due Friday 25 February (Week 4)\*\***

**Canteen days are Monday, Thursday and Friday - QKR and over the counter cash sales available.  
Breakfast Club is now back every Wednesday morning before school!**

**Adelaide Cup Public Holiday - Monday 14 March (Week 7)**

**R-5 Swim Safety at Marion Outdoor Pool - Tuesday 15 March to Friday 18 March (Week 7) **\*\*rescheduled\*\*****

**NAPLAN online practice test - Thursday 24 March (Week 8)**

**Pupil Free Day - Friday 25 March (Week 8)**

**Last day of Term 1 - EARLY DISMISSAL - 2.10pm Thursday 14 April (Week 11)**

**Pupil Free Day - Monday 2 May (Term 1 Week 1)**

#### Governing Council

**Finance Committee Meeting - **\*\*ONLINE\*\*** - 6.00pm Monday 7 March (Week 6)**

**Governing Council AGM - 6.00pm Monday 21 March (Week 8)**

**Governing Council Meeting - 7.00pm Monday 21 March (Week 8)**

### COVID-19 update

Staff continue to support students to maintain personal hygiene to protect themselves and others at school, through hand washing, the provision of hand sanitizer and masks, and the limiting of cross-class interactions and extra-curricular activities. We continue to ask that parents/caregivers drop-off and pick-up their children from our Keynes Avenue entrance points where possible and to limit their time on site.

From the start of next week (week 5) we can resume day excursions/incursions (held outdoors where possible), inter-school sporting competitions, extra-curricular activities including choirs and band practice, outdoor assemblies and parent tours. Staff will continue to do meetings and professional development online where possible.

Face masks continue to be required for all adults when indoors, except when it impedes ability to teach, and are strongly encouraged for students in years 3 to 6 when indoors. Current testing, isolation and quarantine requirements remain unchanged, including classroom contacts. You will receive written notification if your child is deemed a 'classroom contact' at any stage.

### Pupil Free Days

Two pupil free days have been endorsed by our Governing Council. These days will enable intensive staff professional development and action aligned with our site improvement priorities:

**Friday 25 March (T1 W8)** - Reading: establishing consistent school approach to phonics/grammar

**Monday 2 May (T2 W1)** - Mathematics: deepening teacher pedagogical and content knowledge

Our Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) service will be available for both days - please book early if required.

## AGM

Our **Governing Council Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held **6.00pm Monday 21 March (Week 8)** in our old Resource Centre, to be immediately followed by the first meeting of the newly elected council at 7.00pm. Our 2021 Site Annual Report and 2022 Site Improvement Plan will be presented at the AGM. Nomination forms will be made available from next week, and with a number of positions vacant, we are encouraging everyone to consider it! The **Warradale Governing Council** meets twice per term on a Monday evening, commencing at 7:00pm, and work with myself and our Leadership Team to set the broad direction and vision of the site, develop and approve local policies, monitor and review the site improvement plan and be the employing authority of our OSHC. If you would like to discuss what this commitment might mean for you, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

## R-5 Swim Safety rescheduled

We received notification today from the Marion Outdoor Pool that Week 7 this term is currently the only available time for us to reschedule our Swim Safety sessions for R-5 students. While the extremely short time frame for us to prepare is less than ideal, we have accepted the offer to ensure our students have the opportunity to complete the program this year. Teaching staff have also only been notified of the plan today and we will get the information and consent paperwork out to parents/caregivers as soon as possible.

## Annual camp cycle

Our Governing Council and staff have endorsed the establishment of a consistent, annual camp cycle. The aim is to provide greater certainty to students and parents (financially and logistically), while reducing the administrative burden on school staff.

Yr6 Kangaroo Island [4 nights]

Yr4&5 Arbury Park (\*\*4/5 combined once every two years, commencing 2022\*\*) [2-3 nights]

Yr 3 Zoo Snooze or similar [overnight]

The details and exact timing of each camp are still being investigated, but KI for Year 6 students in Term 4 Week 7 this year is currently an option. The indicative cost of a 4 night KI camp is similar to previous Canberra Camp costs at approximately \$650 per student fully catered, before fundraising and other discounts.

## Student Ambassadors

All 2022 Student Ambassadors will participate in an induction session tomorrow afternoon, Friday 25 February. The induction program includes a leadership presentation and 2022 planning session.

## Winter Sports Nomination Forms due tomorrow (25 February)

★ Netball - Yr 3-6

★ Netball Skills - Rec - Yr2

★ Soccer - Age 8yrs+

★ Soccer Skills - Age 7+ (as at 01/01/2022)

## Indigenous art

Keep an eye out for some fabulous indigenous art that is popping up around our school. Our Aboriginal Community Education Officer (ACEO) Mick has been engaging student help this week to expand the piece on the corner of the Gym and I have been told he has some other exciting projects in the works! Mick's days of work at our school in 2022 are Mondays and Wednesdays.

