



Warradale Primary School

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From the principal Friday 4 February 2022

TERM 1 KEY DATES & REMINDERS

All students return to face-to-face learning - Monday 14 February (Week 3)

R-5 Swimming - Marion Outdoor Pool (Week 5) **Suspended until further notice**

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

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

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

Governing Council

Canteen Committee Meeting - **ONLINE - 9.15am Tuesday 8 February (Week 2)**

OSHC Committee Meeting - **ONLINE - 9.30am Tuesday 8 February (Week 2)**

Finance Committee Meeting - **ONLINE - 6.00pm Monday 14 February (Week 3)**

Governing Council Meeting - **ONLINE - 7.00pm Monday 21 February (Week 4)**

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)

Return to school

Well done to all students, staff and families for the patient and agile manner in which you have all negotiated the adjusted return to school. I am pleased to report that our new reception students who commenced face to face learning this week have all settled in well and are wearing our school uniform with great pride and energy! All students will recommence face-to-face learning on Monday 14 February (Week 3) - in the meantime, Year 2-6 teachers will continue to provide at home learning programs via Seesaw and we will support any students who cannot be cared for at home here at school. Year 2-6 students who attend school during this period are being supervised by Specialist Teachers, Leadership and Temporary Relief Teachers in three class/year level groups, in Rooms 3 and 4 and our old Resource Centre. Class teachers are focusing on supporting students learning at home and are not expected to deliver remote and face to face learning at the same time.

Staff movement & welcomes

We warmly welcome two new staff members to our school this year, Alex O'Reilly and Georgia Knight. We stole Alex from Glenelg Primary School where she has taught Junior Primary for the past 6 years and her experience, energy and personable nature is already proving to be a real asset to our staff and school community. Alex is teaching Year 1s in Room 16. Georgia Knight has also commenced in an on-going administrative assistant role, working with Jo and Marcia in our front office. Like Alex, Georgia comes highly recommended and has already made a significant impact with her friendly and efficient approach to what has been a very challenging start to the school year.

Paul Sawyer will be on long service leave from weeks 3-5 this term, with Dena Duthoit stepping into the Specialist Health and PE position while he is away. Dena has worked at our school for a number of years in various contract and TRT roles and also works in our Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) service on a regular basis and knows our students and school community well.



Thank you

A big thank you to selfless volunteers Richard and Heather Steer who gave up an incredible amount of their time and energy over the summer holiday break to assist with the decanting of our Resource Centre and Music Room. Thanks to their generous energy and expertise, along with the vision and hard work of our incredible teachers and SSOs, we have been able to set-up an amazing temporary resource centre, IT support hub and Music Room that will support student learning while our building project takes place this year.

Canteen & Breakfast Club

Our canteen will recommence when all students return to school on Monday 14 February (Week 3), with **2022 canteen days of operation will be Mondays, Thursday and Fridays**. We are hopeful that Breakfast Club will also be able to resume Wednesday Week 3 - with the Gym space now occupied, breakfast will be served out of the canteen with seating provided for students on the Oval.

2022 School Card scheme

Parents/caregivers will shortly receive communication regarding 2022 school fees (M&S - materials and services charges), along with information regarding the School Card scheme. School Card provides low-income families attending a government school with financial assistance for school fees - for more information go to www.sa.gov.au - school card

R-5 Swimming

While we were hopeful that we would be able to proceed with our scheduled Swim Safety sessions for all R-5 students in Week 5 this term, we have been advised this afternoon that due to current COVID restrictions, the program has been suspended state-wide until further notice. We will provide a further update regarding rescheduling and arrangements as soon as further direction is given.

Building works update

The concept for our new building project has now passed the 90% costing stage, with plans expected to be finalised and sent to the Department for review for approval in the coming weeks. The project team met on Thursday to review interior layouts and colour selections and the end result is going to be fantastic (see indicative images of admin and resource centre facades below). Our Governing Council have also approved a school-funded upgrade of our bitumen court area as an adjunct to the project, which will include new basketball/netball rings and line marking in our internal courtyard area.

