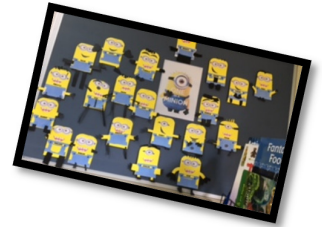




## Year 2 & 1/2W Newsletter Term 1 2017

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Werribee Primary School for another busy and fun filled year. We give a warm welcome to all our new families who have joined our school community. All of the students have settled back into school life extremely well. Classroom teachers have been focusing on establishing smooth and clear routines which as a result, the students started the school year smoothly. The students have begun to make new friends and are utilising the Year 1/2/3 playground outside in the Yard. In the shared learning space in Room 22 and 23 students are already demonstrating independent working behaviours and enthusiastically helping the teachers to finalise the classroom layout of this shared space!



### **FIRST WEEK BACK!**

What an amazing first week back at school! The week started on Wednesday where the students spent the day getting to know their new classroom teachers and playing some 'get to know you' games amongst their peers. Throughout the day, teachers and students worked together as they familiarised themselves with the new bell times across the whole school which allows the afternoon sessions to become more valuable learning time with the extension of time!

On Thursday, all the children had a special Meet and Greet with their specialist's teachers who took the children on a tour and showed them around our beautiful and refreshed specialist's areas across the school. The children were particularly impressed with the cool decorations outside the Art Room of Robbie Responsibility, Rennie Resilience and Rezzie Respect that you have to check out!

On Friday afternoon, we took the opportunity to get all the classes (2S, 2C, 2B and 1/2W) together for our first Year Level Meeting. The whole year level was able to comfortably fit in the Shared Classroom where the teachers introduced themselves and shared a story or two about themselves!

*"My name is Mr Holman and this is my first year at Werribee Primary School, and already, I am loving being here! I have an interest in Music and I might even bring my guitar along to our next year level meeting! If you ever need anything, I'll be working in this room so feel free to introduce yourself or say hello if you see me on yard duty!" - Mr Holman (2C)*

*"My name is Miss Burns and this is my second year as a Year 2 teacher. I have an interest in Art and I even worked in a Museum where I saw a Picasso painting sell for 4 million dollars! My classroom is Room 2 and I'd love for you to visit me at any time!" - Miss Burns (2B)*

*"Good afternoon all you awesome minions! I hope you had a really big rest over the school holidays and had lots of fun with your family and friends. For a few years now I have been teaching Year 3 students but I heard how fantastic the Year 1 and 2 children are this year. So I am very excited to have a Year 1/2 class and getting to know you all!" - Mrs Wembridge (1/2W)*

*"Well... you might have seen me around last year with Miss Ravenstein helping students right around the school- you might remember my name as Miss Filippin, but if you are ever stuck, you can say Mrs S! This year, I am so excited to have my own classroom again and really looking forward to creating some different spaces to suit different styles of learners in this pretty cool classroom" - Mrs Secrieru (2S)*

*In the future, all information for our families will be posted on the School Blog or Year 2 Blog*

<http://werribeeps2.global2.vic.edu.au/>

## CLASSROOM MATERIALS & PARENT HELPERS

All of the Essential Student Learning Items (Book Packs) have arrived for the students whose families arranged payments. The students are enjoying unpacking their Book Packs and creating their front covers for the different subjects they will be learning. The Year ½ Teachers have chosen a “Despicable Me/Minion” theme for our books and students are enjoying labelling and organising their materials. We would like to remind any families who have opted to purchase their own books and stationary, to ensure their child has these items by **Friday 10th of February** to ensure your child is set up for success. Any families who need a new copy of the itemised list are encouraged to go to the schools website: <http://www.werribeeps.vic.edu.au/> and select ‘Read More’ on the ‘2017 School Parent Payment’ article.

We would appreciate if your family could donate a box of tissues and a bottle of Coles Antibacterial Handwash Pump 250mL OR Woolworths Select Hand wash Antibacterial Original 250ml to share with the students in your child’s class. Please give these to the class teacher.

If you are interested in participating in the Werribee Parent & Friends Committee or the Volunteer Program, please see our school website for more information on upcoming meetings and Volunteers Training Sessions. All volunteers working in schools must have a current ‘Working with Children Check’.

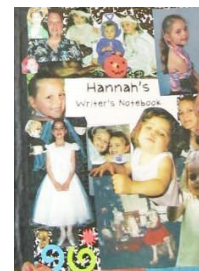
## MORNING ROUTINE

When the music at 8:50am is played, this is the time for students to come into the classroom, put down chairs, hang up their bags and change their take-home books. Parents may also wish to take the opportunity to briefly pass on information to their child’s teacher during this time. If you need more than a few minutes with your child’s classroom teacher, it is highly preferred you make an agreed time to meet. Alternatively, you can contact the Office and request to leave a voice message for the desired teacher.

## WRITER’S & READER’S NOTEBOOK

As part of our Literacy Program, the students will continue to use a Writer’s and Reader’s Notebook in 2017. The Writer’s Notebook is a notebook where your child will be able to write ideas, which will then be used as inspiration during our writing sessions. In the Reader’s Notebook, the children are able to write responses to books they have been reading and also a place to keep a list of the books they are reading. One of the first steps to introducing a successful Writer’s and Reader’s Notebook, is personalising the book with inspiring and interesting visuals/texts.

Throughout the week, we are asking your child to gather a variety of artefacts that connect and inspire your child. The artefacts can be anything that is a reflection about themselves and things that they like and may provide inspiration for their writing.



Example of Writer's Notebook

For the Reader’s Notebook, your child is to find and collect photos, pictures, words that show their interest in reading. They may wish to bring in pictures of their favourite books, or of books they may wish to read to decorate the front cover. These items will be stuck onto the front of the Writer’s and Reader’s Notebook as a collage. They will be used to personalise these books and allow your child to see how special these books will be to them.



Example of Reader's Notebook

**We would appreciate if you could please help your child to collect these important items throughout the week and to bring them to school by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of February in a plastic pocket, ready to decorate the two notebooks!**

## SPECIALISTS PROGRAM TERM 1

The Year 2 & 1/2W students will participate in a variety of specialist programs in 2017. The following timetable indicates the specialist timetable for Term 1. *\*Please be mindful that this timetable may be subject to change*

	<u>1/2 W</u> Mrs Wembridge	<u>2B</u> Miss Burns	<u>2S</u> Mrs Secieru	<u>2C</u> Mr Holman
<b>ART</b> (Art Room)	<b>Wednesday</b> Mrs Laurence	<b>Thursday</b> Mrs Laurence	<b>Wednesday</b> Mrs Laurence	<b>Thursday</b> Mrs Laurence
<b>PE</b> (Gym)	<b>Wednesday</b> Mrs Sherratt	<b>Wednesday</b> Mrs Sherratt	<b>Thursday</b> Mrs Staehr	<b>Thursday</b> Mrs Staehr
<b>MUSIC</b> (Behind Stage in Gym)	<b>Thursday</b> Mr Tooth	<b>Tuesday</b> Mr Tooth	<b>Thursday</b> Mr Tooth	<b>Wednesday</b> Mr Tooth
<b>SPANISH</b> (Room 6)	<b>Thursday</b> Mr Araya	<b>Thursday</b> Mr Araya	<b>Wednesday</b> Mr Araya	<b>Tuesday</b> Mr Araya

## HOMEWORK

It continues to be very important that daily home reading practise becomes part of your routine. You are encouraged to praise all attempts made by your child to trial new reading strategies that they have learned at



school. In addition each child will have a personal reading journal located in their "Take Home Reader" in which they will record the books which they read at home.

Commencing Week 3, all children in Year 2 & 1/2W at Werribee Primary School will be expected to complete set homework tasks.

**Set homework tasks will include:**

-Home reading: it will be expected that students change their readers daily with their Home Reading Log checked on weekly basis

- Mathletics: set tasks will be allocated weekly and for every 1000 points earned, students will earn a certificate.

<http://me.mathletics.com/en/signin/>



**BRAIN FOOD/WATER**

Students are allowed to have a pop top bottle full of water on their desk during the day. Water is very important and is needed to help the brain function effectively. They are also encouraged to bring fruit/vegetables as a 10 o'clock snack.



**HATS**

As Werribee Primary School is a SunSmart school, your child is required to wear hats when outside during the months of September to April to protect against skin cancer. *Students must not wear hats or headwear inside. The exception to this is for headwear associated with religious purposes.*

**ABSENCES**

It is important that your child is at school **every** day. Data has shown that any more than 10 days absence in one year impacts significantly on academic progress. If your child is unwell they should remain at home that day but we seek your support in ensuring regular attendance on other days. When your child is absent, please ring the school, complete the online absence form or send a note with your child when they return.

**ICT STUDENT AGREEMENTS**

Across all year levels of the school, we place a major focus on providing a safe and secure ICT teaching and learning environment. All students are reminded on a consistent basis about appropriate laptop use. Throughout our school students are aware that if they breach the guidelines that consequences will have to follow. If you can reinforce the guidelines it would be greatly appreciated. Please see attached a copy of ICT agreement that your child will sign based on the guidelines for appropriate use.



**HOCKEY INCURSION**

On Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of February, the Year ½ students will participate in a Hockey Clinic Incursion ran by the Wyndham District Hockey League. The purpose of the incursion is to promote hockey in the local area which aims to get children participating and enjoying the team sport. The Werribee Hockey Club also strives to develop and improve skills, teach children the rules of the game, develop sportsmanship and understand the importance of teamwork in a competitive game.



We encourage you to pop in and say hello if we have not yet had a chance to meet. We value the partnership between school and home so that we can support your child to be happy and achieve success in Year 2 in 2017.

Kind Regards,

Laura Secrieru (2S), Jo-anne Wembridge (1/2W), Alison Burns (2B) & Jack Holman (2C)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Across all year levels of the school, we place a major focus on providing a safe and secure ICT teaching and learning environment. All students are reminded on a consistent basis about appropriate laptop use. This letter is to inform you that your child has signed our ICT appropriate use guidelines. Throughout our school students are aware that if they breach the guidelines that consequences will have to follow.

***The agreement that your child will sign is as follows.***

**When at School I agree to:**

***Low Level guidelines***

- ❖ talk to my teacher or another adult if;
  - I need help Online
  - I feel that the safety of myself or other students at the school is being threatened
  - I come across sites which are not suitable for our school and/or someone writes something I don't like, or makes me and my friends feel uncomfortable or asks me to provide information that I know is private.
- ❖ not reveal my password to anyone except the system administrator or classroom teachers

***High Level guidelines***

- ❖ use the internet and computers at school for educational purposes only and use the equipment properly
- ❖ not attempt to log into the network with a user name or password of another student or interfere with the data of another user
- ❖ not interfere with network security
- ❖ not deliberately enter or remain in any site that has inappropriate language or content (e.g. racist material or violent images)
- ❖ abide by copyright procedures when using content on websites (ask permission to use images, text, audio and video and to cite all references where necessary, such as research)
- ❖ not use social networking sites (such as Skooville), unless for educational purposes, and only as directed by teachers
- ❖ use appropriate language when talking to and working with others online and never participate in acts of cyber bullying
- ❖ never give out personal details including full names, telephone numbers, addresses and images
- ❖ not post inappropriate material either on my laptop or on the internet
- ❖ always ask permission to take photos and use these photos responsibly
- ❖ treat the computer with respect and ensure it is shut down properly and stored safely when finished

**Consequences for breaking agreement**

**Low level**

- ❖ Student will be warned and a discussion will take place with the teacher regarding the unacceptable behaviour
- ❖ Complete inappropriate computer use task and discuss with Principal class person

**High level**

- ❖ Parental contact will be made
- ❖ Student internet privileges will cease for a negotiated period of time
- ❖ Complete inappropriate computer use task and discuss with Principal class person

If you can reinforce the guidelines it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support and cooperation. If you have questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact the school and speak to your child's class teacher directly.

Regards

Year 2 and 1/2W