FROM THE PRINCIPAL
The rain on Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning saw flooding in the area – higher than the flood in January. The flood waters came up under the school and into the sports room, music room and tuckshop. The floor coverings, which were put down after the 2011 flood, did not sustain any damage, neither did anything else in these rooms. The tennis court was covered by sand (the sand we just had replaced in our playgrounds!) and our fences are a bit worse for wear.
It was great the way our community came together and in a very short amount of time the school was cleaned up and ready for the students to attend classes. A very big thank you to everyone (school families and community members) who came and helped on Monday with this cleanup. I have included some pictures of the cleanup and also of the flooding which occurred in Warra on the weekend.
Curriculum wise, this has caused a minor disruption, but it does mean we are a bit behind in our schedule. Mathematics runs all term, and we are now starting our second English unit, which is on persuasive texts. It is important that we get the required amount of time on this topic as this is in preparation for our NAPLAN testing in May.

With mathematics, students have access to both Mathletics and StudyLadder from home. All students need is their login details from school for these sites. I encourage all students to access these sites at home for revision or consolidation of work done at school.

At the Principal's Conference the 2 initiatives of the department were released. One was the Pedagogical Framework supporting the “how” of high quality focussed explicit teaching. The other framework is on Parent and Community Engagement.

At the end of the newsletter is some information and websites you can access.

Judy Angel

ARTS COUNCIL
Arts Council was very enjoyable, with the performers giving a great show about how important it is to budget, especially for things like Christmas.
P&C MEETING
The AGM is on Thursday, 21st March, 2013 at 3.30pm. A general meeting will follow. All welcome.

TUCKSHOP
The next tuckshop is on the 5th March (Friday). Toasted sandwiches ($2.00 each) and Poppers $1.00 are on the menu.

BOOK CLUB
Book club orders are due on the 18th of March.

SCHOOLS TO ENHANCE TEACHING
By the end of 2013, our school will have developed a pedagogical framework in collaboration with the school Community. This framework is designed to ensure our school delivers high quality teaching focused on the achievement of every student.
For more information speak to our school’s administration team.

PARENT AND COMMUNITY FRAMEWORK LAUNCHED
Research tells us that students achieve more when schools, parents and the local community work together.
To this end our school will be using the newly-launched Parent and Community Engagement Framework to better work with you for the benefit of our children.
Visit the website for more information on the framework.

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