FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On Friday last week we had a special parade – to farewell Miss Mitchell (who we hope will be returning in Term 4) and to thank Mrs Morgan for cleaning our school.

We are in the last week of school and only a couple of days to go. Students will be completing school work during these days, so it is important that they attend up to and including Friday.

On Monday, Ms Siddins organised and the students participated in a Jump Off for Jump Rope for Heart which, thanks to parents and grandparents, went very well. The skipping displays by the students were impressive. Also, students in Year 5 presented a display on an artefact from a point in history.

All assessments are now completed, ready for report cards tomorrow afternoon. Interviews are in the first week of school (8 July – 12 July).

Friday will proceed as normal, with English and Maths, but we will have an alternative program in the afternoon, possibly sports or a video.

The curriculum, starting next term will entail:
English – Continuation of unit 4 - P-7 students listen to, read and view informative and imaginative texts and biographies about Australia.
Maths – Unit 3 & 4 (Number and place value; Time; Number and algebra; Location; Patterns and Algebra)
Science – The Earth and Us
P–2 students will use sensory experiences to explore familiar phenomena, including weather and daily and seasonal changes.

3-4 Rockin’ the Earth and Sky

In this unit students will demonstrate their knowledge of the Earth's rotation on its axis in relation to the position of the Sun to explain how day and night is made.

5-7 Earth and Beyond
In this unit student will explore the place of Earth in the solar system and then use this knowledge to look for patterns and relationships between components of this system. They explore predictable phenomena such as eclipses, tides, phases of the Moon and the seasons.

Have a happy and safe holiday and remember – the first day of school is on Monday, 8th July.

Judy Angel

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations go to Annabelle Taylor, who has been awarded Student of the Week. Congratulations also to the following children who have received awards.
School Rule awards:  
- Respect for Yourself – Kati Wright  
- Respect for Each Other – Michael Wright
ENROL FOR PREP 2014

PREP ENROLMENTS
Warra State School is now taking enrolments for Prep 2014. If your child turns 5 by June 30th, 2014, they are eligible to commence Prep next year.

If your child is born between 1st July 2008 and 30th June 2009, please drop into our office to collect an enrolment pack. Also, please contact the school for an interview time. Enrolment forms need to be completed and given to the school plus the interview needs to be conducted BEFORE your child can commence Prep. The school needs to sight the original birth certificate of the child being enrolled, plus take a copy to complete the process.

For the next 2 terms (Term 3 and 4), a Pre-prep program will be operating for those students who are enrolled for 2014, one day a week. A day has yet to be decided. More information will be in later newsletters.

P&C MEETING
The next P & C meeting is on the 24th July. See you there!

TUCKSHOP
Tuckshop on Friday will be Roast Beef and Gravy Rolls $3.00 and juice $1.00. Can’t wait!

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Students wishing to take the challenge can register individually on the website. The reading period runs 14 May to 6 September. For more information visit the Premier’s

REPORT CARDS
Here are 5 ideas for parents to think about before reading their child’s report:

1. Look for strengths first. Focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.

2. Take into account your child’s effort and attitude to learning. If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then they have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.

3. Broaden focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child’s progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence their happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his/her future.

4. Take note of student’s self-assessment. Children are generally honest and will usually give a realistic assessment of their progress.

5. Discuss the report with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. You should ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
Thank you to all of the students for their efforts over the past few weeks with skipping. They performed a fabulous skipping demonstration on Monday. Every student should be proud of the excellent display they put on for the parents. Mrs Mandy Taylor receives a special mention for her awesome attempt at double dutch. Our students ended up raising over $200, which is a great effort for a school our size.

http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge
SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT
The school Annual Report (2012) is now published on the website. (www.warrass.eq.edu.au) – go to the lower right hand side, under Annual report and click download. The school report covers information such as our school at a glance, staff profile and performance of students.

KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL THIS HOLIDAY
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in your school. If you see anything suspicious call the School Watch on 13 17 88. The School Watch Program is a partnership between the department and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in schools. Call the School Security Program on 3237 0874 for more info.

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RIDDLE ANSWERS
1. He’s still living.
2. A teapot.
3. 18: 3 in ‘the’, 7 in ‘English’ and 8 in ‘alphabet’.
4. All of them.