FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are completing our English unit this week and starting traditional stories/narratives next week. Students have already had discussions and reviewed dancing regarding locomotor and non locomotor movements, watching some very interesting dance moves in Dancing With The Stars! We have begun our decorations/cards work for Technology, with students asked to bring in party decorations or old cards from home if available. Tomorrow will be the Cobb and Co excursion with students and staff departing early in the morning to attend the museum. Miss Siddins and Mrs Hauff will be attending the excursion. I hope they have a good time and learn lots!

Judy Angel

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations go to Kati Wright, who has been awarded Student of the Week.

BOOK CLUB

Order forms for Issue 5 have been given out. Please return orders with payment by Monday 22 July.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEYS

The School Opinion Surveys (Parent/Caregiver, Student, Staff and Principal Surveys) will occur in the week beginning 22 July, 2013. We ask that you return the surveys by the 29th July.

Each year, Education Queensland undertakes a survey of parents/caregivers, students and staff to gauge their satisfaction with important aspects of schooling. You have been selected to participate in this survey, and I hope you will take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire either online or using the paper form provided. Later in the year, the school will receive a report outlining the results of the survey for our school. The results will help the school to evaluate and to reflect on how well the school is going, and to identify areas for future development. The survey results are also an important part of the school’s annual report. For these reasons, I hope you will complete the questionnaire and help make the school a better place for your child(ren).

Your response is completely confidential. When you complete the paper form, the confidentiality envelope will remain sealed and forwarded to an external contractor where your responses will be scanned and the school’s data forwarded to the central office of the Department of Education, Training and Employment for analysis. The information that you provide will not be reported in ways that would allow you to be identified.

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 Prep in 2014, one afternoon a week. This is to begin on the 15th August. The program will run from 1.30 – 3.00pm each Thursday for Term 3 and 4.

P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting is on the 25th July. (Thursday at 3.30pm) Sorry, the incorrect date was published last week. See you there!

The P&C are collecting recipes in order to print a recipe book for the school. All members of the community are invited to submit recipes. They can be handed directly to the school, any member of the school or emailed to sharee_ben@bigpond.com. All recipes need to be received by 31st August.

FINAL PHASE OF THE DANIEL MORCOMBE CHILD SAFETY CURRICULUM NOW AVAILABLE

The Department of Education, Training and Employment has released the Years 7 – 9 (Junior Secondary) phase of the Daniel Morcombe child safety curriculum.
This is the third and final phase, completing the suite of lesson plans available for Queensland schools in all year levels from Prep to Year 9.

The lessons have been developed by a high-level government working group including Queensland child safety ambassadors Bruce and Denise Morcombe to develop students’ personal safety and awareness including cyber and phone safety.


INTERMITTANT NIGHT TIME LANE CLOSURES ON TOOWOOMBA RANGE

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) advises that intermittent, night time lane closures will occur on the Toowoomba Range section of the Warrego Highway as construction work ramps up.

Lane closures and intermittent traffic stoppages during night works, on both the eastbound and westbound carriageways, will occur from 7pm throughout the night for the next few months.

Night time traffic could be stopped for up to 10 minutes while contractors undertake high-risk construction activities such as clearing large trees, cutting back steep batters and trenching works across the roadway.

Motorists are reminded that speed limits have been reduced to 40km/h around construction sites and that there will be increased truck activity on the Range around site entry and exit gates.

Wide vehicle restrictions

Operators of wide vehicles are also reminded that restrictions apply at night from 6pm to 6am.

Operators are asked to call ahead to the onsite contact during business hours to check conditions.

Full conditions and contact details are listed on the TMR Wide Load Permit Database.

The following general conditions apply between 6pm and 6am:

- **eastbound** – wide load vehicles with a ground contact width **wider than 3m** and an overall width of wider than 5m must check conditions prior to travel.
- **westbound** – wide load vehicles with a ground contact width **wider than 2.5m** and an overall width of wider than 3m must check conditions prior to travel.

TMR has engaged Seymour Whyte Constructions to undertake a safety upgrade of the Toowoomba Range. Works began in April this year and will be completed by March 2014.

These works are being delivered through Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA), a federal-state initiative. Under NDRRA, the Australian Government provides 75% of the funding, with 25% from the Queensland Government.

For up-to-date information on changed traffic conditions visit [www.131940.qld.gov.au](http://www.131940.qld.gov.au) or call 13 19 40.

For more information about flood-related roadworks in the Darling Downs region, phone 1800 063 397 during business hours, or email reconstruct_darlingdowns@tmr.qld.gov.au.

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