FROM THE PRINCIPAL

During the week, I have had a number of queries regarding enrolment at Warra for 2014. This is great news for the school as the more students we get, the greater chance for school sustainability.

We had a new enrolment today (Year 7) and hopefully more in Term 4, although these were just queries at the moment.

Next year, along with our preps, there are two new students who will be attending.

Yesterday I had to attend a cluster meeting. We discussed a number of items including our Pedagogical Framework, Coaching and feedback sessions and Junior Secondary Year 7 transition.

All present shared pedagogical practices, such as what we were doing for warmups, WALT (We are Learning To), WILF (What I Am Looking For) and TIB (This is Because) and any other drills/teaching in the classroom.

Our pre prep program is running smoothly with Emma learning the letters in her name and how to write them, along with other fun learning activities, supervised by Mrs Hauff and Ms Siddins.

Next Friday we are having a “Go Green for Bilbies” Day. Students will be asked to wear green (other than their uniform) to support this cause. Hopefully we will receive our Bilby goodies for the day. Also, if all could bring something green to share for morning tea (eg granny smith apples, kiwi fruit, celery, cucumber, avocado) it would be appreciated.

Judy Angel

DISTRICT ATHELETICS – JANDOWAE

TUCKSHOP
Tuckshop is tomorrow – lunch time. On the menu is hotdogs $3.00 and juice $1.00.
A father’s day stall will also be run tomorrow, with presents being able to be purchased at a cost of $6.00 each.

BOOK CLUB
Please return orders by Friday 30 August (tomorrow).
TENNIS
Tennis has 3 weeks to go this term. Next term, we will be having tennis for 9 weeks, starting the first week and finishing on the 4th December. The cost is still $7.00 per child per lesson. If you do not want your child to participate, please let the school know. Tennis will be reviewed for next year at the last P&C meeting.

HELP US WIN A $20000 STAFF ROOM MAKEOVER
Thanks to QT Mutual Bank we have the chance to win a $20,000 staffroom makeover as part of their “Staffroom for Improvement” competition.
The prize is a complete makeover of our school’s main staffroom and even better is the chance for individual voters to win one of five $1,000 QTMB bank accounts. The winning school will be the one with the most votes weighted against the number of students, so any school, small or large has an equal chance to win. We need as much support from our local school community as possible.
Simply visit www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au to read the terms and conditions and register your interest today. The competition kicks off on 28 August (yesterday) so spread the word and get as many people as possible to vote for our school.

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.

P&C
The special meeting scheduled for this afternoon has been cancelled.
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. We have not received very many recipes. If you have a favourite to share, please give them to the school or email them through. All recipes need to be received by 31st August.

LAST CHANCE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE QUEENSLAND PLAN
If you’ve thought about the opportunities and careers you would like your kids to have in the future but haven’t responded to The Queensland Plan yet this week is your last chance.
Thinking about where you want our community to be in 30 years’ time can be a fun challenge. Our students will be in the workforce and some of us will be retired but what do we hope Queensland will be like then?
Visit www.queenslandplan.qld.gov.au and answer one, some or all six questions by 30 August to share your views and help guide the state’s future.

JOKES
What did the grape say when the elephant stepped on it? Nothing. It just let out a little wine.
What do you call a camel with no hump? Humphrey.
Why is Cinderella no good at sports? Because her coach is a pumpkin, and she is always running away from the ball!
There are two cows in a paddock. One says to the other "Moooooooo". The other says, "Oh, I was going to say that!".
What do you call a chicken crossing the road? Poultry in motion.
DARLING DOWNS STAKEHOLDER UPDATE – FLOOD RELATED ROADWORKS

**Current Projects**
As any motorist can tell you, the scale of flood reconstruction works on Darling Downs and Lockyer Valley roads is massive.

The actual numbers are impressive:

- there are 154km of works underway
- there are 176 flood reconstruction projects as a result of the 2010–2013 flood events
- 342km of road has been reconstructed out of a total of 760km
- $578 million, or 54%, has been spent out of a total budget of $1.062 billion.

In the past month we started work on the New England Highway at Mt Kynoch, the Leichhardt Highway north of Miles, Spring Creek Road pavements and a geotechnical site, and Esk-Hampton Road.

We’re making good progress, but more than anything else we need motorists to remain patient while we complete this massive repair of our roads.

Safety is our main concern around all of our work sites, but in particular on the Warrego Highway between Jondaryan and Dalby. Some motorists on this section of road continue to disregard roadwork signage and directions from traffic controllers at roadwork sites.

There have been several accidents recently, most commonly “end-of-queue” incidents, in which vehicles stopped at the end of traffic queues at roadworks have been hit from behind by other vehicles.

As part of TMR’s commitment to prevent these incidents, variable message boards carrying multi-coloured safety messages, blue traffic cones, and flags have been introduced to alert drivers to the existence of traffic queues at roadworks.

TMR is also working closely with QPS to try to prevent accidents caused by reckless overtaking and speeding between work sites. The speed limit has been reduced to 90km/h and double white lines have been installed to prohibit overtaking between Jondaryan and Dalby.

If motorists obey roadwork signage and take directions from traffic controllers, it will reduce the number of incidents around roadworks. Fatigue, impatience and distractions, such as talking on mobile phones, can only be controlled by motorists themselves.

Current works will be operational by mid-November 2013. However, additional similar work associated with the most recent flood event (February 2013) is expected to commence soon with completion expected in March 2014, weather permitting.

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