FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is the last week of school for Term 3! Even though it was 11 weeks long, the time went fast. Tomorrow is Dress Like a Pirate Day. Students are invited to do their best at dressing like a pirate. Tomorrow night is the student sleepover and they are very excited about it already. We will have a variety of activities, with pizza for dinner and a dance/movie after dinner before bed time. Ms Siddins and myself will be supervising.

On Friday, Mrs Hauff, myself and the students will be going to see ‘Turbo’ at Chinchilla Cinema, followed by lunch at the RSL. We will then go for a short visit to the Museum before heading back to Warra. I anticipate we will arrive back at Warra at 3.00pm.

Next term, Ms Siddins will be replacing me as I am on long service leave. We all are confident Ms Siddins will do a great job as she has been working at the school now for a number of years and is familiar with the community and processes at the school.

Judy Angel

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Student of the Week has been awarded to Hayden Taylor.

Our school rule awards are:

- Respect for Yourself – Annabelle Taylor.
- Respect for Other Students and Staff – Merielle Gabriel.

Congratulations go to Hayden, Annabelle and Merielle for their awards.

ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT IN THE LAST WEEK OF TERM

As we reach the end of Term 3, parents are reminded that children must attend school on every school day unless they have a reasonable excuse for being away, such as illness.

Visiting family, being tired, or starting holidays early are not good reasons to be away from school.

More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available on the website www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/docs/parent-fact-sheet.pdf

EVERY DAY COUNTS

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<th>If your child misses ...</th>
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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 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. We are still looking for some favourite recipes, so please send them in!

**KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL THIS HOLIDAYS**
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime at our school. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number –13 17 88 – and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community. If you would like to know more about the School Watch Program, please call the department's School Security Program on 3237 0874.

**DENTAL CLINIC**
Please return the forms given out last week to the school as soon as possible.

**TENNIS**
Tennis will continue next term with a review being done at the end of the year. The first tennis lesson is on Wednesday, 9 October. If you do not want your children to participate in tennis, please let the school know and an alternate activity will be organised.

**NAPLAN**
**NAPLAN report highlights positive results**

Since testing began in 2008, Queensland is the most improved state with significant gains made in 9 out of 20 areas over this time. From the Preliminary reports, all students at Warra were over the National Mean Score or in the top 2 Bands. Over the next few weeks our staff will go through the NAPLAN results in much greater detail to look closely at the areas where we can build on our performance. Although NAPLAN results form a useful piece of information, they are not the be all and end all upon which to judge a school’s success. It is important to remember the results represent a point-in-time testing over a few hours each May. The NAPLAN results are important but are just one of the many pieces of information our school uses to improve learning outcomes for our kids. School-by-school NAPLAN results are available at [https://naplan.qsa.qld.edu.au/naplan/](https://naplan.qsa.qld.edu.au/naplan/).

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**The Little Mermaid - a musical**

One night only!!
Performed by the Chinchilla State Primary School at the Chinchilla Cultural Centre
Date: Friday 18th of October
Time: 6:30pm
Price: $5 primary students, $7 high school student, $10 adults, $20 family (two adults, two kids)
Tickets available from the school office between 8:00am-4:00pm.