FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are well underway with our units for all curriculum areas. The enthusiasm of the students is great and we are all impressed at their behaviour and willingness to learn.

Mrs O’Sullivan visited on Tuesday to work with the students on Reading Levels, Running records and testing. She will be at Warra every 2nd Tuesday.

Our focus at Warra is on Explicit Teaching, which encompasses 16 elements:

1. Focus instruction on critical content
2. Sequence skills logically
3. Break down complex skills and strategies into smaller instructional units
4. Design organized and focused lessons
5. Begin lessons with a clear statement of the lesson’s goals and your expectations
6. Review prior skills and knowledge before beginning instruction.
7. Provide step-by-step demonstrations
8. Use clear and concise language
9. Provide an adequate range of examples and non-examples
10. Provide guided and supported practice
11. Require frequent responses
12. Monitor student performance
13. Provide immediate affirmative and corrective feedback
14. Deliver the lesson at a brisk pace
15. Help students organize knowledge
16. Provide distributed and cumulative practice

Last year we focussed on Warm Ups, and WALT (We are Learning To); WILF (What I am Looking For); TIB (This is Because...) Elements 5 and 6. We also incorporated the other areas in lessons. This year we will again be working with the Pedagogical Coach, Cindy Grimes, setting goals and targets to reach by the end of the year.

Judy Angel

TEennis

Tennis lessons are on Wednesdays. Parent contribution will remain at $7.00 per lesson, with the school paying the remainder. This term the total parent cost will be $70 per student. This is optional, of course, but this is one of the few charges the school does pass onto the parents. Options are to pay in full or week by week.

HOMEWORK

Homework has commenced for the week and a letter was sent home with the first homework sheet.

BOOK CLUB

Please have orders and payment returned by Friday 14 February.

P&C MEETING

There is a general P&C meeting on Thursday 6th February (tomorrow) at 3.30pm. AGM and Tuckshop dates will be discussed then.

GREAT RESULTS GUARANTEE

Our school has received additional funding from the Great Results Guarantee and we need to decide how we can use this money to better support our students and improve their outcomes.

We are now working to develop our own Great Results Guarantee with evidence-based strategies and actions to improve literacy and numeracy. Read more about the guarantee at www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee.

If you have an idea on a way to support our students to learn more or if you would like to take part in the discussion please get in touch.

CSIRO EDUCATION PROGRAM

Here at Warra SS we aim to be innovative in our approach to science, always looking for new and exciting ways to introduce scientific concepts to our students.

On 28 March we will be having CSIRO Education’s “Lab on Legs” program visit our school. Brigalow and Jimbour Schools will be visiting Warra, also participating in this program. While here, CSIRO will be presenting an interactive science program with the following themes:

Materials Around Us
Forceful Physics
Focus on Forensics
The Super Science Show

CSIRO Education creates a dynamic interactive forum within which students can take a hands-on role. There program engages students in eye-opening interactive hands-on science experiments, which have been developed around real-life CSIRO research. Our students become the scientists, rather than just reading about them.

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JUNIORS Sign On - Wed 26 March 3.30pm, training starts Wed 2 April.
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