FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Last Wednesday we attended the combined Small Schools Athletics Day. All students attended and tried their very best in all events. Everyone there from Warra were very proud of the children and the way they got in and had a go.
Below are some photos.
On Monday, our new Admin relief teacher has started. (Miss Haansbergen) She will be continuing until the end of term. Miss Haansbergen will be teaching Science, Measurement, Spelling, HPE and Health. For Health this term (Daniel Morcombe Unit), we will be looking at body parts and the correct terminology for these. Please contact the school if you have any concerns regarding this curriculum.

Judy Angel

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Student of the Week has been awarded to Emma Wright.

Our school rule awards are:

- Respect for Yourself – Harley Rhodes.
- Respect for Other Students and Staff – Cody Poulsen.

SCHOOL TENNIS

Cost is $7.00 per student per lesson, with the option to pay each week or in a lump sum. Tennis will continue for the following semester. (19 weeks)

ENROL FOR PREP 2015

PREP ENROLMENTS

Warra State School is now taking enrolments for Prep 2015. If your child turns 5 by June 30th, 2015, they are eligible to commence Prep next year. If your child is born between 1st July 2009 and 30th June 2010, 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. Proposed days for Pre-prep are Wednesday afternoon (1.30 – 3.00pm) for students to experience a tennis lesson; and Thursday afternoon (1.30 – 3.00pm) to engage with a library lesson and some phonics in the afternoon.

BOOK CLUB

Please return orders with payment by Friday 1 August.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEYS

The School Opinion Surveys (Parent/Caregiver, Student, Staff and Principal Surveys) will occur in the week beginning 21st July 2014. The surveys this year are to be completed online. As parents, you will receive an invitation letter with the web address and instructions on how to complete the survey. We ask that you complete the surveys by the 3rd August.

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 online.

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.

EKINDY

The waiting list for eKindy 2015 is now open. Children who are eligible for eKindy in 2015 (i.e. 4 by 30 June 2011) can be added to the eKindy 2015 waiting list. Families will be contacted directly when registrations open. Information about eKindy (including eligibility criteria)
KIDS ONLINE

The statistics:
Primary-age children are connected, mobile and social. Parents and carers see evidence of this every day – children appear to be going online younger and younger, with the rapid uptake (and almost hypnotic appeal) of tablets and other touch screen devices. But anecdotal evidence is also supported by research findings. In 2013, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) released Like, post, share: Young Australian’s experience of social media and some of the highlights included:

The vast majority (95 per cent) of eight to 11 year olds had accessed the internet ‘in the last four weeks’, with almost all having accessed the internet at some point in their lives.

Children in this age group use multiple internet-enabled devices (up to three) for a 10 to 11 year old. And these are all sorts of devices, not just computers and laptops but also handheld mobile devices such as iPads, iPods and game consoles (Nintendo DS, PlayStation Portables, PlayStations).

Thirty-seven per cent of eight to nine year olds and 51 per cent of 10 to 11 year olds have – at some time – accessed the internet via a handheld mobile device.

Mobile phone ‘ownership’ increases significantly with age. The report found that 11 per cent of eight to nine year olds have their own mobile phone, increasing to 67 per cent of 12 to 13 year olds. (According to 2012 ABS data1, 29 per cent of children aged five to 14 years of age have a mobile phone.)

While the majority in this age group accesses the internet at home, increasing numbers are using technology at school and at a friends’ house, away from direct parental supervision.

Even at this young age children are avid social media users. Forty-five per cent of eight to 11 year olds use social networking sites2. For the eight to 11 year olds the report found that the top four sites were YouTube, Moshi Monsters, Club Penguin and Facebook*, with the most popular activities being playing games, private messaging, posting comments and posting status updates. In other words, they ‘like’, they post, they share just the same as their older counterparts. And they value it, very much. In fact, the proportion of eight to nine year olds who rated the internet as ‘very important’ had doubled since 2009.

*To be eligible to sign up for a Facebook page, children must be at least 13 years old.

REDUCTION IN SPEED LIMIT (WESTERN SIDE OF CHINCHILLA)
The speed limit over an 8km-long section of the Warrego Highway west of Rocky Creek will be reduced from 110km/h to 80km/h from today (30 July 2014). Please be aware that this is an enforced speed zone and police may be present.
The speed reduction will be in force 24 hours per day, 7 days per week for the duration of the roadworks.
The roadworks are expected to be completed by December, 2014, weather permitting. For more information on flood reconstruction works in your region, please contact the department on 1800 063 397 during business hours or, to receive email updates, register at reconstruct_darlingdowns@tmr.qld.gov.au

For up-to-date information on changed traffic conditions please visit www.131940.qld.gov.au or call 13 19 40.

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