FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mrs Richards left us last term to manage their business, so we are currently advertising for an Admin Officer.

Mrs Morgan is on long service leave this term, and Ms Stark is here in her place, doing a very good job. Even though we have had some changes in staff from last term, the curriculum will still cover the following:

Maths: A 10 week unit – covering the maths strands of number, patterns and algebra, fractions and decimals, time and location and transformations. English will cover stories, traditional stories and historical literary texts. Science: Weather, Earth and Space. The Arts (Dance) will encompass some Latin dancing. Technology will be incorporated into our other units this term.

HPE will cover athletics for the first 3 weeks, as we have our Small Schools Sports Day at Chinchilla SHS on the 29th July. After that, we have the Roll and Strike program (ten pin bowling) for the last 5 weeks in the term. The students really enjoyed the bowling last year, and hopefully this year, we will obtain a grant to purchase our own equipment and help fund a trip to the Ten Pin Bowling in Toowoomba.

 Regards
Judy Angel

CADBURY FUNDRAISER

We have received our chocolates for the fundraiser. Thank you in advance for your support and help in selling these chocolates. We ask that all orders and money collected be returned to the school in the envelope provided no later than 30th November, 2015. Each box is worth $60. If experiencing difficulties, check back with Pauline as early as possible as others may be looking for more chocolates to sell.

SCHOOL BANKING

Please hand forms to Pauline for school banking as soon as possible please.

BOOK CLUB

Please return orders with payment by Monday, 27 July.

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. (18 - 19 weeks)

P&C MEETING

The next meeting of the P&C will be next week, on Tuesday, 21 July at 3.30pm.

PREP ENROLMENTS

Warra State School is now taking enrolments for Prep 2016. If your child turns 5 by June 30th, 2016, they are eligible to commence Prep next year.

If your child is born between 1st July 2010 and 30th June 2011, please drop into our office to collect an enrolment pack.

For the next 2 terms (Term 3 and 4), a Pre-prep program will be operating for those students who are enrolled for 2016, initially two afternoons a week, building up to two days a week. The afternoons for Term 3 will be Tuesday and Wednesday, commencing at 1.00pm, so students can have lunch and play together before starting the afternoon session. This commences on the 14 July.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted between 29 June and 31 July 2015. All families, school staff and usually a random sample of students will be invited to participate. As Year 3 are the oldest students at the school, they are not eligible to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey will be attached to this newsletter. Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school, and school computers will be available each afternoon. Survey queries or requests for translations can be directed to Judy Angel on telephone 07 46681144 or email principal@warrass.eq.edu.au.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and
we’d like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

**WE’RE A SPORTING SCHOOL!**
Warra State School will be registering to participate in Sporting Schools, a new Australian Government programme starting from 1 July 2015. Sporting Schools provides our students with the opportunity to access sport-based activities before, during or after school.

Sporting Schools program will complement Warra State School’s existing PE curriculum, allowing our students to explore a range of dynamic new sports, from tennis to bowls, athletics to cricket. Sporting Schools will help us work more closely with sporting clubs in our community and tap into the large pool of talented sports coaches in the community.

Sporting Schools is funded by the Australian Government and so there will be no additional cost to parents. Please contact the school with any questions about this exciting new programme!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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**Teach your kids about time and place**

**By Michael Grose**

My mum used to tell me, “There’s a time and place for everything Michael, and this is not the time and place to behave like that!”

**Time and place** is a brilliant socialisation lesson for children of any age or era to absorb.

It’s a parent’s job to socialise your kids. That is, it’s your job to develop a sense of OTHER so that they become aware of how their behaviour impacts on others. You do this by:

1. **Giving your kids social scripts**
   There are times when kids don’t know what to say or how to act in different social situations. “Here’s what you can say when you meet Mrs Smith...” is the type of pre-emptive social scripting that benefits most boys, kids on the autism spectrum as well as kids who need extra help to get on with others.

2. **Regular behaviour rehearsal**
   Practise appropriate social behaviours at home so kids know how to behave around others. For example, you can role-play a restaurant situation by serving your kids’ meals at the dinner table and expecting them to use their manners.

3. **Just-in-time prompts**
   It helps to remind in positive terms how kids should speak and act around others before entering a social situation or a special place such as a church, airport or restaurant. “In church most people...”

4. **Teaching good manners**
   Manners are social guidelines that teach kids how to behave around others. While some conventions change over time, basic good manners such as saying ‘please’ and ‘thank you’ never change. They are the basis of a civil society. Kids are never too young to start learning manners.

5. **Respectful use of consequences**
   While the best discipline happens before an event (through behaviour rehearsal, prompts and teaching manners) there are times when the only way to get a message across about time and place is to DO something if the kids’ behaviour thoughtlessly or deliberately impinges on the rights of others. And the best action may be WITHDRAWAL from the place or activity that they are doing. That may mean that the kids (and you) miss out on an activity or being in a special place but such lessons are rarely forgotten and reinforce your important messages.

**Time and place** is a great parenting message for kids to learn. It’s about consideration for others; it’s about self-control and above all else, it’s about fitting into different social situations.
Position Vacant – Warra State School

Permanent Administration Officer - A02 Position (19 ½ hours per fortnight)

As the Administrative Officer you will:

Provide efficient and effective administrative, data entry and basic data collection/analysis tasks, keyboard and clerical support that contribute to the effective operations of the work unit.

Concurrently undertake a variety of administrative, clerical, data entry and executive support duties including reception services for the work unit.

Your role

You will have responsibility for leading the following activities and delivery of the following key tasks:

1. Provide effective and efficient general administrative support to work units or offices.

2. Provide data entry and basic level data collection/analysis, general computing, keyboard and/or administrative and clerical services.

3. Provide reception services including receiving telephone calls and visitors to the work unit and where necessary direct these to appropriate areas.

4. Sort, distribute and track correspondence and provide a follow up service where necessary.

5. Operate and maintain a range of office equipment.

6. Assist with ordering, stock control, records/file management and financial management.

7. Perform a variety of other administrative or support services as directed by the manager or unit team leader.

8. Undertake work activities in a cooperative and supportive manner as an active member of a diverse work team.

You will need:

1. A current Working with Children blue card

2. Experience and knowledge of OneSchool finance.

Please apply in writing ONLY. Send written applications to:

The Principal
Warra SS
Robinson St
Warra Q 4411

Closing date: 17 July, 2015