FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Tomorrow and Friday is our School Improvement Unit audit. Would you please make yourself available on these days as the auditors will want an overall picture of how the school is going for our Quadrennial School Review.
This is week 5 of a 10 week term. How time goes quickly! All units are well under way and students are busy working towards their goals for the term.

On the last page of the newsletter is an advertisement for the cleaning position. Please be aware that this position is permanent and offered by the Department of Education and Training for Warra State School. As such, employees are bound by a code of conduct and a standard of professionalism, which is the same for every state school in Queensland.

Regards
Judy Angel

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
The following students were nominated by their peers for awards. Remember our school awards follow our 3 behaviour rules.
Student of the Week has been awarded to Michael Wright.
Our school rule awards are:
Respect - Ashley Poulsen.
Being Safe - Michael Wright.

NATIONAL COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY
Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.
All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection.

The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:
- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you. While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE FUNDRAISER
The chocolate drive has commenced. If you are able to help sell chocolates, please see the school or Pauline. Please return any monies from sold chocolates as soon as possible.
P&C MEETING
The next meeting is on Tuesday, 6 September, at 3.30pm to be held at the school.

TENNIS
Tennis continues this term for 9 weeks. Tennis lessons are on Wednesdays. Invoices will be sent out with amounts owing per child/family. Tennis fees are not optional if your child attends tennis lessons. Options are to pay in full or week by week. Again, if you do not wish your child/ren to participate in tennis lessons, please let the school know.
Any outstanding debts for Tennis need to be paid as soon as possible. Tennis will not be offered to any family with outstanding fees next term.

SCHOOL BANKING
School banking is again on Tuesdays this year. Please ensure the bank books are at the school on this day.

PREP ENROLMENTS
Warra State School is now taking enrolments for Prep 2017. If your child turns 5 by June 30th, 2017, they are eligible to commence Prep next year.
If your child is born between 1st July 2011 and 30th June 2012, 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.
For the next 2 terms (Term 3 and 4), a Pre-prep program is anticipated to be operating for those students who are enrolled for 2017.

ATTENDANCE
It is great to see that attendance has improved this term as this is one of the school priorities. At the moment, attendance is at 98.6%. This is above our target.
Excellent attendance, everyone.

EVERY DAY COUNTS
Parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year.
Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.
More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/index.html

SCHOOL REVIEW
The school will be audited this term, held from 11-Aug-16 to 12-Aug-16. (Tomorrow and Friday) The review will be conducted in a collaborative manner by a team of experienced educators appointed by the School Improvement Unit. This will enable us to have a clear direction for our Quadrennial School Review.

THE PITFALL OF USING OTHER CHILDREN AS BENCHMARKS
By Michael Grose
Benchmarking children’s progress with that of other children is not a wise parenting strategy. Inevitably, it will lead to parent frustration as there will always be a child who performs better than your own on any scale you use.
Have you ever compared your child’s behaviour, academic progress or social skills with a sibling or your friend’s children?
Comparing your child with others is a stress-inducing and, ultimately, useless activity.
But it’s hard to resist, as we tend to assess our progress in any area of life by checking out how we compare with our peers.
Each child has his or her own developmental clock, which is nearly impossible to alter. There are slow bloomers, early developers, bright sparks and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom. The slow bloomers can cause the most concern for parents who habitually compare children to siblings, their friends’ kids and even themselves when they were in school.
The trick is to focus on your child’s improvement and effort and use your child’s results as the benchmark for his or her progress and development. “Your spelling is better today than it was a few months ago” is a better measure of progress than “Your spelling is the best in the class!”
As a parent you should take pride in your children’s performance at school, in sport or their leisure activities. Seeing your child do well is one of the unsung pleasures of parenting. You should also celebrate their achievements and milestones, such as taking their first steps, getting their first goal in a game or getting great marks at school.
However, you shouldn’t have too much personal stake in your children’s success or milestones, as this close association makes it hard to separate yourself from them. It may also lead to excessive parental pressure for kids to do well for the wrong reasons – to please you!

The maxim “You are not your child” is a challenging but essential parental concept to live by. Doing so takes real maturity and altruism, but it is the absolute foundation of that powerful thing known as “unconditional love”.

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**Cleaner wanted – Warra State School**

(Permanent position)

Please ring or visit the school (after 3.00pm) to obtain an application package: 07 46681144

Or email: principal@warrass.eq.edu.au

Applications will close 19 August, 2016.

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And Some Signs You Probably Have Never Seen

Sign in a veterinarian’s waiting room: “Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!!”

At a towing company: "We don't charge an arm and a leg. We want tows."

In a restaurant window: "Eat now, pay waiter."

Sign on a retail store door in Stevens Point, WI: “PUSH. If it doesn't open, PULL. If it still doesn't open, WE ARE CLOSED.”

Sign in school near clock: “Time will pass; will you?”

On a display of “I love you only” Valentine cards: "Now available in multi-packs."

Sign in a dentist's office: "Patient parking only. All others will be painfully extracted."

Outside a country shop: "We buy junk and sell antiques."

Brochure for mountain cabin rentals: "Lovely honeymoon cabin . . . . sleeps 8"

A sign seen on a restroom dryer at O'Hare Field in Chicago: "Do not activate with wet hands."

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**Education Queensland**

Visitors must report to the school office.

After hours use of school grounds/facilities requires prior approval from the school office.

**Warning:** unauthorised entry may lead to prosecution.

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**IF YOU WERE ABLE TO BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS FOR LIKE 8 YEARS, YOU CAN BELIEVE IN YOURSELF FOR LIKE 5 MINUTES.**