FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is great to see our students arrive at school safe and sound.

All students and staff are refreshed after the holidays and looking forward to completing the year with a commitment to a strong work ethic and great enthusiasm.

We are looking forward to the last term, although this one is usually the busiest.

This term over the 10 weeks, we will be covering the following in each subject area.

**English** – Informative vs Narrative texts

**Maths** – again working through the different strands of maths throughout the term.

**Science** – Physics – involving forces, motion and machines.

**HPE** – Rugby League and Swimming

**Technology/Arts** – Computer skills and Drama

**History** – Comparing past and present; exploring change and development and looking at significant events.

Camp is next week, and the agenda is much the same as last year, except students will be experiencing a Fraser Island excursion this year, which also includes a 4wd tour of the island.

We may also be attending the picture theatre at Gympie if there are suitable movies.

Regards

Judy Angel

TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop will be on Friday 7 October (this Friday). On the menu is a chicken mini wrap with lettuce, cheese and mayo $2. Popper $1.

P&C MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 14 Nov at 6.00pm.

TENNIS

Any outstanding debts for Tennis need to be paid as soon as possible. We can offer a payment plan for those who are finding it difficult to pay. Due to the amount of bad debts, it is a possibility that tennis may not be offered next year.

1. Improve Reading
2. Improve Writing
3. More students in U2Bs
4. Increase Attendance (>96%)

SCHOOL PRIORITIES:

For this term, Tennis will be at 11.00am - 12.00pm. (Same as Term 2) This means that morning tea will be earlier (10.40 - 11.00am)

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.

PRE-PREP

The pre prep program is continuing this term, with a full day (Wednesday) commencing Week 3 (Wed 19 October). They will participate in literacy and numeracy activities in the morning, with tennis and LOTE (Japanese) for the rest of the day.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

This year, school photos will be on the 10th October. (Monday before camp). Please return envelopes with money as soon as possible, or on the day.

ATTENDANCE

Let's work on attendance this term. The target for attendance in our school priorities as mentioned above, is > 96% (greater than 96%). Attendance last term was almost at 99%. Well done!

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
ACCESS TO SCHOOL GROUNDS
If you see anyone on school grounds after hours or on the weekends, please ring the School Watch number – 13 17 88 or the police - 000.

RESPECT OUR STAFF, RESPECT OUR SCHOOL
Being intimidated or harassed at work is not part of our job. The department has launched a new campaign to raise awareness that violent or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated in Queensland state schools http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/respectourstaff/index.html
Violent or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated at this school. It’s not just a courtesy, it’s the law. Visit the website for more information. http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/respectourstaff/index.html
Posters are being displayed at our school to raise awareness that violent or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated. Everyone in our school community deserves respect.

Problem-solving is one of the four major skills (optimism, social skills & independence being the others) that resilient kids share, yet it’s the one that many of us aren’t equipped to develop. Start by stepping back and asking good questions when kids bring you their problems to solve.

TEACH KIDS TO PROBLEM SOLVE
By Michael Grose
When parents solve all children’s problems we not only increase their dependency on adults but we teach them to be afraid of making mistakes. That’s fertile ground for anxiousness and perfectionism, which often go hand in hand.

Here are 5 questions you can ask kids to encourage them to resolve their own problems:
1. “Can you solve this yourself?”
Get kids thinking they can do it.
2. “What do you think needs to happen?”
Start kids thinking about solving problems.
3. “What’s the first step?”
Sometimes just getting kids started is enough to get them working out issues themselves.
4. “How would you like me to help?”
Get kids considering the type of assistance they need.
5. “What’s the best way to do this?”
Get kids assessing and prioritising.

Open Day
Where: Monday 24th October 2016
Where: Jandowae Kindergarten, ‘Showgrounds’, Warren Street, Jandowae
Time: 9am-11am
What to bring: hat, sunscreen, water bottle, your own morning tea

What to expect: Meet the staff and current children, have a play in our beautiful outdoor environment, join in with a picnic morning tea, receive an enrolment pack, add your child/children to our waiting list, receive further information.
We are now taking enrolments for children 3-5 years of age for 2017.

RSVP: not necessary, just come along

We look forward to meeting you and your children on the 24th of October.
Jandowae Kindergarten

This young fellow looks like he enjoyed himself!