We are in the last week of school and only a couple of days to go. On the last few Fridays, we have been doing “Smartie Maths”. We worked out what fraction of each packet was each colour and discovered that in the circular packets, each one consistently held 33 smarties. Last Friday we graphed our colours from the smartie packets.

On Monday, Ms Siddins organised and the students participated in a Jump Off for Jump Rope for Heart which, thanks to parents and grandparents, went very well. The skipping displays by the students were impressive.

All assessments were completed today, ready for report cards tomorrow afternoon. Tomorrow is our athletics, so remember the day starts at 9.00am.

On Friday, we will have parade at 8.45 am, ready for our ‘Movie Premiere’ on Friday at 9.00am. This will be held in our new library. The expected time for the movie is approximately ¾ - 1 hour, after which we will have a shared morning tea.

The middle and afternoon sessions will be as normal, with lunch on Friday being provided by the school.

The curriculum, starting next term will entail:

- English – Unit 4 P-7 students listen to, read and view informative and imaginative texts and biographies about Australia.
- Maths – Unit 5 & 6 (Number and place value; Time; Number and algebra; Location; Patterns and Algebra)
- Science – The Earth and Us

P-2 students will use sensory experiences to explore familiar phenomena, including weather and daily and seasonal changes.

3-4 Rockin’ the Earth and Sky
In this unit students will demonstrate their knowledge of the Earth’s rotation on its axis in relation to the position of the Sun to explain how day and night is made.

5-7 Earth and Beyond
In this unit student will explore the place of Earth in the solar system and then use this knowledge to look for patterns and relationships between components of this system. They explore predictable phenomena such as eclipses, tides, phases of the Moon and the seasons.

Have a happy and safe holiday and remember – the first day of school is on Monday, 9th July.

Judy Angel

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Student of the Week has been awarded to Hayden Taylor.

Our school rule awards are:

- Respect for Yourself – Alex Schwerin
- Respect for Other Students and Staff – Cody Perkins
- Respect for School Property – Michael Wright

Congratulations to Hayden, Alex, Cody and Michael on receiving their awards.

Student awards are given to those students who **consistently** display the appropriate behaviours for the awards, week by week.

**P&C**

The next general meeting will be held on Monday 16 July at 8.45am.

**MARCO GLIORI**

Don’t forget your permission slip for Marco Gliori visit to Brigalow SS. This is the first Wednesday back after Winter break (11 July).

**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

Thank you to all of the students for their efforts over the past few weeks with skipping. They performed a fabulous skipping demonstration on Monday. Every student should be proud of the excellent display they put on for the parents.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents eagerly participating with the skipping and circuit activities throughout the morning. The laughter, smiles and sheer delight on everyone’s faces as you all got those heart rates working was an absolute pleasure to witness.

Thank you to you all for your support of such a wonderful cause. Your fundraising efforts have accumulated a total amount of $483.80 which is well over double of our goal of $200. The Heart Foundation will be truly appreciative of your efforts - congratulations.

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TENNIS
Due to our visit to Brigalow on the 1st Wednesday of term, tennis will begin in the 2nd week. (Wed 18th July)
There will be 9 tennis lessons in total this term, also due to the Small Schools cluster athletics being held on a Wednesday.

WARA SS ATHLETICS
On the 21st June, we are going to run an athletics morning for our students.

Parents, friends and relatives are welcome to attend and cheer the students on. Athletics day will commence a 9am. The proposed events will run in the order below:

Discus
Shot put
Long jump
High jump
Sprints
Relay
Ball games

We would like parents and friends to also bring a plate for a shared morning tea on this day. The athletics will be finished by 11.00am.

After the holidays, on Wednesday 25 July 2012, it is our small schools cluster Athletics Day.

Venue: Chinchilla State High School
Time: 8:45 am – 2:30 pm
Chief Judge: Lachlan McKensey
Program: Organised by Burra Burri State School

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN 2012
Keep bringing in your cards full of stickers. The promotion ends on the 1 July, so hold onto the cards to hand in when the students return to school. Happy shopping!

Warrego Highway reconstruction works 2012 to 2014
The Warrego Highway between Ipswich and Charleville is a lifeline to Queensland’s western communities and an increasingly important route for the transport industry, as a result of the emerging energy sector development.

Traffic volumes have increased by an average of six per cent each year between 2006 and 2010, more than double the state’s average. The deterioration of the highway as a result of this increased traffic flow requires ongoing routine maintenance and safety improvements while flood-related reconstruction projects are delivered.

The combined impact of these works on the Warrego Highway across the three regions and ensuring the safety of drivers presents unique challenges for the department. We also appreciate the need for transport operators to be able to deliver goods with minimal disruption. Therefore, we are writing to you as part of the department’s effort to ensure road users and communities are kept informed as works progress.

While reconstruction works continue, traffic delays of up to 10 minutes may be encountered at each work site.
Work will start at 6 am and finish at 6 pm Monday to Friday, with occasional works scheduled outside these hours to deliver works quicker.

Works will include drainage repairs, shoulder widening, road stabilisation and pavement overlays and provide a smoother, safer ride for motorists. Weather conditions are an important factor in the delivery of all roadworks. The department will keep you informed if there are any long-term weather-related delays.

Darling Downs Region:
- Withcott to Toowoomba (Toowoomba Range) - remediation work, including drainage works and erosion and scour protection is expected to start in the second half of 2012.
- Toowoomba to Oakey - work completed end of May - reconstructing and widening shoulders and sealing the highway over three kilometres in conjunction with the construction of a new overtaking lane between Brimblecombe Road and Henningsen Road to improve flood immunity for the highway.
- Jordaryan to Dalby - strengthening and resealing the pavement and laying asphalt over 26 km in conjunction with the construction of two overtaking lanes. Work is expected to start in late 2012 and finish by early 2013 to improve flood immunity for the highway.
- Dalby to Macalister - reconstructing and sealing the highway over 18.5 km. Work is expected to start mid-2012 and finish by late 2012.
- Macalister to Warra - work currently in progress - reconstructing and widening the highway, drainage repairs and extra culverts, to improve flood immunity over 13 km. Work is expected to finish by January 2013.
- Drillham to Dulacca - work currently in progress - maintenance activities, resealing and strengthening the highway over 21 km. Work is expected to finish by mid-2012.

For up-to-date information on all traffic disruptions visit the 13 19 40 Traffic and Travel Information website at www.131940.qld.gov.au or call 13 19 40. You can view all other Warrego Highway projects to be undertaken as part of the Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program by visiting QTRIP at www.tmr.qld.gov.au QTRIP 2011-12 to 2014-15 details the Queensland Government’s plan to deliver transport and road projects across the state.

The Warrego Highway will be a hive of activity as we get on with reconstruction. Your patience and cooperation is appreciated while these works are under way.

Yours sincerely
Ron Michel
Regional Director (Metropolitan Region)
Tony Platz
Regional Director (Darling Downs Region)
Kym Murphy
Regional Director (South West Region)

REPORT CARDS
Here are 5 ideas to pass on to parents to think about before reading their child’s report:

1. Look for strengths first. Focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.

2. Take into account their child's effort and attitude to learning. If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then they have something to work on. If their child is putting in the required effort, then they cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.

3. Broaden their focus away from academic performance to form a picture of their child’s progress as a member of a social setting. How their child gets along with his or her peers will influence their happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future.

4. Take note of student's self-assessment. Kids are generally honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so parents need take note of their opinions.

5. Discuss the report with their son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. They should ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT
The school Annual Report (2011) is now published on the website. (www.warrass.eq.edu.au – go to the lower right hand side, under Annual report and click download. The school report covers information such as our school at a glance, staff profile and performance of students.

COMMUNITY NOTICES
The Warra Race Club will be holding their next race meeting on Saturday 30 June.

Warra markets will be held at the Warra Memorial Hall on Saturday 14 July.

DATES TO REMEMBER

| Thu 21 Jun  | Reports out |
| Fri 22 Jun  | Warra SS Athletics Day (morning) |
| TERM 3      | End Term 2 |
| Mon 9 Jul   | School commences Term 3 |
| Wed 11 Jul  | Marco Glori – Brigalow SS |
| Wed 25 Jul  | Small Schools Athletics Carnival - Chinchilla |

KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL THIS HOLIDAY
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in your school. If you see anything suspicious call the School Watch on 13 17 88. The School Watch Program is a partnership between the department and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in schools. Call the School Security Program on 3237 0874 for more info.