FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Progress reports were sent out on Friday. I was very impressed with how the students have risen to their goals and attempted to achieve them each week. Some have already reached their goal for this week! Well done. Please send these reports back as soon as you can as this enables me to have adequate time to complete them for the week and write a comment. A comment is not required by you, but feel free to write in the communication booklet sent home with the report.

I am not attending the Principal’s conference (held this week – Thursday and Friday) as I feel that, with the Curriculum Teaching and Learning Audit happening Wednesday next week, I need the time at school to prepare for this.

Maths this week has been on position (P-2) and time (3-7). Most students are showing an excellent knowledge of this strand.

With English, we have been reading and answering questions about biographies and autobiographies. On Friday and next week, students will be working on their assessments to do with this topic.

In Science P-2 have been looking at the weather, 3-4 Soil erosion and 5-7 planets. Jacque and Alex constructed all the planets (to scale) and we showed some parents yesterday the size of the sun.

We are steadily working on our magazine with some pages almost completed!

Please keep in mind that these units of work are very hard to catch up when a student is absent. Not only does the student miss out and has to do extra to keep up with their peers, but it may also have an impact on their end of semester report card.

Russell Simpson, ARD, congratulated Warra SS on the improvement in students’ attendance for Semester One.

Judy Angel

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Student of the Week has been awarded to Hamish Cox.

Our school rule awards are:
- Respect for Yourself – Jacque Cox
- Respect for Other Students and Staff – Hayden Taylor

Congratulations to Hamish, Jacqui and Hayden on receiving their awards.

All students received an award for their excellent participation at the sports. They all did very well, some even running a few times in a row! Well Done!

Kati, Michael, Hayden and George also received prizes this week from the colouring competition they entered when they attended NAIDOC. Kati received a Velcro catch, Michael won some gardening tools, Hayden gained a Haci sack, rubber and pencil and George obtained a vortex. Great work!

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEYS
The School Opinion Surveys (Parent/Caregiver, Student, Staff and Principal Surveys) will occur in the week beginning 13 August 2012. Schools are required to return the completed surveys to the scanning contractor in Brisbane by Friday, 7 September 2012. This means the surveys will need to be completed and returned to the school by Friday, 31 August. Survey forms have been received at the school and will be distributed very soon.

BER (LIBRARY OPENING)
I have nominated 3 days for our opening of our new library – 6 Sept; 14 Sept and 21 Sept. I have not received any confirmation of one of the above dates.

P&C
The next general meeting will be held on Monday 27th August. Looking forward to seeing you there!

TUCKSHOP
Tuckshop will be available this Friday 3 August. Dagwood Dogs are $1.00 each (they are smaller in size and most children would probably eat two) and poppers are also $1.00.

WOOLWORTH’S EARN AND LEARN
Woolworth’s Earn and Learn program has been extended to the 12th August. We still have plenty of cards if you need them.

As well as the Woolworth’s Earn and Learn program, we are participating in the Coles Sports for Schools. Please bring your vouchers in. We have received quite a few already. This concludes on the 14 August, so happy shopping!
FUTURE WORLD
Here are some interesting facts to ‘mull’ over. We began the 20th Century with a world population of 1.6 billion people; we ended it with a population of 6 billion! Within fifty years, during the life of the current generation of students at school, it will be 9 billion (estimated to be reached by 2045). Further, it is interesting to note what the composition of that world population will be. Half the world’s population will be under the age of 25. By 2050 India will have displaced China as the world’s most populous country. Asia and Africa will account for 80% of the world’s people; Europe and North America combined will only be home to 11% of the population.

In 1999 only four countries (China, India, USA and Indonesia) topped the 200 million mark, but in 2050 there will be eight (China, India, USA, Indonesia, Pakistan, Nigeria, Brazil and Bangladesh). Mandarin Chinese is already the mother tongue of a sixth of the world’s people; nearly three times as many as English speakers.

There will be huge implications across the whole globe and in every facet of human life. Today’s young people will need to become unequivocally international in their outlook, in their concerns, in their lifestyle, in their politics, in their work and employment patterns. The challenge for all of us will be preparing the current generation of students for a world that will be so vastly different to the one we experienced as children. It is both an exciting and frightening prospect all rolled into one!

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, Canada and the U.S.A. will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

COMMUNITY NOTICES
Markets will be held at the Warra Memorial Hall on Saturday 11 August from 8am to 12 noon.

Warra races will also be held on 11 August.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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