FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are now in Week 6 and how the time has flown! Very soon it will be reporting time. Please ensure that there is a minimum amount of disruption to the rest of your children’s school year as we will be busy with assessments and other activities right up until the end of the year. It is an expectation by the Department of Education, Training and Employment that students be learning all year, and this includes the last week and last day of school.

Please note the date for the end of year awards night. This will occur on the Thursday, 13th of December. All students are to attend the awards/concert night as we will be practising our dances and songs for your entertainment. Please invite grandparents and friends along to the evening as it will be a great night. An invitation with all details will be coming home in the near future. Supper will be served at the end of the night and all families are asked to bring a plate of finger food to share.

I have to attend a budget meeting next week on Tuesday. Ms Rollings will be covering lessons that day.

I am sure the students will do well tomorrow with their dance. I have asked Mrs Hauff to take some photos (and maybe video) as I intend to put an article into the newspaper about this opportunity that has been given to the students.

Our library opening day is getting closer, and hopefully the program should be finalised for the day by next week.

Also, I will send home a note regarding our Railway Museum excursion next week, which is on the Monday of the last week of school.

Judy Angel

DANCE PERFORMANCE
On the 15th November (tomorrow), the students will be presenting their dances learnt through the Activated Dance Instructor. The students need to bring a bright coloured shirt, a black or dark coloured shirt and a pair of sunglasses, if possible.

The performance will commence at 10.30 am, to be followed by a shared morning tea. Family and friends are all welcome.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Student of the Week has been awarded to Michael Wright.
P&C
The next P&C meeting is on the 3 December, at 8.45 am. All are welcome.

TUCKSHOP
This Friday will be sausages on bread. Poppers $1.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
The date for the school photos is Thursday, 22nd November, starting at 9.00am. We will have group/class photos and individual photos.

WHEN THINGS GO WRONG AT SCHOOL
Michael Grose
Despite best teaching practice, things do go wrong at school. Most kids experience learning difficulties from time to time. The developmental nature of childhood means that there will always be some turbulence, particularly around key transition ages, such as the start of adolescence.

Your approach as a parent when your child has difficulty at school makes huge difference to their resilience, and their future relationships with teachers and peers. Here’s a five point checklist to help you stay focused and be effective if your child experiences difficulty at school.

1. Stay calm and rational
Don’t get on the phone straight-away when things go wrong! It’s natural to protect, or defend your children, particularly when you think that they’ve come in for some unfair or poor treatment. But acting when you are full of emotion is not acting like an adult! Take your time to think through how you might assist your child. Take a few deep breaths and calm down...............

2. Get the all facts
Once you’ve calmed down, then get the facts about the situation. Kids are faulty observers and often only see one side of a story when there’s a problem with a teacher or a fellow student. Ask good questions to help the full story emerge.

3. Go through the right channels
Approach the school calmly, going through the school office, or directly to your child’s teacher if that is the usual protocol. If you have already established a relationship with the teacher concerned, then it’s often easier to approach them directly.

4. Look for solutions rather than blame
State the problem as you see it and view your child’s teacher as an ally, not a foe. “I’m really worried about Jeremy. He’s been acting strangely lately and I need some help” is the type of approach that will elicit a helpful response. Talk about your concerns and keep the discussion focused firmly on what’s best for your child. Listen to your teacher’s viewpoint, valuing a different perspective.

5. Stay in touch
Be realistic with your expectations, remembering that some problems can’t be solved to your satisfaction, nor will they be resolved straight away. Be prepared to work alongside your child’s teacher over the long-term, which means you need to keep communicating with each other.

PREP ENROLMENTS
Warra State School is now taking enrolments for Prep 2013. If your child turns 5 by June 30th, 2013, they are eligible to commence prep next year.

If your child is born between 1st July 2007 and 30th June 2008, please drop into our office to collect an enrolment pack. Please contact the school for an interview time.

BOOK CLUB
Please have orders returned by Friday 23 November.

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

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YOU ARE INVITED
TO
WARRA STATE SCHOOL’S
OFFICIAL OPENING OF
THE NEW LIBRARY

DATE: 6 December 2012
TIME: 11.00 am

OPENED BY: Senator John Hogg

Please join us afterwards for morning tea