FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The end of the year is getting nearer! We are now completing assessments, ready for the report cards, which come out on Tuesday, 11 December. (in the last week).

Please check out the Dalby Herald and Northern Downs newspapers this week for news about Warra SS.

Last week a permission note was sent home regarding the Rail Museum at Ipswich. If parents would like to attend, please let me know by the end of the week.

A very big thank you goes to Mrs Morgan, Mrs Wright and Mrs Taylor who worked very hard on Tuesday, doing some tidying and cleaning up ready for our opening.

The students and I wrote a poem regarding our school on Friday and have been practicing it, ready for the library opening. Our BER Library opening is next week on Thursday, 6th December. Senator John Hogg is opening the library, after which there will be morning tea provided. Please join us for this occasion.

Next year, we are incorporating history into our curriculum, in conjunction with SOSE. I have included a table at the end of the newsletter which sets out the minimum requirements for these areas. Be aware that each learning area has always had time allocations and that it is not something new.

Judy Angel

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Student of the Week has been awarded to George Hayward.

Our school rule awards are:

- Respect for Yourself – Michael Wright.
- Respect for Other Students and Staff – Hayden Taylor.

Congratulations to George, Michael and Hayden on receiving their awards.

AWARDS/COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Our Awards Night will be held on the 13th December. The evening will be at the Warra Memorial Hall with a barbecue at 5.30/6pm. The school is serving supper at the conclusion of the evening. All families are asked to please provide slices for supper.

P&C

The next P&C meeting is on the 3 December, at 8.45 am. All are welcome.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Books on loan are due for return each Thursday please.

TUCKSHOP

There will be no tuckshop this Friday.

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.

WARREGO HIGHWAY ACROSS THE REGIONS

Yaralla Deviation

Changes to conditions on the Warrego Highway (Dalby to Macalister) will take place throughout this month.

- There will be repairs to the intersection of the Warrego Highway and Dalby-Kogan Road. The intersection will be closed, with all traffic diverted via Dalby-Kogan Road and the Old Warrego Highway. Access for local residents will be in place via the Dalby-Jandowae Road and Yaralla Road.

- Night works will be conducted over the coming weeks. These works are on the western limits of Dalby town, running between Bunya Road and Watt Road. These asphalt works will be operating between 5pm and 7am until mid-December 2012.Works under the Regional Safety Development Program have been undertaken on the Dalby-Kogan Road approximately 23km west of Dalby. The final seal is now complete on these safety works and reduced speed limit is still in effect through the work site while signage is installed and final works are completed.

Foam bitumen treatment on the Warrego Highway (Dalby to Macalister)
Harvest and Excess Dimension Vehicles
It is becoming increasingly important for operators to plan ahead and confirm conditions to prevent major delays. We will work with the transport and agricultural industries as we continue reconstruction. There will be a large increase in the amount of roadworks on major routes surrounding Toowoomba and Dalby in late 2012 and early 2013. Operators of oversized vehicles are reminded to check the Conditions of Operation Database (www.tmr.qld.gov.au; search for “Conditions of Operation Database”) and the 13 19 40 website (www.131940.qld.gov.au) to make travel arrangements before starting their journey. Contractors on our sites will need to be notified at least 48 hours before the arrival of Excess Dimension Vehicles, and on the day of arrival, to enable them to manage wide loads.

Please take note of conditions on:
- Warrego Highway (Withcott to Helidon)
- Warrego Highway (Dalby to Macalister)
- Gore Highway (Toowoomba to Millmerran).

For assistance with permits in the Darling Downs Region call 4661 6356 or, in the Metropolitan Region, call 3066 5511.

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If you require further information about flood-related roadworks in the Darling Downs Region, please contact the Reconstruction Communications Team by email: reconstruct_darlingdowns@tmr.qld.gov.au or by free call 1800 063 397 (during business hours). For information about flood-related roadworks in the Metropolitan Region, contact the team by email: reconstruct_metropolitan@tmr.qld.gov.au or by free call 1800 063 397 (during business hours). For information about flood-related roadworks in the South West Region, contact the team by email: reconstruct_southwest@tmr.qld.gov.au or by free call 1800 177 641 (during business hours). Weather conditions are an important factor for all roadworks. We will keep you informed if there are weather-related delays.

Tony Platz
Regional Director (Darling Downs)
Below is a table which has the minimum hours per week as per the Australian Curriculum guidelines, which is what all schools will be working from for these areas.

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Of course, The Arts (1 hour), HPE (2 hours), SOSE(1 hour) and Technology (Design and Technology; ICT- ½ hour) are also included in our curriculum.