

WARRA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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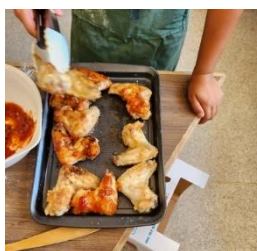
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are almost at the end of Week 7! Where has this term gone? We have had the swimming carnival (9 yrs and up) Brock and Stella did very well and Warra took home the trophies, which is the first time since I have been here. (Chinchilla Eastern Small Schools Trophy; Tuohy Family Trophy) Stella also was Age Champion 11 yrs girls.



Reward for participation

We also had cooking as part of our Fun Friday, after



some consultation with the students.

This Friday will be craft. There are a couple of things coming up, but participation in these is always dependent on attendance, behaviour and work ethic. We have assessments to complete before students can attend these events as well.

At the end of week 8, we have our trip to Bjelke Petersen Dam. Notes should be returned asap. We will leave Friday morning and return Sunday afternoon.

Week 9, on Monday is a Moderation Day for staff but a fun day for students with a Christmas theme. (like a breakup day for the 3 schools)

On the Friday, 1st December, there is the Zoo trip which also relies on the criteria mentioned above.

The next week is preparation for our Awards Day on Thursday the 7th, commencing at 10 am and finishing with a shared Morning Tea/Lunch.

Friday is breakup day which is usually a water fight, then craft and games.

Kind Regards

Judy Angel

PREP ENROLMENTS

Warra State School is now taking enrolments for Prep 2021. If your child turns **5 by June 30th, 2024**, they are eligible to commence Prep next year.

If your child is born between **1st July 2018 and 30th June 2019**, 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.



HOMEWORK

It is a policy at this school for students to receive homework each week. Students are expected to complete homework as this does help them remember and revise the curriculum.

ATTENDANCE

He/She is only missing just...	This equals...	Which each year is...	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 years</u>
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over <u>2.5 years</u>
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over <u>5 years</u>
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly <u>8 years</u>

RESEARCH ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Research shows that **poor school attendance** is associated with:

- lower academic achievement including literacy and numeracy
- early school leaving
- leaving school with fewer qualifications
- opportunities for students to learn and access educational resources, further limiting achievement



Making changes to School Hours

Unfortunately, some of the media reporting and commentary on this procedure has included a mistaken suggestion that the procedure will lead to a 4-day week. Queensland State Schools are operational five days per week. Where flexible school hours are implemented, state schools continue to be operational five days per week.

P&C – Car Boot and Markets

This was a great success and thanks to Tash for organising this event. We are having another one on the 2nd December, then for 2024, 1 per term, as well as other fundraising.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

Remember, you can help out the P&C by simply cashing in your cans and bottles and using our Member Number.

Every little bit helps.



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WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 schooldays, and Student C will have read for 3.

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

changes to primary school arrangements should only be considered in exceptional circumstances. Some secondary schools currently operate with some level of flexibility for senior students to participate in approved off-campus activities (e.g. TAFE courses).

Regional Director approval must be sought prior to commencing any consultation on proposed changes to school hours, followed by broad and extensive consultation with the school community. Any changes must also continue to allow schools to meet Prep - Year 12 (P-12) curriculum delivery requirements, must meet the needs of all students and staff, must not disadvantage any group of students, and must ensure the safety, wellbeing and engagement of all students across the 5-day week.

The procedure has been subjected to extensive consultation over the past 6 months from school principals and teachers, and from stakeholder groups including The Queensland Teachers' Union, Queensland Secondary Principals' Association, Queensland Association of State School Principals, Queensland Association of Special Education Leaders and the Parents and Citizens' Association Queensland. Stakeholders are strongly supportive of the procedure.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 20 Nov	Swimming (Last lesson)
Friday 24 – Sun 26 Nov	Bjelke Petersen trip
Monday 27 Nov	Break-up Day – Small Schools – Brigalow SS
Thurs 30 Nov	Budgeting workshop
Friday 1 Dec	Darling Downs Zoo
Sat 2 Dec	Warra SS P&C Christmas Markets
Thurs 7 Dec	Awards Day
Friday 8 Dec	Last Day of School 2023
Mon 22 Jan	First Day of School 2024



Warra State School P&C

Christmas Markets

Stall Holders
Wanted!

Saturday 2nd December

9am-1pm



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Market stalls, Eco sale stalls, BBQ, Drinks
Fun for everyone!!!



Commit to stop
making excuses. When
we make excuses, we
lie to ourselves and
continue bad habits.

Joyce Meyer

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