



East Echoings Spring Edition

Week Nine of Ten

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From the Principal

Dear parents and friends of Warwick East School welcome to the ninth edition of East Echoings for term four 2009.

Last week Mrs Eastwell's year threes shared with me some information posters they had made about various neighbouring Asian countries. Students had worked skillfully on their projects and were very knowledgeable about the countries they had researched. The year threes were also proud of their work and were very keen to show their charts and talk about the information they had found out to the rest of the class. Well done year threes!

Next Monday 7th December we will hold the reward trip to the Allora Pool and activities at school for those who are not going to Allora. Children going to Allora will need to come to school at the normal time bringing their usual swimming gear with hat, sunscreen and morning tea. We will not allow children to use the canteen if it is open so please do not bring any money. Because of the number of children going and the relative small size of the venue we are requesting that parents do not join us for this excursion. Numbers closed on this last week so please do not ask us now if your child can go. We have to set closing dates so we can book the appropriate number of buses for our trip. Thanks!

Our graduation day is next Tuesday 8th December. Arrival is from 9.15am for a start at 9.30am. The graduation ceremony will be followed by our volunteer's morning tea at 11.00am. We are requesting that participants bring a plate to share leaving it at the tuckshop under block B as they arrive. The dance that night will be preceded by a BBQ. Please come and support our BBQ and raffle so that our P&C can meet its end of year financial commitments and continue to provide extra resources for all of our children. See notices in this newsletter for more information. Students in years four to seven will be present for the graduation ceremony while only the year seven students and 2010 student leaders will be invited to the volunteer's morning tea.

We are all very focused on report cards at the moment. Final comments, proof reading, publishing, printing and photocopying ready to send home next Monday afternoon will be a major task this week. As I did last semester I have added a Principal's special sticker to the report cards of students in years 5-7 who achieved 5 or more achievement "A"s, with 5 or more effort "A"s, homework Always Done and an "A" for behaviour. Students in years 1- 4 will similarly earn a sticker for four achievement/effort "A"s and the other criteria being successfully met. Please look out for these stickers next week and congratulate your children on their high academic achievement.

Year six students and Mrs Walters are experiencing life at the beach this week at the annual Tallebudgera camp. We wish them well and hope they have a wonderful experience.

I will not consider requests for classes in 2010 received after today Monday 30th November. I would like to recognise the spirit of cooperation and respect in the letters I have read so far. Thank you parents for your politeness and your understanding of the



"Everyday, Everyone is Living to Learn and Learning to Live"

"Safety, Tolerance, Respect, Inter-relationships, Vitality, Excellence"

issues taken into consideration in the discussions teachers engage in to make sure we make the best fit within the resources available for our students and teachers. The positive tone of these letters reminds me of the many reasons why I like my job. We will do our best. Thanks!

Mrs Hobson has applied for, and received, a grant to partially cover the cost of some portable shade structures we can use on multiple occasions including our interhouse sports day. These are now on order and will be available for use next year.

Head lice notes went home again last week. Thanks to parents who responded so quickly. Please keep checking.

I repeat my observation that the hot weather is really energy sapping and some tired children are not responding positively to life's experiences. Be strict on good eating and sleeping habits so we all make the most of the last two weeks remaining in the school year to finish our learning strongly and in a positive manner.

Be sure to observe road rules when picking up and delivering students. On Canning Street I have recently seen one or two cars cross the double line and enter the Stop, Drop, Go zone from the wrong direction. This is not only dangerous but gives a wrong message to students about the importance of following rules that are put in place for the benefit and safety of the majority of users.

Thanks for taking time to read my section of our weekly newsletter and as always call us if we can help in any school matters.

Warren ELDER
PRINCIPAL

From Mrs Young

Teachers will be receiving copies of the new School English, Mathematics and Science programs this week in readiness for the new school year. These programs are written from the Queensland Essential Learnings.

As some of you may be aware from recent Newspaper articles, a National Curriculum is currently being devised with the draft documents for English, Mathematics, Science and History to be released during next year in readiness for implementation in 2011. Education Queensland staff have been reassured that the process we are currently using to develop school programs - that of devising our Curriculum Intent, forefronting assessment, teaching the ways of working of each of the key learning areas together with the specific content through a sequence of learnings and finally making teacher judgements collaboratively, will stand us in good stead to cross over to the new ACARA (Australian Curriculum Assessment & Reporting Authority) curriculum. This new curriculum will be known as the Australian Curriculum and will be 13 years of education levels from our Prep (or in other states their Kindergarten) through to Year 12.

Enjoy the last 2 weeks of school for the year with your children - I am sure they are as ready for a long summer break as the school staff are.

Regards, Mary

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If your child/children will not be returning to Warwick East State School in 2010 please complete the form to the right and return to the school office ASAP.

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My child/children listed below **will not** be returning to WESS in 2010:

Name:.....Class:.....

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Student of the Week

Term Four Week Eight

★ Prep	Jessy
★ Year P/1	Jordan
★ Year 1	Samuel
★ Year 2C	Kaylina
★ Year 2/3	Justin
★ Year 3E	Madelyn
★ Year 4	Lachlan
★ Year 4N	Zack
★ Year 4/5K	Cayden
★ Year 5	Claudia
★ Year 6	Gemma
★ Year 6/7	David
★ Year 7	Megan
★ SEU	Jacob



Chappy Chat

On Saturday our family went to Brisbane to watch cricket. Australia won! The highlight for me was watching the 19-year-old West Indies batsman Barath score his first Test century. It was great to feel so close to the action as well as sit alongside my family in the stands. This brings me to the last love language I'm going to talk about in Chappy Chat - "Physical Touch and Closeness". This can be a tricky subject, so please bear with me.

Next year my boy starts Year 1. I am aware that although my son is bigger, he still needs hugs. A hug given each morning before school may be the difference between emotional security and insecurity throughout the day. Each day our children are facing new experiences at school and they feel both positive and negative emotions toward teachers and peers. Home should be a haven, the place where love is secure. Appropriate physical touch and closeness is one of love's strongest languages.

Apparently, it's quite normal for boys in particular to go through a stage where they shy away from hugs. Perhaps a game of sport in the backyard may be more appreciated at this time. Basketball, football and soccer are all contact sports. I noticed that during the cricket match the West Indies batsmen were touching their gloves together between overs and the Aussies gave lots of pats on the back and high-5's when they got a wicket. Hey, they even hugged sometimes! When you play games in the backyard (or at the beach or pool in this hot weather), you are combining both quality time and physical touch. I also find that encouraging words and touch go well together such as when I'm praising my children. A hand on the shoulder or a pat on the back goes nicely with verbal praise.

So, this week, whenever you play a game with your child or sit alongside him/her at the dinner table or on the lounge, enjoy the closeness and tell them you love them. These are precious years you have together. Have a happy week!



Donna Angell

BOOKS FOR 2010 ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP. PLEASE PAY AT THE OFFICE.

DATE	EVENT
Mon 7th Dec	Reward Trip to Allora Pool
Tues 8th Dec	Dance & Graduation
Fri 11th Dec	Last day of school year

NEW ENROLMENTS now being accepted for all year levels for 2010. Enrolment packages available from the school office.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

A reminder. There is a display of string instruments at "Top Beat Music" on Thursday 3rd December from 5 - 8pm. This would be an ideal opportunity to view and/or purchase an instrument for your child. Prices from \$200 - \$400 for violins and violas. Looking forward to seeing you there.

M. Spiller

BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Friday 11th December \$5

6:30 - 9:30pm

Slade Hall - Horsman Road

P & C News

Term 4 RAFFLE:

We need your help! Please donate a grocery/Christmas item for one of the prizes in our raffle to be drawn Tuesday night 8th December at the Dance.

Next time you are shopping, grab an extra goody (*non perishable—please check use by date*) that can go into our Christmas grocery hamper. Please drop all items into the office.

**Dance Tuesday 8th December
Sausage Sizzle / Steakburger**

Yes we will be attending

No. of Adults: _____

No. of Children: _____


Steakburgers: _____

Sausages: _____



This is not an order form but will help greatly with catering.

For Sale

 Food For Thought Recipe Book \$10.00

Warwick East 1850—2000 Year Book now selling for \$10

Dance Tuesday 8th December

For catering purposes, we need to know numbers for the Dance/End of Year Breakup. Please complete and return slip to the office as soon as possible. Sausage Sizzle and Steakburgers, Drinks, Chips and Ice Blocks on Sale



Ready to serve from 6:00pm

RAFFLE TICKETS

YES, I will take a book of 5 tickets. Please send them home with child

_____ in Year _____

Name: _____

Great Raffle

1st Prize: Home Theatre Surround System

2nd Prize: Christmas Grocery Hamper

3rd Prize: \$40 Gift Card

Tickets \$1.00 each and drawn 8th December, 2009.

Please complete and return slip to the office if you are willing to sell/buy raffle tickets.

RAFFLE TICKETS DUE BACK THURSDAY 3RD