School Opinion Surveys
A reminder to all that the School Opinion Surveys will close **Friday, 29 July 2016**. The School Opinion Survey is undertaken each year to obtain opinion information from parents/caregivers, students and school staff to help schools identify what we do well, and how we can improve. If any family is having trouble accessing the survey, please contact the office staff ASAP for assistance.

Athletics Carnivals
Congratulations to our children that participated in the 800m events on Friday. Tomorrow the Field events will be held and on Wednesday the whole school carnival will be held, as per updates in the newsletter in past weeks. Good luck to all our children participating. The P&C will be holding tuckshop on Wednesday, **There will be no tuckshop on Friday**. Children are encouraged to attend these days in the ‘house’ colours, if unsure contact the office ASAP.

PBL Committee Meeting
Our first meeting for Term 3 will be held on Monday August 1, 3.15pm in the Media Room. At these committee meetings representatives discuss current practise and data and make informed decisions, using the data presented, about current best practise and any improvements needed. Staff and parents are all represented on this committee.

Prep 2017 Orientation Morning
Will be held on Friday September 2. Children born between 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 are eligible to be enrolled in Prep in 2017. Enrolment packages will be available on this morning. This will be a great chance for parents to visit school and meet staff that will be working with their child/ren in Prep in 2017. A reminder that Playgroup is held every Thursday morning during the school term, in the Prep Precinct from 9-11am. All children under school age are welcome to attend these mornings with adult supervision. Our schools Pre-Prep sessions will begin in Term 4, as per last year. These sessions are only available to children eligible to enrol in Prep in 2017, these sessions are a part of the schools transition program for children.

Breakfast Club
Is held every Tuesday morning in the Art Room. Parents need to make children aware if they are allowed to access Breakfast Club or not, volunteers and staff are unable to check this information each morning. The Breakfast Club is run by the Chaplaincy Service.

P&C Meeting tomorrow evening 5pm, media room.
Hope to see families this week at the various athletic carnival sessions.

Marina Clarke
A/Principal
Warwick East State School Curriculum Updates – Importance of Oral Language

Oral language is the basis for learning to read. From birth, children who are immersed in rich and increasingly complex conversations are more likely to increase their development of language, have a better understanding of the structures of language and a higher ability to tune into the sounds of language. Oral language is an important requirement for reading and writing. To read, students need a strong vocabulary to understand the broad range of words used in texts; they need grammatical skills to understand sentence structure; and they need the ability to make links with their prior knowledge and infer the author’s meaning.

Young children are not born knowing that lines on a page represent language; that we read from left to right and from the top of the page down. They observe others and develop these skills gradually while watching people around them read. If children have someone read to them and vocabulary discussed with them, they can begin to understand how spoken language can be transformed into written text. Some young children will also learn what a letter and a word is, how letters differ from punctuation and begin to identify common letter patterns or words. Children who grow up in this rich language environment enter school with a significant advantage.

Yours in learning,

Amelia Sutton
(Acting Deputy Principal/Master Teacher)

P&C News

Reminders:
P&C Meeting will be held tomorrow in the Library at 5pm.

Pie Drive order forms to be returned by this Thursday 28th July.

The Uniform Shop will be open each Friday from 2:45 till 3:15.

CHOIR every Tuesday 8:15am for years 2-6 in the music room.

No cash can be accepted at the office after 12pm.

School Banking every Friday in the art room.

Mary had a little lamb,
She also had the flu.
And when she left her school,
The others had it too.
So anytime your children are sick
Please keep them home with you.
Then the children in our school
Will be happier and healthier too.
Student of the Week

Week 2

P/1K  Deisel
P/1M  Donald
1/2K  Tattzianna
1/2S  Nathan
3/4G  Amber
3/4M  Nikolas
3/4N  Ruby
5/6G
5/6S  Hayley
5/6W  Machaela

Playgroup

Every Thursday
8:50am - 11:00am
In the Prep Precinct during the school term.

Attendance Target for 2016

School Goal 95%
Term 3 - 89.7%
Year to Date - 90.3%
Dates to Remember

Tues 26th July - Athletics - Field Events
Wed 27th July - Athletics - Whole School
Thur 28th July - “Little Red in the Hood” Prep-Yr4
18/8 - 23/8 - Book Fair 8:30 - 9:00 & 3:00 - 3:30
Mon 22nd Aug - Intensive swimming starts Prep/Yr1/Yr2

Important cyber safety tips

The department has recently been alerted to random users contacting children using the social media app 'Instagram'.

The following tips are provided to parents on how their children can avoid random contact on social media:

1. Know which social media your child uses.
2. Discuss with your child who their online friends and followers are. Only be friends with people online who you know and trust in the real world.

Take a proactive approach and establish clear and agreed rules for your child’s internet use.

Visit www.behaviour.education.qld.gov.au for more information

Staff Profile

Name
Tina Kemp, Teacher

Favourite Food
Chocolate

Interests
Gardening, Bushwalking, Reading

Favourite Holiday Destination
Athabasca Glacier

Favourite Book
The Atlas

This week we will be focusing on Being Respectful while lining up and moving around the school. Teachers will explicitly teach the following behaviours throughout the week:

◊ I wait quietly in lines

Please remember to phone the absence line on 4660 5860 if your child is going to be away.
Please state the name of your child and reason why your child is absent.
A late pass must be collected from the office if your child arrives at school after 8:50am.