Monday 15th August 2016

NAPLAN results 2016 - Last week we received our schools NAPLAN results, including student individual reports. Student reports were sent home last week with children, I would encourage parents to talk with your child about their results. The report shows your child’s achievement in each of the learning areas. The information contained within the report should be considered together with school-based assessment and reports. If you have any questions regarding the information contained within the report, I encourage you to discuss them with your child’s class teacher.

I was extremely pleased with the ‘relative gain’ results for our Year 5 children (that is their improvement in NAPLAN results since they sat the tests when they were in Year 3). These results were outstanding.

Positive Behaviour for Learning - Today all families have received the PBL Annual Parent Survey. We would ask that families complete and return to school by 26th August so that staff and the PBL committee are able to analyse and interpret the data to assist in planning for the future.

NAIDOC Celebrations - Our school came together on Tuesday as we celebrated NAIDOC Day. Our students engaged with indigenous representative ‘Sharman’ to deepen their understanding of aboriginal culture and customs. Many thanks must go to Mrs Bacon for making the day a huge success. A terrific day was had by all and the art activities that followed were enjoyed by all children.

SD Athletics Carnival - Unfortunately last Thursday was a wet cold day and for this reason the carnival had to be abandoned mid-way through the morning. Incomplete events will be re-run this Thursday. Children required to attend have been notified today by Mr Nelson. We ask that you confirm your child’s attendance ASAP. We also remind families that they need to organise their child’s transport to and from the carnival again this week. There will be no further charge for participating in the carnival.

Prep 2017 - The Open session/hour will be held in the Prep Precinct on Friday September 2, 9-10am. Prospective parents will have the opportunity to listen to information, fill in enrolment forms and purchase uniforms. Children will be involved in supervised play for this session. Tea/coffee will be available for parents. If you are aware of any families looking to enrol in Prep at WESS in 2017 please encourage them to attend this session.

BOOK WEEK/FAIR/DRESS UP DAY - Each year, across Australia, Book Week brings children and books together celebrating Children’s Book Week. This year, the Book of The Year Awards celebrates its 70th anniversary making it the longest running book awards in Australia. This year’s theme is ‘Australia – Story Country’. Students have started reading and discussing the shortlisted books in the Early Childhood and Picture Book categories during library lessons. Book Week dress up day will be held this Friday 19th August with the ‘Green & Gold’ theme to correspond with the closing of the Olympics also. A gold coin donation is requested please, money raised will go toward buying books for the library.

Before School - If students are at school before 8:30am they need to be seated under B Block. It is important that students go to the B Block area first and not straight to their classroom or any other area.

Enjoy your week,
Marina Clarke
A/Principal

“Everyday, Everyone is Learning to Live and Living to Learn”
The Uniform Shop will be open each Friday from 2:45 till 3:15.

The Uniform Shop will be changing its day commencing next term. They will be opening Wednesday instead of Friday.

School Banking every Friday in the art room.

Warwick East State School Curriculum Updates – Vocabulary

Vocabulary is the main component of reading comprehension, fluency and achievement. A strong vocabulary allows a child to read and understand what is being read. Often students in the lower grades spend most of their time decoding a text and do not understand what they have read as a result. Students who can easily decode have a far greater chance of reading for meaning, even when they are encountering words for the first time. For example, if a child understands the word demand, and reads the text that has the word demanded in it, the child should be able to process the meaning of the word based on their understanding of the base word.

Vocabulary increases through repeated exposure to new words in conversations, by listening to stories and discussing unknown words, by reading and writing. Children who develop a strong vocabulary, find it easier to comprehend what they are reading.

Yours in learning,

Amelia Sutton, (Acting Deputy Principal/Master Teacher)

P&C News

P&C Meeting – the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th August at 5pm in the Library. If you have any items to be added to the agenda please email to pandcsecretary@warweastss.eq.edu.au

FATHER’S DAY FUNDRAISER - Order form and money due back this Wednesday 17th August.

Thank you to all those who ordered pies and a massive thank you to all the helpers who sorted and packed the pies last week. Much appreciated.

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

Last Tuesday, students and staff were delighted and educated by a theatrical presentation by Sharman Apununga Parsons.

Sharman is an Aboriginal woman descended from the Anmatyerre people of Central Australia and the Kambubal people of the New England area in NSW. She has learnt deeply from traditional Anmatyerre elders including her birth father’s people. She trained as a dancer at NAISDA in Sydney and has performed at many public events around Australia, overseas and on TV. Her passion is the re-discovery of her traditional culture and spreading its unique values to others. By passing on Traditional Aboriginal Stories, art, music and culture, Sharman extended and encouraged greater acknowledgement and understanding of Indigenous culture at WESS. Thank you Sharman. It was a pleasure to have you visit our school.
Student of the Week
Week 5

P/1K  Shania
P/1M  Marty
1/2K  Jessica
1/2S  Mya
3/4G  Kegan
3/4M  Andrew
3/4N  Lachlan
5/6G  Emma
5/6S  Codie
5/6W  Chante

Playgroup - Every Thursday
8:50am - 11:00am

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

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

Attendance Target for 2016
School Goal 95%
Last week 90.3%
Year 3 most regular at 93% this term.
Dates to Remember

Thursday 18th August - Yr 6 Graduation Dinner meeting 3:15pm in 5/6S classroom
18/8 - 23/8 - Book Fair 8:30 - 9:00 & 3:00 - 3:30
Friday 19th August - Book Week dress-up day. Green/Gold.
(gold coin donation to buy books for the library)
Mon 22nd Aug - Intensive swimming starts Prep/Yr1/Yr2
(Please return your swimming note ASAP)

Payment of all outstanding accounts would be appreciated.
Camp payments excepted. Camp can be paid off in instalments.
No money is to be given to teachers or aides. All money to be placed in the box outside the office back door before 9:30am.

Sunday 11th September - Warwick Little Athletics - first trial
3-5pm, Hamilton Oval, 3-17 years
For more info call Sarah 0423 350 339

Staff Profile

Name
Heather Moore,
Classroom Teacher

Interests
Reading, concerts, theatre, beach

Favourite Holiday Destination
Western Australia

Favourite Colour
Pink

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.

Can you please return your child’s swimming note ASAP.