Celebrating Education Week

Last week we participated in many activities across the school to recognise and celebrate students, staff and families achievements that happen every day in our school. Our Grandparents ‘kicked off’ the celebrations on Monday by joining us on Parade, visiting classrooms and enjoying morning tea together. We had over 80 visitors on the morning and received some wonderful comments, such as: ‘the children are so happy’, ‘the teachers welcomed us with open arms’, ‘shocked to see the roll being marked on the computer’, ‘what beautiful grounds’, ‘lovely to see the children excited to see us in their classroom’, ‘student leaders are so helpful and well-mannered’, ‘congratulations on a great morning’. We also had several visitors in relation to Rodeo Week, including a visit and talk by the Rodeo Princesses. All children participated in Buddy Reading sessions. Our annual Student v Staff Netball Game was played on Wednesday. This year the students were victorious in defeating the staff, it was a great fun game enjoyed by all! Staff are looking forward to winning the trophy back in 2017!!!

Music Count Us In

Music: Count Us In is Australia’s biggest school initiative, with more than 500,000 participating students from over 2,100 schools nationwide, annually. Again this year the WESS choir students will participate. Music Count Us In will be held in Leslie Park, 10am on Thursday November 3. I would encourage anyone looking for an enjoyable half hour of music to go along to Leslie Park for Music Count Us In. Almost all Warwick schools are participating this year.

Instrumental Music Concert

Is being held on Monday November 7, 6pm. This concert is held at the Warwick West SS hall as per previous years. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy the talented musicians in our schools. Please contact Mr Waples or Mr Spiller if you have any questions about the concert.

End of Year Program

A reminder the new format for end of year activities was published in the last newsletter so that all families can be prepared.

Paying by B point

B Point is an easy to use online payment system to enable parents/caregivers to pay any outstanding fees from the ease and comfort of your own home. All you need to do is have your invoice ready and log onto the bp point website - http://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete B Point payments can be done either from your computer or your smartphone. Mastercard and Visa only are accepted.

Marina Clarke
Principal
Curriculum

Term 4 is the time when teachers assess students in many ways to evaluate the learning that has taken place in their classrooms over the course of the year. One of the tools that teachers use is standardised testing. This gives teachers a benchmark to measure the progress of their students in relation to other students of the same age.

Students are assessed in spelling, reading and comprehension skills and mathematics concepts. Students are pre-tested earlier in the year and post-tested once learning has been consolidated towards the end of the year. This information is collated and used to determine the individual progress of students as well as comparing their progress with students of the same age.

Music Information

From Mr Spiller - I am presently recruiting students to play string instruments in 2017. If you are interested in playing violin, viola or cello and will be in year 3-6 in 2017 see me at school on Fridays 8-11am.

Combined Schools Concert - The concert is taking place again this year on Monday 7th November at Warwick West State School in the school stadium. The concert is for intermediate level students in the Instrumental Music Program in the area. It commences at 6pm. Students are required to be there by 5:30pm. The evening should be finished by around 7:30pm. Your instrumental music teacher will inform you if you are involved in this concert.

From Mr Waples - Would you like your child to learn a Brass Woodwind or Percussion instrument next year, if so, an information session will be held in the Music Room on Wednesday 9th November at 7pm. This information session is for students currently in Years 3-6.

Uniform shop now open on Wednesdays 2:45 - 3:15pm.

School Banking every Friday in the art room.

Remember - if you would like the newsletter emailed to you, please give the office your email address. Paper copies are available for you to collect from the office.
Student of the Week

Week 4

P/1K Harry
P/1M Rebeckah
1/2K Brighton
1/2S Imogen
3/4G Ava
3/4M Brock
3/4N Mahaylia
5/6G Kaleb
5/6S Holly
5/6W Machaela
HUB Ashlee

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

Pre Prep Program
Friday 9am - 11am

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

Staff, Parents & Students

You are invited to a thank you & farewell breakfast
on the 29th of November
in the art room from 8:15 am
Please RSVP by the 22nd of November
to the office 4660 5888
Hope to see you there. Chappy Erin

TUCKSHOP - There will be no tuckshop until further notice.

What sort of start is your child getting?

Just a little bit late doesn’t seem much but...  

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The best learning time is the start of the school day!!
That’s when every minutes counts the most!!

For Sale at the Tuckshop:

Every Monday and Thursday at 11:00AM:
For Sale: Ice-Blocks (Zooper Dooper) 50c
Girl Guide Biscuits (sml pkt 25g) 50c
Student Councillors will be there to help with the sale.
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.

Dates to Remember

31st October - Final day for payment of Camp
1st November - Final day for payment for Graduation Dinner
25th November - Year 6 Graduation Dinner
28th November - 2nd December - Year 6 Camp
6th December - Year 6 Graduation (Library)
7th December - Year 6 to WSHS
8th December - End of Year Parade & Class Break Up Parties
9th December - Last day of school

P&C News

Raffle - The P&C will be having an end of year raffle, to be drawn the final week of school. We are asking for donations of items to place into hampers as prizes for this raffle. We also have an iPad as a prize as well. If you could please pick up any non-perishable items next time you are shopping and drop them into the front office, it would be greatly appreciated. Tickets will be $1 each and books will be distributed to students soon. More details will be available with the raffle books.

Tuckshop - As you may be aware, we currently do not have a tuckshop convenor. If anyone is interested in taking over this position, please leave your name and contact details with the office. The P&C hopes to have a tuckshop meal deal day for students at some stage this term so please check later editions of the newsletter for details.

Be a Learner in Play Areas

- I share equipment
- I follow the rules of the game
- I learn how to use borrowed equipment
- I solve disagreements fairly

Staff Profile

Name
Robyn Marsh, Masters Teacher/DP

Favourite School Memory
Playing sevens underneath the school

Interests
Gardening, music and sewing

Life Motto
Choose to be happy, embrace challenges, have fun