2017 Enrolments

As we draw closer to the end of 2016, it is important for us to commence preparing for 2017. It is the time we commence preparing budgets, allocating staff to classes and setting up classes for 2017. Therefore we like to know our predicted enrolments before the year ends. If you know of any families/children that will be attending WESS next year I ask that you please remind them to bring in enrolment forms ASAP or at least contact the school office so that we can accurately allocate children to classes. Children born between 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 are eligible to enrol for Prep 2017. A copy of the Birth Certificate is required when returning the enrolment form.

Attendance

Could you please ensure that if you have changed your phone number recently that you let the office know ASAP. Office staff have commenced and will continue ringing families daily if their child is absent from school without explanation. A reminder the student absence line appears in each newsletter, this is an automated system.

P&C Meeting

Our final meeting for this year will be held tomorrow evening, 5pm in the Media Room. These meetings are short and informative therefore I would encourage families to be represented at these meetings. I would like to thank our 2016 committee, members and attendees for their hard work and commitment this year. It is a pleasure to attend these meetings each month.

School Review 2017

Our school will undergo a School Review in 2017. The School Review Unit allocates a team of current and ex Principals to visit the school over several days and review programs and policies in place. The team will speak with parents, staff and children at length and prepare a report for the school to action. The review report is also used to prepare our schools Strategic Plan for the next 4 years.

Enjoy the week

Marina
Principal
Curriculum Updates: STEM

STEM (Science/Technology/Engineering and Maths) is a buzz word at the moment in educational circles. Educators are highlighting the need for more students to engage in studying these fields as STEM is a huge growth industry where many jobs will become available in the future.

STEAM incorporates arts into the mix. STEAM labs are springing up in many major cities now where students can access 3D printers and art supplies to create multimedia creations – robots, dolls that move, interactive posters etc.

Creative solutions to real world problems is what STEM is all about.

Check out this youtube video to see how cleverly technology and human connection are used to solve the problem of warming up while waiting for a bus in Canada.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQZqKLiMig

This one is a speed camera lottery – combining safer driving with cash incentives.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lynzHWwJXaA

and this clip shows a clever talking water fountain that encourages people to drink more water.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bl_0BfPfJYc

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Important information to read

Parents/Carers - we need to have one parent nominated to receive text messages if your child is absent and no reason has been given. Please return this slip (if you haven’t already done so) to the office with one parent nominated and a current mobile phone number.

Thank You.

Child/Childrens Names: __________________________________________________________

Parent Name: ______________________________________________  Ph #: ____________________________

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

School Banking every Friday in the art room.

CHOIR every Tuesday 8:15am for years 2-6 in the music 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 if you don’t have access to a computer.

Report cards will be emailed home as well so please make sure the office has your current email address.
Student of the Week

Week 6

P/1K  Teleya
P/1M  Donald
1/2K  Morgan
1/2S  Joshua
3/4G  Jameelee
3/4M  Jayce
3/4N  Jesse
5/6G  Ethan
5/6S  Beau
5/6W  Chloe
HUB  Raymond

If you have a child eligible for prep next year please see the office staff for an enrolment pack.
Children born between 1/7/11 & 30/6/12.

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

Attendance

2016 - 89.5%
Term 4 - 90.8%
Year 1 most regular attendees
T4 - 93.8%

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.

From Mr Waples - Would you like your child to learn a Brass Woodwind or Percussion instrument next year, if so, please contact the school and leave a message for me to ring you.
Dates to Remember

22nd November - Book Club Due (No late orders)
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

Please remember to phone the absence line before 9:30am 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.

End of year raffle - The P&C will be having an end of year raffle, to be drawn at the class dances on Thursday 8 December. 1st prize will be an iPad mini (16GB), with hampers as subsequent prizes. We are asking for donations of items to place into these hampers so 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. Thanks to those who have already donated. Tickets will be $1 each and books will be distributed to students this week. 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 in the next few weeks so please check later editions of the newsletter for details.

P&C Meeting – Our last meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday 15 November at 5pm in the library. Items for discussion so far: tuckshop, PBL update, Mathletics, Fundraisers 2017, Meeting day/time 2017. If you have other agenda items for discussion, please email: pandcsecretary@warweastss.eq.edu.au

Important Information from the Office

If your child/children are not returning to East next year please let the office staff know. This helps with organisation for classes next year.

If you have changed your email address lately please let the office know as report cards will again be emailed out at the end of the year.

Be Responsible

This week we will be focusing on Being Responsible while in the play area. Teachers will be explicitly teaching and modelling how students enact the following behaviours:

- I return borrowed equipment
- I care for borrowed equipment
- I leave toys/games at home
**FREE DENTAL TREATMENT**

Under Medicare your children may be eligible for FREE dental. This includes exams, cleans, fillings, fissure seals and extractions. This is only available until the 31st December. To find out more please call Guy Street Dental 4661 3773. Don’t let your kids miss out.

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**FOR SALE at the Tuckshop:**

- **Monday and Thursday at 11:00AM:**
  - For Sale: Ice-Blocks (Zooper Dooper) 50c
  - Girl Guide Biscuits (sml pkt 25g) 50c

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The Catholic Parish of St Mary’s, Warwick, will conduct Sacramental Preparation in 2017 including First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

- **First Reconciliation** - Term 1 Year 3 (8 or 9 yrs of age)
- **Confirmation** - Term 2 Year 4 (9 or 10 yrs of age)
- **First Eucharist** - Term 3 Year 4 (9 or 10 yrs of age).

If you wish to enrol your child/children in our 2017 Sacramental Program please contact the Parish Office on 4661 1033. **Enrolments will close by end of business Friday 2nd December 2016.**