End of Year - As we commence Week 8 of the term, we have nearly completed assessment tasks for all children and commenced writing report cards, which will be emailed home in Week 10. Next week our Year 6 children are attending Tallebudgera Camp. This camp is held annually for Year 6 students and is a camp that children look forward to throughout their primary schooling at WESS. Tuesday Week 10, December 6 we hold our official Year 6 Graduation Ceremony. The ceremony will commence at 9.30am in the media room. Parents of current Year 6 children are encouraged to attend this ceremony. Also at this ceremony we announce our School Leaders for 2017 and present them with their badges. Parents of these children will be notified prior to this ceremony so that they may attend. This is the official ceremony for badge presentation for these leaders, there is no longer a ceremony in 2017 as well. On Wednesday December 7 our Year 6 students attend WSHS for their full transition day, they do not attend WESS on that day. Thursday December 8 is the End of Year Parade (this is the first time this parade has been held and replaces the night event of previous years). During this parade each class will present an item and teachers will present achievement certificates to some children in their class. Parents/families are welcome and encouraged to attend this parade. Classes on this day will also hold their class parties and fun activities. If you have any questions regarding any of these events please contact your child’s class teacher or the office staff.

P&C Raffle - WESS P&C are again running their XMAS Raffle, with lots of prizes including an IPAD and Hampers. Tickets have been sent home and it would be appreciated if they could be returned to school as soon as sold. More tickets are available for any person/s wanting any, please see office staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the WESS P&C for all their hard work and dedication to the school this year. We have had another successful year by working ‘hand in hand’ with the P&C. Thanks.

P&C $5 Pizza Meal Deal - Will be held this Friday. All orders must be returned with money by Wednesday, no late orders are possible. All children received order forms last week. Please ensure order and money are returned in a brown paper bag. I would like to thank the P&C for organising this for the children, as we have been unable to run tuckshop this term due to a lack of volunteers.

Volunteers Morning Tea - We love to have our volunteers help out at school through various times of the year, in fact we couldn’t run some programs without them! So we would like to say a huge thank you by inviting you all to come and join us for morning tea on Tuesday November 29, 10.45-11.30am in the media room. RSVP’s can be left with the school office please. We look forward to saying thank you to you in person on this day.

Final Breaky Club - Chappy Erin will be holding her final Breaky Club, as she finishes her time at WESS this year-Tuesday November 29. Chappy Erin would like to invite children and their families to join in a special Breaky Club commencing at 8.15am in the Art Room. Please RSVP to the office ASAP.

PBL Meeting - Our final meeting for the year will be held on Monday, 3.15pm in the media room. I would like to thank our volunteer parents that sit on this committee and assist staff to ensure we run a positive and effective behaviour management program here at WESS.

Enjoy your week.

Marina
Principal
Curriculum

The Australian Curriculum is constantly being updated and revised to ensure that students have the best opportunities to learn in a changing world.

Parents, families and carers have the most influence on their children. When families are actively involved in their children’s education, children enjoy school and achieve better results. Parents have a major role to play in educating their children in partnership with teachers. If you want to know more about the Australian curriculum visit http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/resources-and-support/parent-information/introduction.

Uniform Shop will be open Wednesday 18th January 2017 9am - 12pm

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.

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 #: ____________________________

IF YOU CAN’T PRINT THIS OFF AND RETURN IT YOU MAY PHONE THE OFFICE WITH THE INFORMATION.
Student of the Week

Week 7

P/1K  Jett
P/1M  Michaela
1/2K  Jordyn
1/2S  William
3/4G  Piper
3/4M  -
3/4N  Will
5/6G  Braith
5/6S  -
5/6W  Tristan

Important Information from the Office

If your child/children are not returning to East next year please let the office staff know. This information will help with organisation of classes next year.

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

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE AWAY. THIS WAY THE ABSENCE CAN BE PUT STRAIGHT ON THE COMPUTER.

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

Pre Prep Program
Friday 9am - 11am

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.
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.

**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

**P&C News**

**End of year raffle** – Tickets have gone home for the end of year raffle. It will be drawn at the class dances on Thursday 8th December. **1st prize is an iPad mini (16GB), with hampers as subsequent prizes.** We still need **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. **Tickets** are $1 each. Please return sold and unsold tickets to the office. If you would like more books, please see the office also.

**Tuckshop** – Forms went home last week for the meal deal day to be held on **Friday 25th November**. We will be offering 2 x slices of Eagle Boys pizza (either Hawaiian or Meat Lovers, **NOT** both), a popper drink and a snack item for $5. **Orders** need to be in to the office by Wednesday 23rd November at the latest. Please complete your order on the form and place it and the money in a brown paper bag with the student’s name and class on the front. We are also looking for a **convenor** for next year. If you would maybe like to take on this important position, please leave your contact details with the front office and we will get back to you with more details.

**Be Responsible**

This week we will be focusing on **Being Responsible when lining up and moving around the school**. Teachers will be explicitly teaching and modelling how students enact the following behaviours:

- I visit the toilet and have a drink before lining up
- I leave the playground quickly when I hear the bell

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Discussion Groups Triple P are scheduled to commence shortly at BUSHkids Warwick – 191 Wood Street.

**Topics covered:**

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**Cost:** Free of Charge – workbook provided.

**Register:** online at [www.triplep-parenting.net](http://www.triplep-parenting.net)

**What Happens:**

In a relaxed environment your provider will give you tips and ideas to help you deal with your child’s problem behaviour.

There will be short video clips showing other parents successfully dealing with the same issues.

You’ll be given a take-home workbook with simple exercises and information to help you try your new strategies at home.

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**GH Foundation**

**Warwick**

**AQUATIC PARTICIPATION FUN DAY**

Swimming Queensland is hosting a FREE fun day at the pool for children and adults with special needs. Aquatic Participation Fun Days are designed for children and adults with a disability to enjoy fun water activities whilst gaining aquatic skills and confidence, in a relaxed and safe environment.

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**Venue:** Warwick Indoor Recreation & Aquatic Centre

**Address:** 79 Hamburger St, Warwick 4370

**Date/Time:**

- Adults: Thursday 1 December 2016, 1:00pm – 2:00pm
- Children: Friday 2 December 2016, 11:00am – 1:00pm

**Register Online:** [www.qld.swimming.org.au](http://www.qld.swimming.org.au)

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**Christmas Down Under**

9:30am to 3pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
13th - 15th December 2016
Williams Hall, Guy St., Warwick

**FREE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS:**

- Craft
- Puppet Shows
- Story Telling
- Face Painting

**Contact:**

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**Supported by the Christian Churches & Volunteer Parishioners**
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

DDSW Region - Same-Day Student Absence Notifications

I would bring all families attention to the following excerpt from Department of Education & Training. These key messages have and will be implemented fully by end of 2016 at WESS.

“Your priority attention to the two matters outlined below is requested.

1. With immediate effect - when a student in out-of-home care is identified as absent without explanation or is missing from school, schools are obligated to contact carers without delay.

2. As soon as practicable, but no later than commencement of 2017 - schools are required to implement a system of same-day notification for unexplained student absences (all students).”

Our attendance goal for 2016 is 95%. We ask that all families assist in assuring children’s absences are explained by contacting the absence line each morning to notify the reason for an absence.

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**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!!