FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WHO IS DOING WHAT?
This year the Deputy Principals are managing the welfare of students in the following way:
Prep Year:  Mrs Karen Coombes
Years 1 and 2:  Mr Allan Tharenou
Years 3 and 4:  Mr Tyrone Bruce
Years 5 and 6:  Mrs Gayle Healey

In each Deputy Principal’s portfolio, there are also other responsibilities, such as curriculum areas and school operations. Karen Coombes and Gayle Healey have primary responsibility for Literacy and English, and Karen also manages ICT. Allan Tharenou works with Chris Fowler (Head of Curriculum) on Maths, Tyrone Bruce works with Brett Crawford on Science, and the other key learning areas are managed by Chris Fowler and Mel Nicholls.

The job of the Principal can be summarised as the overall running of the school, the line management of each of the Admin team, and the strategic direction of all decision-making. I attend all meetings (subject to availability), visit classrooms, collaborate with all relevant parties and drive curriculum direction.

My team, who I affectionately call “The Great Eight” – four Deputy Principals, Head of Curriculum, Literacy and Numeracy Coach, Head of Special Education, and Business Services Manager meet every week, to discuss all matters pertaining to the effective and efficient running of the school. The members of my team also attend the monthly P&C meetings, so come along and get to know them.

PARENTS’ AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
This Wednesday night at 6.30pm our P&C Annual General Meeting will be held in the staffroom of the Administration Block. I encourage you all to come along. We will be looking for nominations for all positions, so here is an opportunity to have a say and be informed about all of the things happening in our wonderful school.

DI CARTER, PRINCIPAL

FROM THE DEPUTIES

HEARING SCREENING – PREP STUDENTS
The University of Queensland will be conducting Hearing Screening of students at school on Thursday 14 April. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to have their hearing tested. If your child hasn’t had his/her hearing tested and you would like to have this done, please complete the forms that were sent out earlier this term and return to the school office, along with $15.00.

2016 NAPLAN TESTS
The 2016 NAPLAN tests for our year three and year five students will be administered on Tuesday 10 May to Thursday 12 May. A parent information brochure is available on the ACARA’s NAP website www.nap.edu.au.
2016 BEIJING TRIP
Our 2016 Beijing tour is open for all year five and six students. At this point in time, we have twelve very excited children and three teachers going to our Beijing Sister School in China from Tuesday 21 June to Saturday 2 July. This means that there is only one vacancy left. If you would like your child to be part of this amazing experience, please email tbruc2@eq.edu.au.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION
Religious Instruction will commence on Monday 7 March. The approved faith groups for 2016 currently include Interdenominational Christian, Buddhist, Islam and Greek Orthodox. Authorized instructors will deliver these programs on Monday between 12:00pm and 1:00pm. The faith group indicated on a student’s enrolment form will determine which instructional program they will attend. Parents who decide their child should not participate must provide written instructions, to their child’s class teacher, to that effect.

WHY READ EVERY DAY?
There are many benefits to students reading every day. One of the benefits includes expanding the student’s vocabulary. The more children read, the more words they have exposure to. They will then use these words in their language every day and in their writing. When reading with your child, find an interesting word to talk about to make sure they understand the meaning of the word. Ask them to draw a picture of what the word may look like, then encourage them to use the word when they are speaking.

LOST PROPERTY
Recently, there have been several incidents where students have lost items, particularly hats. The new school hats with the sports colour on one side have been a popular purchase this year from the uniform shop, but they are easily lost by our younger students. Please ensure you label hats, drink bottles, lunch boxes and other items clearly with your child’s full name and class, so that if they are found, they can be returned. If your child accidently comes home with an item that is not his/hers, please return it to your child’s teacher so it can be returned to the correct owner.

TYRONE BRUCE, KAREN COOMBES, GAYLE HEALEY, ALLAN THARENOU

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SPORT NEWS

UPCOMING DISTRICT TRIALS (10 TO 12 YEARS ONLY)
If you wish to nominate your child in a particular sport, please see Miss Spacie at least three weeks prior to the trial date (wherever possible). Each school is only allowed to send four students to trial. Only students displaying quality skill levels will be sent to trial.

1 & 4 March - Sunnybank District Netball Trials
7 & 14 March - Sunnybank District Touch Trials - Girls
9 & 16 March - Sunnybank District Touch Trials – Boys

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES
26 February - Gala Day One
18 March - Pink Stumps Day
13 April - Years four to six school Cross Country

Sporting Schools Programs –
Year 5-6 Basketball  Tuesday 11:00-11:30am  Dates: 1/3, 8/3 & 15/3
Year 4-6 Netball  Thursday 3:15- 4:15pm  Dates: 25/2, 3/3 & 10/3
Year 3-4 Softball  Wednesday 3:15- 4:15pm  Dates: 24/2, 2/3, 9/3 & 16/3
Year 1-2 Hockey  Thursday 3:15- 4:15pm  Dates: 25/2, 3/3, 10/3 & 17/3

GALA DAY PLAYING LOCATIONS
Rugby League – Sunnybank Rugby Union Club, Padstow Road, Eight Mile Plains
Softball/Tee ball – Indian’s Baseball Fields, Dew Street, Runcorn
Basketball – Calamvale Community College
Girls Soccer – Day 1 Calamvale Community College
girls Soccer – Day 2 and 3 – Rochedale Rovers Soccer Club, Underwood Road, Rochedale
Boys Soccer – Senior and Junior A – Souths United, Dew Street, Runcorn
Senior and Junior B – Sunnybank Hills SS, Symons Road, Sunnybank Hills

BRISBANE HEAT PROMOTIONAL VAN
Thank you to all students who supported the Brisbane Heat last week and participated in their games before school. We were very lucky to have them come to Warrigal Road SS and it was fantastic to see both boys and girls down on the oval having a go and getting involved.

SARAH SPACIE

MUSIC NOTES
YEAR THREE SINGING CLUB:
This week, we began the singing club for year three. It was wonderful to see this enthusiastic group yesterday at first break and wonderful to see Miss Slater working with them. Unfortunately, a number of our strings students did not come to the first rehearsal and sign on. We have sent letters to their class for them to fill in and return to the box outside the music classroom. This box has two of the letters stuck to it to help you identify where to place your form.

BOYS CHORUS:
On Tuesday, February 23, we began our rehearsals for the boys’ chorus. These will continue for the whole term on a Tuesday morning from 8.15 to 8.45am. A number of students from both the Symphonic band and the Wind Ensemble were not present for the sign on or for the first rehearsal. If you are already in the senior choir that is fine, however, a number of boys are not singing with any group. This is a short rehearsal and we are working in two seasons:
Season One will culminate with the Treble Voices Festival on Sunday, May 29, where the boys will be featured with boys from other schools.
Season Two will begin during term three and will culminate with the school concert on Friday, October 14. We hope to see many more members of the symphonic band, wind ensemble and Corelli strings at rehearsal next Tuesday.

REFERENCES:
I have begun giving out references from Tuesday, February 23, and will give out the next group on Tuesday, March 1. I am doing them in order of receipt of emails requesting the reference. Please provide some basic details such as: year of entry to program and on what instrument, ensembles your child has participated in and of course their choir groups.
SHIRT SWAP – our second shirt swap for 2016 will be held on next MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29. This will be held from the back door of the Music Block. Can I please ask for your respect for the Senior Choir who will be rehearsing at that time in the music classroom.

Please note that new shirts are not given out yet. We are only doing shirt swaps at the moment. The volunteers who give out the shirts are very good at what they do so, there is no need to worry that your child will not get the right shirt size.

There are still a few pairs of the second hand pants left for sale, so let the parents know if you are keen to purchase black pants and they will see if they have any to fit you. These pants are $15.00 each.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR SHIRTS NOW.

MEET AND MINGLE 2016:
SUNDAY, MARCH 6 from 3.00pm – 5.00pm. This invitation was emailed to all parents in the music program two weeks ago. These afternoons are not about parent teacher interviews but, rather, about coming together as a music community within our school. The afternoon is a social one with some performances by the music staff and some activities for all. We will also provide a very lovely afternoon tea.

RSVP Thank you to everyone who has already replied. I would urge you to reply as soon as possible please, so that we can have definite numbers ready for Monday, February 29, when we will be organising the catering.

MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP MEETING – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29 at 3.10pm

### ENSEMBLE MESSAGES

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**Senior Band**
Symphonic Wind B
Rehearsal as normal
Shirt swap next Monday, February 29

**Junior Choir**
Rehearsal on Wednesday at 11.00am.

**Senior Choir**
Everyone for rehearsal next Monday and just sops on Tuesday from 7.45 - 8.15am.

**Chamber Choir**
Rehearsal on Friday from 7.45am

**Boys Chorus**
Rehearsal on Tuesdays from 8.15 to 8.45am every week.

**Singing Club**
Rehearsal Monday at first break.

**ANNE POOK**, Director of Music

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**Messages from the Coordinator:**

We were so excited to welcome our children and families back after a long deserved break after Christmas and New Year's! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and that everyone is transitioning into Term 1 nicely.

We have a lot of new faces this year, which means the first few weeks have been about getting to know each other. Welcome to all of our new prep children for 2016. They have all transitioned very well into the OSHC environment, making new friends and trying new experiences.

We are planning ahead for our Easter Holiday Care Program which is end of March/early April. If you would like to come join us for lots of fun and exciting games, feel free to drop into the school hall to our office to find out more information.

**OUR PROGRAM**

Our first few weeks back at the YMCA Warrigal Road have been very busy. Some of the fun themes have included “Learning about Plants”, “Australia Day Theme” and “All About Art”. We learnt how to make grass heads, which included decorating them with happy faces. The children took them home and we are hoping they bring back success stories of how fast and long they grew. One of our children was very excited for it to grow very long, just so they could give it a haircut. For Art week, some of our favourite activities involved Rock Painting, Sponge Art and Nature Collage.

**Tracey Martin** | YMCA Warrigal Road OSHC Coordinator
**YMCA BRISBANE** | 314 Warrigal Road, Eight Mile Plains 4113
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E awr@ymca.org.au  W www.ymcachildcare.org.au/oshc

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**Warrigal Road OSHC**

**Hours of Service**

**Before School**

6:30am – 8:45am
(with breakfast served between 7am – 8am)

**After School**

3:00pm – 6:00pm
(afternoon tea is served and homework can be completed to assist families)

Search for us at YMCA Brisbane Outside School Hours Care.
Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wednesday 24th February where all Executive Positions will become vacant and our year will start with voting in the New Executive Team for 2016. Please note that some of the parents who made up the executive for 2015 will not be continuing in 2016. Positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Communications Officer. An outline of these positions will be displayed outside the Administration Building on the notice boards.

NOTE: This is the only meeting you can join the P&C without being present.

Volunteers Needed

Friday 26th February we need volunteers to help with a few jobs. If you have time we would love to see you.

Jobs include: Cleaning of the toy building blocks in the Prep classroom, Easter raffle tickets to get ready and some other jobs.

Starting at 9am at the Parent Shed (Uniform Shop).

Early Years Sub-Committee

The Early Years Committee had our first meeting on 19th Feb. Thank you to all the new parents who turned up and we hope to see you all again soon. If you were not able to make it to the meeting but you’re still interested in joining please email us on wrssearlyyears@gmail.com. If you would like to vote on items in the meetings you just need to join the Warrigal Road State School P&C.

Walking Wheeling Wednesday

Did you walk, ride, scooter, carpool or catch the bus today?
Do you have your Active School Travel student passport?
If you answered yes, then pop up to the table set up outside the office each Wednesday morning before school to get your passport stamped. The more stamps you receive, the closer you are to receiving a prize. The program is supported by BCC and helps reduce traffic congestion around the school. Best of all, it gets everyone active. Walking Wheeling Wednesday is on each Wednesday during the school term. If you do not have a passport you can collect a new one, however you must keep this one safe. One passport per student. Prep students will be issued a passport by their class teacher. Come on everyone, let’s get active!
Next P&C Meeting & Annual General Meeting (AGM): Wednesday, 24th February 2016, 6:30pm
WARRIGAL ROAD STATE SCHOOL
P & C ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 25th February, 2015

Attendees: Kerri Megens, Kelinda Foo, Ellie Pettman, Kirsty Allen, Tyrone Bruce, Joanne Chung, Julie Mantova, Miranda Glinderman, Melissa Nicholls, Ashley Robinson, Sonja Ilic, Cristy Evans, Shruti Gadhazi, Nicola Blade, Crystal Lim, Wendy Blakeney, Jisha Bony, Belynda Turner, Gayle Healey, Sankalp Khanna (Sunny), Karen Poulton, Jerry Zhan, Di Carter, Karens Stedhen, Ben, Christine, Sandy Hackshall, Chrissy Lawson, Louise Talbot.


Guests: Ernest Foo, Katherine Kolodko, Duncan Pegg

1. Welcome from Kelinda.
   Welcome to Duncan Pegg – State Member for Sunnybank.

2. Minutes from previous Annual General Meeting accepted as true and correct - Moved by Kerri. Seconded by Sunny.

3. Business arising from last AGM—
   a. Sporting Contribution Policy has been changed to include Academic achievements as well and name has been changed to Student Representation policy.
      Motion moved to accept the changes made to the Sporting Contribution Policy. Moved by Di. Seconded by Karen P.

4. Treasurer report –
   Receipt and adoption of Association’s audited annual financial statements and Treasurers report. Copy Attached.
   a. Message from Leanne regarding Book packs. Book pack profit is down this year. Possible reasons for this may be the fact that we no longer have the year sevens at school and also because of the Resource scheme.
   b. We currently have: $80,200 in the cheque account, $91,406 in the online account and $79,887 Uncommitted Funds. Funds for available for Playgrounds $21,336 plus $8,000 being given from Early Years Fundraising.
   c. Paid insurance this month so our volunteers are covered. We also paid $600 for our audit.
   d. Cost of running the P and C. $30920.
   e. $9500 net profit year to date for 2015.
   Moved by Di. Seconded by Sandy.

Audit Report and Treasurer’s reports were accepted by majority show of hands.
5. Presidents Report. (Copy attached)
Kelinda gave an overview of a very busy year. She thanked the executive team and all of the wonderful volunteers who have helped her over the year. She also thanked the admin team and office staff. She also encouraged us to move forward and to continue the good work that we are all doing for our children.
Moved by -------- Seconded by --------
Accepted by a show of hands.

6. Ellie read out all of the new membership and membership renewals.
Motion moved to consider all applications of membership.
Moved by -------- Seconded by --------
Accepted with a show of hands
Motion moved to accept all applications of membership
Moved by ------------ Seconded by ------------
Accepted with a show of hands

7. Di said that it was nice to work with an executive team who are so nice. They took on one of the hardest things to take on in a school environment - uniforms. It takes a lot of resilience and hard work and a lot of courage to take on the hard tasks. Volunteers always give 100% for our children and school. Thank you.
Di Carter then declared all positions now vacant.
Declared all P&C committee positions open for nomination for 2014.

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Confirmation of continuing sub committees and appointment of members or additional subcommittees confirmed by the majority of members present.

Early Years Committee
Kirsty
Sonja
Safest Committee  
Jodie Erfurth  
Wendy Blakeney

Fundraising Committee  
Dr. Sankalp Khanna (Sunny).

Year 6  
Nicholla

Warrigala  
Co-ordinator  
Karen Poulton  
Stall Coordinator  
Kerri Megens  
Treasurer  
Dr. Sankalp Khanna (Sunny)

Grounds and Activity  
TBA

Music Support group  
President, treasurer and Secretary have been appointed.

   Moved by Sandy Hackshall. Seconded by Karen Poulton.


   Confirmation and adoption of Constitution (copy attached)  
   Moved by Sandy. Seconded by Christine. Policy Adopted
   Student Protection Policy Move to accept and adopt  
   Moved by Karen. Seconded by Kelinda. Policy Adopted
   Homework Policy – took out the amount of time expected. Policy Adopted
   School Attendance – Late arrivals and early departures policy added. Policy Adopted
   Dress code Policy – Formal on their Assembly day and excursions. Sports on PE days and on the  
   school sport day. Policy Adopted
   Moved by Karen. Seconded by Kelinda

10. Motion moved to change bank signatories to the newly elected Officers.
    Moved by Di. Seconded by Tyrone.

11. General Business
    Christine Chan thanked the SAFEst volunteers for the amazing job they did last Friday during the  
    really bad rain.

Meeting closed  
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Minutes Endorsed as true and correct  
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President  
Warrigal Road State School P & C Association