FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ICT
Last year we purchased enough iPads to have six in every classroom – this is to assist learning in groups during literacy blocks and numeracy lessons. There will be apps loaded onto these iPads that engage the students in reading, writing, problem-solving and other learning experiences. In addition, there are, at least, six computers in every classroom that assist teachers to differentiate the learning activities for different students.

HARMONY DAY
Next Thursday, 17 March is Harmony Day and we are asking students to wear National costumes if they have these, or wear orange coloured clothing. This is a day of significance to us as a multi-cultural school, and is an opportunity for us to appreciate those things that are different and those things that are the same amongst all of the cultural groups in our school. With over fifty cultural groups, we hold this one day of celebration and do not single out one group over the other.

Students will be invited to take part in a colouring in competition (prep to year two) and a poster competition (years three to six). These competitions will be completed at school.

We pride ourselves on developing our identity as a school which values diversity, and we take the opportunities to develop values that represent what is good about people all over the world. Respect, tolerance, understanding, difference, these are values that are promoted at Warrigal Road State School. Harmony Day to us is not about promoting separation, but is about how each one of us brings our own unique identity to contribute to the whole – the big family of Warrigal Road State School.

PINK STUMPS DAY
Next Friday, 18 March is Pink Stumps Day and we are asking students to wear pink. See the next section, From the Deputies, for details. Our student council is running this event and we are very proud of the citizenship that they are demonstrating and the work they are doing around the school. They were also involved in Clean Up Australia day, and have been excellent role models for our younger students.

DI CARTER, PRINCIPAL
FROM THE DEPUTIES
PINK STUMPS FREE DRESS DAY
On Friday, 18 March, we will be holding pink stumps day. We encourage your child to wear pink and bring a gold coin donation. All donations will be collected by the student council throughout the day. This money will go to the McGrath Foundation. There will be cricket activities set up at lunch time in each year level. We hope everybody participates and has a fantastic day. (written by Courtney and Daniel)

HEARING SCREENING – PREP STUDENTS (fourteen spaces left)
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 emailed out earlier this term along with $15 to the office.

ASHTON SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB ORDERS
Bookclub orders will arrive at school within the next ten days.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
As part of our reporting to parents, we have scheduled parent/teacher interviews on
Tuesday 26 April from 3:30pm to 8:00pm
and
Thursday 28 April from 3:30pm to 5:30pm

Interviews will take place in the school activity hall. If you wish to book an interview with your child’s teacher, please use the on-line booking system. Using this system, you will receive immediate confirmation of your interview time. Bookings will be open at 8.00am on Monday 14 March and will remain open until 9.00am the day before the interview.

To book an interview:
2. Click on Parent/Teacher Interview Bookings.
4. Type in Warriagal Road and select the school.
5. If you registered last year, you will be required to change your child’s year level using the arrow buttons available.
6. Follow the prompts to select your booking time.

Please ensure that you know your child’s classroom teacher’s name. There is a list of classroom teachers at the end of this newsletter. If you require an alternative interview time, please contact your child’s teacher.

TYRONE BRUCE, KAREN COOMBES, GAYLE HEALEY, ALLAN THARENOU

PAYMENTS
As you are aware Warriagal Road State School’s preferred method of correspondence is via email. When we introduced the new BPoint method of payment for our parents last year, we started emailing home student invoices, so parents had the necessary details to utilise this payment method.

When we offer an activity to our students, all students in the year level are automatically invoiced for the activity, so they are able to participate if they wish to. If you do not wish for your child to participate in any activity that you receive an invoice for, you do not need to contact the school. Just ignore the invoice and do not pay it. A credit for the invoice will then automatically be raised after the due date.
Thank you to all parents who have paid their Student Resource Scheme contribution for 2016. We have now reached the end of the discount period, so if you have not yet paid, you will need to pay the full $100.00 contribution.

All parents who paid before the discount period expired will have their account credited for $20.00. This means that over the next few weeks you will be emailed a $20.00 adjustment note. Please do not pay this amount. The Adjustment Note is to clear the balance from your child’s account.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

ALLYSON STEPHENS, BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER

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SPORT NEWS

UPCOMING DISTRICT TRIALS (TEN TO TWELVE 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.

14 March - Sunnybank District Touch Trials - Girls
9 and 16 March - Sunnybank District Touch Trials – Boys

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES
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: 8/3 and 15/3
Year 4-6 Netball Thursday 3:15- 4:15pm Dates: 3/3 and 10/3
Year 3-4 Softball Wednesday 3:15- 4:15pm Dates: 2/3, 9/3 and 16/3
Year 1-2 Hockey Thursday 3:15- 4:15pm Dates: 3/3, 10/3 and 17/3

MCDONALD’S BEST AND FAIREST - SENIOR A AND JUNIOR A BOYS SOCCER
Congratulations to the following students who were voted Gala Day one best and fairest players by their team members.
Senior A – Adrian G and Isaac T
Junior A – Nishanth D and Jacob A

Also, thank you to Joshua’s father, Daniel’s mother and Boston’s parents for their help during Gala Day one. It is much appreciated.

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING
Students in years four to six are invited to attend Cross Country training over the next two weeks. Students who wish to participate must meet Miss Spacie at the block nine eating area at 8:20am. Students will complete a warm up and then learn some cross country running techniques, as well as familiarise themselves with the course. Year four students are encouraged to come, as they have not completed this course before. If students have a music rehearsal on the same day as cross country training, they must attend music. The days will change over the next two weeks, so students should be able to attend at least one of the two sessions if they are involved in the music program.

Cross Country Training Dates: Tuesday 15 March and Wednesday 23 March

SARAH SPACIE
MEET AND MINGLE was held here on Sunday afternoon. What a lovely way to meet with our parents and to offer some information, entertainment, conversation and, of course, great food. A huge thank you to the music support group for organising food and drinks and so many other things along the way. Thank you to our music staff performers and a thank you to Mr Tharenou for all your efforts on Sunday.

SAFETY AT THE MUSIC BLOCK  We are currently working on all aspects of safety in and around the music block. Can we remind parents that you are not to pick up your child’s instrument from the storeroom, as this is their responsibility, unless they have had to go home sick. Students should not bring their school bags into the music block at any time, as there is simply not enough room in the storeroom, if you are carrying a backpack on your back. Always be very careful with the placement of your bags when collecting instruments. NO SCHOOL BAGS IN THE DOORWAY, PLEASE.

CHANGES TO SOME LESSON TIMES THIS WEEK Please note that due to the year five excursion on Thursday, we have to change a number of lesson times. I will display all the changes on the whiteboard outside my room and, hopefully, time permitting, will email those changes to students affected. Please take responsibility for checking the whiteboard outside my room. This is particularly important for the Brass students.

SHIRTS AND BLACK PANTS Please note that only the Senior and Chamber Choirs, Symphonic Band and Corelli Strings wear the black pants. All other groups wear the green culottes or green rugger shorts with the performance uniform. Junior Choir is supplied with a different shirt for performances, but wear the same shorts or culottes. We can no longer give any more time to distributing shirts and trying to fit black pants – if you have still not organised this in your family, please email me ASAP, so I can discuss with you.

REFERENCES I continue to complete references and I have a number not collected from my office. I have given these out on Monday this week and again on Tuesday. I will not give these out again until Friday lunchtime.

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ANNE POOK, Director of Music
 WHAT IS STEM?
STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. We focus on these fields together, because the skills and knowledge within are deeply intertwined to the real world. STEM is often engaging for students and can help promote problem solving and critical thinking.

How are we teaching STEM?
At Warrigal Road State School, our students engage in STEM across many year levels. Many of our technology units link to what students are studying in science and involve a degree of mathematical skill and knowledge.

For example, in year six (term two), students will design and create a torch that has both a high and low beam. This task will involve students integrating the skills learnt through their science unit on ‘Energy and Electricity’ with design technology and maths disciplines.

Our year four students are currently participating in a nine week program with our Robotics mentor, that involves them working collaboratively to develop code and construct robots that can solve a real world problem. The context for this unit is, the students are mining engineers and need to develop driverless trucks to collect and dump materials from an open-cut mine. These students are working within the digital technologies subject, whilst using numeracy and science disciplines.

The world and technology are rapidly changing. Coding has been described as the language for the twenty-first Century. Many jobs of the future will require coding, plus traditional disciplines.

CHRIS FOWLER – HEAD OF CURRICULUM

CHESS NEWS
LESSONS
Next term we will again be offering chess lessons to students in years one to six. The lessons, organised by Gardiner Chess, are for all ability levels and will run from Thursday 14 April to Thursday 23 June from 3:10pm to 4:10pm. If you are interested, please pick up the form from the school office or from Mrs Rana in block three, room one.

URGENT REQUEST TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF FIJI
EXTENDED UNTIL FRIDAY- THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO HAS ALREADY DONATED
A container is being packed by some local residents to be sent to Fiji next week. They have asked for our help once again, to collect items to go inside the container. The following are items needed by the Fijian people, but they must be in very good condition please:

Children’s clothes only, school supplies- books, pencils, crayons, kitchen utensils, plastic cups and plates, linen and towels.

If you are able to donate any of these items, please take them to class 6C (Mrs Ofa) or leave at the school office, as soon as possible. The last day for collection will be Friday 11 March. The student council will help organise the items to be delivered to the residents’ homes in Robertson for packing. Many thanks for your help and please support the people of Fiji. We have done this as a community in the past with great success, and time is of the essence. Thank you.
JUDY OFA, TEACHER
Communications Officer Needed

Have you been thinking about joining the P&C. Now is the time. We need a **Communications Officer**. The role includes collating all information the P&C needs to be released via newsletter into newsletter format. If you require any further information, please email the P&C at wrsspandc@hotmail.com. We are waiting to hear from you.

**Election Day BBQ - Saturday, 19th March**

We need volunteers to help us on the day (see below instructions) and also to bake items that can be dropped off that morning at the BBQ. Please bake items like biscuits, slices, muffins and paddy cakes that are individually or group wrapped ready for sale. The more you support the school the more we can do to improve it. We would like to run three shifts on the day – 7am to 10am, 10am to 12pm, 12pm to 2pm, but we would appreciate if you can devote even an hour of your time, so jump on board and help out. For more details, contact sunny on 0421975389, or email wrsspandc@hotmail.com.

When: 19 March 2016. Times on SOBS.
Where: Outside the Hall.
Why: To raise funds to improve our school.
Suggested shifts: 7am-10am, 10am-12pm, 12pm-2pm.

How:
2) Click on Parent/Teacher interviews
3) Click on Parent Access

4) Then enter your information as requested.

If you have any questions about logging in or this event please email us at wrsspandc@hotmail.com.
EARLY YEARS EASTER RAFFLE

Don’t forget to return your Easter Raffle Tickets ASAP to the school office for your chance to win one of our multiple Easter Basket prizes (last year we had over 100 prizes to give away). Tickets are only $1.00 each and extra tickets are available at the school office.

The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday, 22nd March and winners officially announced at the Early Years Meeting in April. Money and tickets (including any unsold) need to be returned to the school office by Friday, 18th March 2016.

Could all Early Years Parents please send in your donated items such as Easter Eggs & Easter baskets to your child’s teacher. Just remember to pick up something small next time you do the shopping – it would be great if we could have as many prizes as last year – BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Also, don’t forget about the working bees in the Hall Kitchen from 9am on Monday 21st March to make the Easter Baskets and Tuesday 22nd March to hand out the prizes.

Volunteers Needed

We need more hands to help clean some Prep toy building blocks. Come and join the Early Years Committee for morning tea and help out our school.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped last Friday.

Next Working Bee will be Friday 11 March 9am at the Parent Shed. All parents are welcome.

Thank you for your support – WRSS Early Years Parent Committee
**Uniform Shop**

The Book Shop is going online! Go to [http://www.warrigalroadssshop.com.au](http://www.warrigalroadssshop.com.au) and see what we have in store. You can also buy online and have sent to your child’s classroom.

**SAFEST**

We are in desperate need of volunteers to help at the Pick Up and Drop Off zones at our school. At the moment, we have only 4 volunteers helping between the two zones. We are looking for someone to help up at Demigre St on a Monday or a Tuesday afternoon from 3-3.30pm. If you can spare 30 mins either before or after school that would be fantastic. Please email wrssspandc@hotmail.com if you can help. Parents, don’t forget you are able to park in the IGA carpark for school drop off and pick up. Just pop into the office and ask the ladies for a parking slip to put on your car dashboard.

**Active School Travel**

Each Wednesday we have what we call ‘Walking Wheeling Wednesday’. The kids who walk, ride, scooter, car pool or catch public transport are rewarded with stamps in their travel passport. Keep your passport in a safe spot in your bag because the more stamps you get, the more prizes you receive. Fill the whole book and you will go in the draw for a great prize at the end of the year! Come on everyone, give it a go. Park the car further away from the school and walk on down with the kids.

Last month, the AST class trophy was awarded to Prep F and 3F. These two classes had the most children scooter to school on Walking Wheeling Wednesday. Well done! On the last Wednesday of each month, we collect class travel statistics. Each month we will be looking for the class with the most walkers, or bike riders, car poolers or scooters. Keep an eye out for what it will be this month.
Active School Travel

Hawaiian Theme -
Wednesday,
23rd March 2016

Park N Stride - 8.10AM

Come dressed in Hawaiian Costume

Assembly Points: 1. Leopardwood Park   OR;
2. Bordeaux Street

Fruit & water will be provided to all Active Travellers at the hall.

1. Daw Road, near Cnr Leopardwood St
2. Bordeaux St (across from 105 Bordeaux St)

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