13 JULY 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

BEIJING – WHAT AN EXPERIENCE!

The scale of the human endeavour that makes Beijing the special place that it is, is most impressive. The people are friendly, respectful and kind; the city is green, huge and rich in history; the streets are busy, lively and colourful. It truly is a ‘once in a lifetime’ experience. Beijing Primary treats its visitors like royalty and made sure that our study tour was rich with cultural experiences. Our children had the chance to fly to another country, whose culture is so different to ours, but whose values are the same. It was very clear that our Chinese buddies value respect, responsibility, education and family.

I felt safe, I experienced kindness, I enjoyed great food, I felt appreciated as an Australian and a Principal, and I cannot speak highly enough of the efforts of the Principal Mr Li and the staff and students of Beijing Primary. They took care of our every need, and made sure our experience was free of difficulty. China is undergoing a massive construction and modernisation program. As an emerging world power, China will have an impact on the lives of ordinary Australians, even if only indirectly.

I had the opportunity to see the Great Wall, the ancient temples, the masses of people and a lack of conflict in everyday situations that might have been different here (for example, ‘road rage’). The teachers and I are reviewing our study tour program with a view to improving the opportunities for our students into the future. Thank you Beijing Primary – thank you so very much.

The Beijing School Trip

At the end of the second term and over the holidays, I got to accompany nine other students and three teachers on a trip of a lifetime to Beijing Primary School, our sister school in China. We visited some significant places like the Great Wall and Beijing Zoo. The food was super delicious, especially Peking Duck, and there was so much variety at each meal. I came back with lots of stories to tell my friends and family. It was a trip of a lifetime and we are all now eagerly waiting for our Beijing buddies to visit next week.

Khushi, Year 6

DI CARTER, PRINCIPAL
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

QPARENTS IS COMING
Great news: Warrigal Road State School is proud to offer QParents. We will be rolling out QParents starting with year six in the first two weeks of term. Other year levels will follow. In the coming weeks, you will receive an email with an invitation to register.

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child’s school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child’s student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QPARENTS allows parents to connect instantly with their child’s school to access and manage their child’s student information, including:
• Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence,
• Academic report cards,
• Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online,
• Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address,
• Enrolment details.

QPARENTS will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way. QParents will not replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.

More information about QParents can be found at https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about

PLEASE CHECK UNIFORMS
During the winter months, students bring lots of clothing to school to stay warm. It is easy for students to mix up or lose jumpers and hats throughout the day. We ask for parents to make sure all items of your child’s clothing is NAMED and that you check this clothing in a timely manner to make sure the item belongs to your child. Please return any clothing which belongs to another student as soon as possible. Thank you for your support with this.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS
Parents, please update your emergency contact numbers if and when your personal or work situation changes.

ABSENCES
Parents, please phone in all absences - 33405360 or email - absences@warrroadss.eq.edu.au if your child is absent from school. Please be specific for the date, time and reason why your child is away. We do not ‘assume’ they are away for the same reason the next day, unless stated. Parents are reminded that schools have a legal responsibility to follow up when students are absent from school without explanation. Class rolls are legal documents and teachers are accountable for maintaining accurate records, including reasons for student absences. Student achievement is affected by absenteeism. Parents are asked to help maximise student potential by ensuring their children are at school on time each day, ready to learn. Please also assist us by providing timely explanation for student absences, either by telephone or email. Members of administration are available to discuss any on-going concerns you may have regarding absences.

WARRIGAL ROAD STATE SCHOOL – DETE FACEBOOK PAGE
In an endeavour to look at new ways to communicate information to parents, we have established a school Facebook page. If you (Parents Only) have a personal Facebook account all you need to do is search for the official page which can be found by the title “Warrigal Road State School – DETE” (has school logo). Then
‘like’ the page and you will receive information/reminders about school events through your personal Facebook account. **As students under the age of thirteen are not permitted by law to have a Facebook account, please be aware that this is NOT for students to access.**

**CYBER BULLYING**

**What can you do about Cyber Bullying?**
Remember if Cyber bullying is ignored, it will not go away. So if you are a victim of Cyber Bullying or know a victim of Cyber Bullying, make a stand and take control.

**What if you are a victim of Cyber Bullying?**
Learn how to block and report unwanted communications. Keep all evidence, so when you speak to a trusted adult at home or school they are able see the bullying for themselves and this will help them to help you.

**What if you know Cyber Bullying is occurring?**
Support the person who is being bullied – you never know when you might need some help too. Encourage that person to speak to a trusted adult. Don’t share, like or pass on any messages, posts, links, images or videos that involve that person.

By making a stand we can all work together in upholding the positive culture within our school community.

**TYRONE BRUCE, KAREN COOMBES, ALLAN THARENOU, JUDY OFA**

**Finance News**
In response to parent feedback, we are trialling sending out all year level excursion and incursion letters at the beginning of each term. Parents/guardians will receive information letters and invoices during the first week of the term, followed by a statement which will show the total amount owing.

This will give you the option of either paying all outstanding amounts in one payment or paying individual activities when they are due (please check the information letter for the due date for each activity). When making payments via BPoint or Internet transfer, please remember to return the permission slip at the bottom of the information letter.

**ALLYSON STEPHENS, BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER**

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**MUSIC NOTES**

**Junior Strings**

1st Rehearsal for term 3 - this Friday, 15 July
Come to music block with your lunch at 1st Break 11.00am
Students will have lunch and then start rehearsal

*We kindly request that students do not order tuckshop on rehearsal days*

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**
Music Camp for all ensembles other than Junior Strings
**Rehearsals as normal this week**

**CLASS MUSIC:** All students are required to have their own music workbook except for prep students. These workbooks are available from the book shop/uniform shop. Please purchase as soon as possible, so that your child does not fall behind the other students during class music activities.

Recorders are required for students in years 3, 4 and 5. Could you please check that your child has their name on the recorder. I currently have a couple of recorders in my room with no name on them. A number of students left their recorder and workbook in the LOTE room last term. The student is responsible for ensuring that these items are taken back to their own classroom.

**INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS:** We currently have a number of students who are aware that their progress will be re-evaluated just before the music camp. Any student who is continually missing instrumental lessons or rehearsals will not attend the music camp, as they will not be prepared.

**PERFORMANCE SHIRTS:** Once again, I request that all boys in the Thomastik Strings and all boys in Concert winds try on their performance shirts to ensure that they have the correct size. We URGENTLY NEED a size 8 shirt and it appears that some boys must still be wearing quite small size shirts and have not moved up to the next size. If you find that your shirt is too small, please contact me and I will arrange for a swap to happen next Monday July 18. Thank you.

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<td>1st Rehearsal: Friday 15 July first Break at the Music Block. Bring your lunch with you</td>
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<td>Chamber Choir</td>
<td>TUESDAY AS NORMAL AT 8.15 – we now have some new members which is very exciting.</td>
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<td>Boys Chorus</td>
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**ANNE POOK, Director of Music**

**SPORT NEWS**

**IMPORTANT DATES – TERM 3**

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<td>Tuesday 13 September</td>
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INTERMEDIATE SPORTS DAY – TERM 2

Although it was windy, Mother Nature was on our side for the Intermediate Sports Day last term. Congratulations to everyone for participating in a fantastic day. Although the Intermediate Sports Day is primarily about participation, we do calculate points for the students’ sprint races.

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It was fantastic to see the students getting out of the classroom and having a go at the events. Students participated in five rotations on the day – long jump, high jump, sprints and relays, tug o’ war and tabloids.

A big thank you to the P&C Association for their efforts in the cake stall and the sausage sizzle. Thank you to the families who supported the P&C and all parents and guardians who came down to support their children in their events.

SARAH SPACIE, HPE TEACHER

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[Oral Health Services advertisement]

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- 2-17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule
- Adults & children who hold a current:
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  - Health care card
  - Pension concession card

1. Time for a dental checkup?
2. Telephone 1300 300 850
3. Attend the appointment with your child

For more information, visit: [www.health.qld.gov.au/metrosouth/oralhealth]
Welcome back to term 3. We hope all the students had a good holiday, and all the parents also got to have a bit of a break.

The sports day and Election BBQs were successful, and thank you to everyone that volunteered their time on the day or baked goods beforehand. We’re currently finalising the calculations of the income from these events and will be able to report on it at the next P&C meeting.

This term our main event will be the Lapathon towards the end of term. We will be announcing details on this soon. A free dress day is also in planning stages.

Uniform Shop

Reminder: The Uniform / Book Shop is open for trading for Term 3 at the following times:-

Mondays 8:00am to 10:00am
Wednesdays 8:00am to 10:00am

You can always shop online and have the items delivered. Just visit www.warrigalroadssshop.com.au.

Old Style Uniforms

This is the last year of the old style school uniforms. This is a reminder to start to get your new style uniforms from the Uniform Shop. While you are at the shop, you can drop off your old style uniforms. Please make sure they are washed and ready to be packed in boxes.

We are donating these old style Uniforms to Rotary Australia who collect, fix and fill countless containers of school & hospital supplies that are sent overseas each year.
STATIONERY FIRE SALE

Come along and pick up a bargain at our first Stationery Fire Sale. All our stock is red hot.
When: Thursday 21 July 8am to 9:30am
Where: At the Uniform Shop

SAVE THE DATE!

EARLY YEARS MEETING – Friday 15th July

To find out about our upcoming events and more, join our Early Years committee this Friday 9am in the Staff Room. Alternatively you can email us at wrsearlyyears@gmail.com.

BUNNINGS BBQ – Saturday 8th October

The Early Years Committee is holding a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings Underwood early Term 4. To make this a success we will need volunteers on the day.

WHOLE SCHOOL DISCO - Friday 21st October

Mark this date in your calendar! Come along to the school disco for a family night of fun.

FAMILY PORTRAITS – Saturday 5th November

The friendly team from Advanced Life Studios will be holding a Family Portrait day for Warrigal families. The photos make a lovely Christmas gift for family & friends. More details on how to book closer to the date

Remember to like us on Facebook - Warrigal Road State School - P&C

Next Meeting: 27th July 6:30 pm in the staff room. All Welcome