MAXIMISING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

High Yield Teaching Strategies
Timely Appropriate Targeted Intervention for Every Child
Specific Data Analysis that Informs Planning and Teaching

Upcoming Events

YEAR 6 GRADUATION
8 December

2 NOVEMBER 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CLASS ALLOCATIONS

Requests from parents for class allocation 2017 will be unable to be accepted after Friday 4 November. It is quite a complex process to ensure that the best possible outcomes for the children of our school are catered for and this includes input from parents, teachers of 2016 and before, future teachers in 2017 and beyond, specialist teachers, members of the Executive Leadership team, and any other information we can gather about each individual child. As already stated in a previous newsletter, requests from parents will be considered but there are no guarantees that all will be satisfied. Requests involving particular teachers are unable to be considered.

CELEBRATIONS

World Teacher’s Day, held last week, gave us a chance to celebrate the great work that teacher’s do. Teaching is not just a job, it is a vocation. Some people are born to it and some people work very hard to achieve it. Technically, teachers are paid for five hours a day, but even a very limited understanding of basic maths will tell you that teachers work for many more hours than that. Teachers take their role very seriously and are aware that they have the potential to impact on the direction of a child’s life. We all can remember that teacher that we thought the world of, and the ones we did not like – but for better or for worse, teachers matter.

I made a point of speaking particularly of the Executive Leadership Team – who many might say are administrators, not teachers. I believe that we are both administrators and teachers, managers and leaders. My role today is in the teaching of teachers who have leadership potential, not so much in the teaching of individual children. The teams of teachers at every level, at Warrigal Road State School, work together to achieve the best for every child and this is one of our most outstanding characteristics. Our teams support each other in ensuring the best pedagogy is visible in the classroom, and that every teacher continues to learn and grow so that our students can learn and grow.

In a world that delivers to us, through the media, the constant criticisms, bickering and complaining of those who purport to be the leaders in our society, I offer a better model. Our teachers strive to be the best they can be, and this is no deficit model. From a standard of already ‘good’ teachers, our teachers are driven to be lifelong learners. They strive to provide a better role model of leadership than that which we see every day in all forms of media. I encourage our students to rise above the lowest common denominator of standards of behaviour as seen by some of our so-called leaders of society, and be the ‘best’ they can be.

DI CARTER, PRINCIPAL
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

SEMESTER TWO REPORT CARDS

Report cards were emailed home at the end of Semester One. As a number of service providers saw the report card mail out as spam, the email with the report card was delivered into people’s junk/spam folder rather than their inbox. Please add OneSchool.application@det.qld.gov.au to your ‘safe senders list’ so your child’s Semester 2 report card will be delivered to your inbox at the end of the year. Report Cards will be emailed home on Thursday 9 December.

PREMIERS READERS CHALLENGE

At the end of last week, we received over two hundred certificates from the Premier in recognition of our students who completed the Premiers Readers Challenge. This was a fantastic result. Congratulations to the students who successfully completed the challenge and to the parents for their support of the students. As Dr Suess always says: ‘The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.’

TYRONE BRUCE, KAREN COOMBES, GAYLE HEALEY, ALLAN THARENOU

Finance News

When making payments via BPoint or Internet transfer, please remember to return the permission slip at the bottom of the information letter.

Have you registered for QParents yet? This provides an easy option to check all outstanding payments at any time of the day. You can also make payments easily via the app. Parents received an invitation email earlier in the term. If you require us to re-send it to you, please contact the office.

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ALLYSON STEPHENS, BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER

MUSIC NOTES

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Chenior Choir – combination of some senior and all chamber choir members to perform at Parliament House – NOVEMBER 16 – formal letters coming home next week, further information via email this week.
2. RECRUITMENT - MUSIC PACK ORDERS – due in Friday November 4.
3. Carols throughout the school beginning in week 7.
5. ALL LEAVING STUDENTS TO RETURN THEIR PERFORMANCE SHIRT ON MONDAY DECEMBER 5.
6. ALL STUDENTS LEAVING WHO WISH TO SELL BACK THEIR BLACK PANTS ARE TO RETURN THESE ON MONDAY DECEMBER 5.

Emails home over last week and coming week include:

Parliament House email
St. Andrew’s performance email
Link to Saint Nicolas music  
Reminders about music packs  
Handbook – Instrumental music

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<td>Rehearsal time as normal in the music block.</td>
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<td>Junior Strings</td>
<td>We now prepare for a parade performance – Friday November 11.</td>
<td>Rehearsal FRIDAY 1st Break at the Music Block</td>
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<td>Concert Winds</td>
<td>Rehearsal as normal but in the BAND ROOM.</td>
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<td>Rehearsals are now on Friday morning 7.30 to 8.45am.</td>
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<td>Rehearsal as normal.</td>
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<td>Senior Choir</td>
<td>Rehearsals now on a Monday only, as we prepare to spread end of year music through the school.</td>
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<td>Chamber Choir</td>
<td>Now rehearsing with the combined choir on Tuesday from 7.45am</td>
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<td>Singing Club</td>
<td>Normal rehearsal next week – remember you are now preparing your carol music to sing for the school towards the end of this term.</td>
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ANNE POOK, Director of Music

SPORT NEWS

**Sporting Schools**

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Please email me at sspac11@eq.edu.au if you are unsure if your child has been selected into the Sporting Schools programs.

There are three spots still available for year 5 and 6 netball.

The following students have been accepted into the prep softball program.

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Justin

Wildlife Ranger visit

Today 4A got a visit from the Wildlife Ranger, it was very exciting.

My favourite was Cranky the salt-water crocodile and Shelly the freshwater turtle.

I like Cranky because it was so awesome to see a real salt water crocodile and it also show us it third eye-lid that sticks to the side after it open its eye.

I also like Shelly because I got to feel it shell and learn that its shell is made from the same material as our nails.
Wildranger Incursion

Today we went to the wildranger incursion with Dionne, my favourite animal was Shelly the fresh water turtle and Blossom the sugar glider because Shelly was funny and Blossom was cute.

**Shelly** (is very funny)

She is a fresh water turtle and lives in lakes, rivers, and places with fresh water. She is very funny because she gives worms when she came out.

**Blossom** (is really cute)

She is 4 months old and is super cute. She is more softer than any of my toys. She can scratch their tree bark so they can ding on
Earlier this year the P&C ran a survey requesting input from parents and the results of this survey are summarised below. The response rate was 20% of the school so thank you to everyone that provided their input. Thank you also to Kylli for organising the survey and collating the results.

The response to question 1 shows most people understand that P&C carry out Fundraising, School Safety and Tuckshop. 50% knew about School Policies and Direction of P&C funds. The most popular way of helping: 69% was to help a teacher in a one off situation. Other options all got between 20-30%. This would in part explain the lack of volunteers for many things although most people were happy to contribute some time.

Working with friends, knowing where the money is going and that their own child would benefit were the highest factors in why someone would volunteer.

The answers to the free answers questions were all collated into a document for the P&C to review (and if anyone is interested in seeing these answers then please e-mail the P&C). A brief synopsis of this is that:

- Where would you like to see funds directed: The answers were variable with Air Con being very popular, followed by Playgrounds, and Resources. Other areas suggested for improvements were in areas that are school responsibility and these have been passed onto the the school although they were all ideas already identified for improvement.
- Further comments: There was a huge variety of comments, the nice thing was that a large proportion of comments were people saying thank you and appreciating the work the P&C do.
- There were a few interesting fundraising ideas: School Garage Sale, Pie Drive, Crazy Hair Day, Hot Chips Day and a request for more free dress days.
**Early Years Committee**

**FAMILY PORTRAITS**
This Saturday 5th November we are holding a Family Portrait day here at school. We still have a few spaces left in the afternoon so book in now. For $20 you can secure your booking time and receive a 10” x 13” family portrait. See the attached flyer for more details. If you have any questions or problems booking on sobs.com please email wrssearlyyears@gmail.com. Please return your $20 booking fee in an envelope marked Family Portraits & your name to the office by Friday as the photographer is unable to accept money on the day.

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**SAFEST**

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.

We would like to thank all the parents who do the right thing around our school. A big thumbs up to all the parents who park safely and correctly, use the pick-up and drop off zones properly, cross the road at the supervised crossing with their children and utilise the safety walk down at the hall carpark. You are helping make our school a safer place.

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**Active School Travel**

Don’t forget ‘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.
Uniform Shop

To – Do – List

1) Uniforms for 2017

Come to the Uniform Shop in Term 4 to get all your Uniform needs. Avoid the long, hot January queues so you can relax in the New Year. Or book online from the comfort of your own home.

2) 2017 Book Pack

If you haven’t ordered your book pack yet, don’t fear. Drop into the Uniform Shop and pick one up today. Products and prices may vary from Sequel list slightly but this has been approved by the school.

3) Kids Holiday entertainment ready

How are we going to entertain these kids??????????????????????
WRSS P&C invites you to:

A Professional Family Portrait Fundraiser Day

Please join us for a professionally posed Family Portrait shoot of your Family to raise funds.

When
Saturday 5th November
Book a session from 9am

Where
Prep B Classroom

What You Receive for $20

[Image of family portrait]

Plus get the chance to purchase extra poses, a variety of sizes, black and white prints and the digital copies to use on canvases, and gifts.

To Book

Please log onto soba.com.au & select Warrigal Road State School P&C to reserve your photography session before they're all gone!

Please return $20 in an envelope marked FAMILY PORTRAITS & your name, phone number & your child’s name, to the school office by 1/11/16
Any questions, email wrssearlyyears@gmail.com

4 Simple Rules

* Minimum of two generations in the Family Portrait
* No person may appear in two separate fundraising Family Portraits (exception of separated couples)
* An adult family member appearing in the fundraising Family Portrait must be present to collect & view their family portraits (or able to make alternative arrangements)
* Families must sit for a minimum of three separate poses on the day.

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AdvancedLife Studios

We are Australia’s leading Family Portrait Photographers. With over 30 years experience our Photographers are experts trained to provide the best family photo experience for you.
Next Meeting: November 23rd 6:30pm in the staff room. All Welcome