The summer of 2017 will remain in our memories as one of the hottest on record. Welcome back to our students, parents and friends and welcome to our new families. In this extreme heat, we encourage our students to bring a water bottle to school, wear a hat in the sun, and avoid the sun altogether if the heat is too much. Please ensure that your child is wearing sunscreen and is only out in the sun when the day is cooler.

2017 will be a great year where we get to maintain and sustain the classroom initiatives that we have set in place over the past 3 years. We will continue to focus on high yield teaching, continuing to use accurate student achievement data to inform our teaching methods.

Again this year we will be able to offer very high quality teaching, a safe and supportive learning environment, the trip to Canberra and to Beijing, an extensive sporting program, a very high quality music program, caring and highly competent teachers, and the opportunity as parents and caregivers to be a part of our much valued community.

If you have any questions about your child’s welfare or academic progress, the first point of call is the classroom teacher. Please make yourself known to them over the next couple of weeks as we believe that parents and the school work in partnership to achieve the best outcomes for our students.

Don’t forget that our community has access to an Outside School Hours Care program on site, so I remind parents and caregivers that if you need to drop your student at school early, or pick them up late, then he/she will need to be enrolled in the OHSC program. The school does not provide supervision until 8.45am. From this time, children will be supervised in the tuckshop area only and will not be taken to the oval for games. This time of the day is vital preparation time for teachers, to prepare the resources that students will be using in class, and therefore they are not available for supervision. It is not the responsibility of the school as students are not supposed to be at school before this time.

Being on time for school is of vital importance to student success. Each teacher begins the day with an orientation session which explains what is happening for the day, what they will be learning and what the purpose of that learning is. Students who arrive late miss this and often feel lost for the rest of the day. There is no dead time in the classroom, every minute is a learning experience so ensure that your child achieves their best. Students with a learning attitude are ready to start immediately with the start of the school day. Please support this by having your child here on time, relaxed and ready to learn.

DI CARTER, PRINCIPAL
The Parent Teacher information session at the beginning of the school year is an opportunity for parents to meet with their child’s teacher to hear what the expectations of the year level will be. It is an important opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and begin to develop open communication between home and school for the benefit of the students.

These sessions will be run in the child’s classrooms on Tuesday 7 February at the following times:

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Please remember, the purpose of these sessions is to provide an overview of expectations of the year level and classroom. Individual parent teacher interviews will be offered at the end of Term 1. If you have any concerns about your child, please arrange an individual time with your child’s teacher to discuss fully.

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

ABSENCES
Please advise the school of all absences including if your child will be late to school. This can be done via various communication methods. Phone the school absence line on 33405360 or email absences@warrroadss.eq.edu.au, if your child is away from school. This can also be done via Qparents if you have registered. The school has now implemented the same day alert system via a SMS message to parents’ mobile phone. You can respond via text for the absence notification.

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. 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 13 are not permitted by law to have a Facebook account, please be aware that this is NOT for students to access.

MEDICATION
All medication for students including short term medication (this includes over the counter medication such as Panadol and anti-histamines) must be held in the office and a form to be completed by the parent for medication to be dispensed. This is to be completed each year for students and also for every new medication or change of dosage. Please ensure all medication is labelled by your doctor or accompanied by a doctor letter with instruction for dispensing or medication will not be given.

WHY IS WRITING IMPORTANT?
Writing is an essential skill. It is more than just putting words on paper. Writing is a process of communication that plays an important role in your child’s life—both in and out of the classroom. Parents can make a big difference in helping a child develop writing skills by encouraging writing activities that are simple and fun. The following are activities parents can do with their child to promote writing at home.

- **Send a Message** - Frequently leave notes on pillows, desks, mirrors, wherever. Have your child write you a note in return. A family chalkboard or message board is a great tool for encouraging your child to write messages.

- **Letters** - Make letter writing a habit for your child. Have your child write letters to family and friends.

- **“Year in Review” Notebook** - Keep an ongoing record of your family’s life. Every family member can add to your family’s story. Include important events that happen during the year. On New Year’s Eve, sit down and read through your “Year in Review” and start a notebook for the next year. To add to your story, include family photos whenever possible.

TYRONE BRUCE, KAREN COOMBES, GAYLE HEALEY, ALLAN THARENOU

FINANCE NEWS – TERM 1 PAYMENTS
We will be sending out all Resource Scheme and Year level excursion and incursion letters during the second week of this 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.

Have you registered yet for QParents? This provides an easy option to check all outstanding payments at any time of the day. You can also make payments easily at any time of the day via the app. Parents who are not yet registered will receive an invitation email during the first two weeks of term. If you require us to re-send it to you, please contact the office.

ALLYSON STEPHENS, BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER

MUSIC NOTES

The Neuroscience of Singing

*By Cassandra Sheppard on Thursday January 19th, 2017*

Singing Together Brings Heartbeats Into Harmony
2017- Welcome back students and parents

A very Happy New Year from all the music staff. We welcome you back for another great music-filled year! We encourage our new and continuing students to keep informed and stay up-to-date by reading the Newsletter, regularly checking your email and checking the Music Block Noticeboard for relevant information.
We look forward to sharing the joys of music with you all in 2017.

THIS WEEK:

All instrumental students have met with their Instrumental teachers. Music Packs were distributed to those who ordered them. If you did not order from the Music Pack, you will need to bring the required equipment to your instrumental lesson next week.

Loan Agreement Forms and Student Contracts are to be returned to the Music Block (box)

RESOURCE SCHEME FOR INSTRUMENTAL AND CHOIR STUDENTS

Music Resource Scheme letters and invoices are currently being prepared and will be emailed to parents.

No payments will be accepted by Music Staff and no payment is required until you receive the invoices.

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<td>Year 4 boys and girls welcome</td>
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<td>Monday 6 February 8.15am</td>
<td>Years 5 &amp; 6 boys and girls welcome. No audition required.</td>
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<td>Auditioned Choir for boys and girls. (only students new to Chamber Choir in 2017 will be required for auditions). A timetable will be scheduled for auditions.</td>
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<td>Boys Chorus</td>
<td>Tuesday 7 February 8.15am</td>
<td>Boys in Year 4, 5, 6. No audition required. We encourage boys in the Instrumental Program to join Boys Chorus for a season.</td>
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<td>Singing Club</td>
<td>Letter will be sent home to parents of continuing students from Year 2 in 2016</td>
<td>Anyone interested in joining this year needs to see Miss Slater (Mon, Tues, Wed am)</td>
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A friendly reminder that the class Music Books will be distributed to students, once the General Resource Scheme has been paid.

Could students in Year 3-6, if possible, please bring your 2016 Music Book to your weekly lessons as we will use these until the new books arrive.

ANNE POOK, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

UPCOMING DISTRICT TRIALS (10-12 YEARS ONLY)
If you wish to nominate your child in a particular sport, please see Miss Spacie at least 3 weeks prior to the trial date (wherever possible). Each school is only allowed to send 4 students to trial. Only students displaying quality skill levels will be sent to trial.

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GALA DAY TRIALS
Friday, 10 February, all students in grades 5-6 will have the opportunity to trial for Gala Day teams for Semester one. The sports on offer will be girls Softball/ Tee ball, girls and boys Soccer, boys Rugby League and boys and girls Basketball. Trials will commence at approx.12pm and run for the remainder of the day.

10-12 YEARS DISTRICT SWIMMING 2017
Students who wish to nominate for the Sunnybank District Swimming trials must see Miss Spacie this week to collect the nomination forms. Students will have to provide times for the events in which they wish to nominate. Times must be signed off by a swimming coach. Swimmers are required to meet qualifying times. Nominations are due on Monday 30 January by 3pm. No late nominations will be accepted.

YEAR THREE – SCOOTERS
Students in Year Three are riding scooters in Physical Education lessons and are strongly encouraged to bring their own helmets to their lesson. We will have helmets for students to wear if they do not have helmets, but if they do, we ask that you send it to school with them on their PE day.

Tuesday – 3E, 3C, 3D  
Friday – 3G, 3A, 3B & 3F

2017 HOUSE AND VICE CAPTAINS

RAWLINNA
Captains – Ash D and Christopher I  
Vice Captains– Lauren M and Haru E

YINDI
Captains – Zendelle D and Erika W  
Vice Captains – Tz-Shiang L and Sandra D-G

BEERWON
Captains – Sufyaan I and Hannah C  
Vice Captains – Tony H and Ryan S

GOONAWARRA
Captains – Jacob A and Amber W  
Vice Captains – Nick N and Ryan C
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**Online Ordering - Flexischools**
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For parents with an existing account, please remember to update your child’s year level and class.

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Dear Parents, Students & Teachers

Welcome to the 2017 school year.

For returning families and those joining Warrigal Road State School for the first time, I wish you all the best for a great year.

The Queensland Government is working to ensure our state schools provide the best-possible education for our local students and that’s why we are employing more teachers in every school.

We are also investing $667 million to improve and expand schools across the state.

For more information or if I can help you with any state government issues please contact me at 3414 3110.

Duncan Pegg MP
**Member for Stretton**

Email: Stretton@parliament.qld.gov.au  Facebook  Twitter
Souths United Football Club

CLUB SIGN-ON & INFORMATION WEEKEND

Saturday 28th January 1pm - 4pm
Sunday 29th January 1pm - 4pm

Wakerley Park, Dew Street, Runcorn.

Boys and Girls of all ages welcome!

(New members bring a birth certificate please)

- MiniRoos Kick-Off 3 – 5yo
- U6 - U8 Intra Club - no travelling!
- U9 - U11 Small Sided Football
- U12-U16 Competitive Fixtures
- Women’s Premier League, Capital League, City League & Jnr Girls (U10 - U16)
- Men’s Premier League 3 teams
- Men’s U18, U20 & City League teams

Online Self-Registration available – www.southsunited.org.au

Payment Plans, Credit Card and EFTPOS available (fee applies)

MiniRoos 0411 017 259  
(U3 – U11)

Junior Girls 0417 741 297

U12 – U16 0413 000 523

Men’s 0412 918 349

For more information: loganhockey@hotmail.com

Logan Hockey Club

SIGN ON DAY

Date: Saturday 25th March

Location: Logan Hockey Clubhouse

Soccer Drive, Meakin Park

Slacks Creek

Time: 9am - 11am

Season: April - August
Cost: only $10 per week
Ages: 5 - 12
Equipment and uniform provided
Welcome Back

Welcome to 2017, and a special welcome to all new families from the P&C. The P&C helps the school in many ways and we look forward to a busy and productive year ahead. There will be lots of opportunities to volunteer throughout the year, especially with the school fete, Warrigala, on in August, and we look forward to meeting new families as well as experienced families.

Thank you to the staff and volunteers in the Uniform Shop and Tuckshop. They have already been hard at work over the last few weeks filling orders and getting setup for the year. The start of the year is a very busy time for the uniform shop and we also thank all families for their patience at this busy time.

2017 Bunnings BBQ Call for volunteers

We have been given a chance this year to hold a Bunnings BBQ at the Underwood store (near Aldi and opposite the big gun). This event is being held to help raise funds for air-conditioning our children’s classrooms.

So if you could possibly spare an hour to help please go onto www.sobs.com.au, search for Warrigal Road State School, select Warrigal Road State School P&C, select Bunnings BBQ and then choose your time slot.

When: - Saturday 25th February 2017

Where:- Bunnings at Underwood

If you have any questions please email us at wrssearlyyears@gmail.com. Your support is greatly appreciated.
Thank you to all the volunteers that gave up their valuable time over the school holidays to help out in the Uniform Shop. If you can just give 10mins or 1 hour in the mornings to help out in our Uniform Shop we would love to see you, no previous experience required. Just come in and see Katherine.

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Next Meeting and AGM : Wednesday 22nd Feb, 6:30 pm in the staff room. All Welcome