Every day at Waraburra we are focused on learning and improving.

Our goal is that 40% of students will be achieving and working in the top two bands in literacy and numeracy and 100% of students at or above national minimal standards.

To give our students the best opportunities we have structured the day around maximising learning time around literacy and numeracy. We call it ‘The Waraburra Way Day’. Our morning session is concentrates on Literacy- with focused learning on basic literacy skills, while the middle session is numeracy skills.

Wearing our uniform is an important way of showing each other and the community we are proud to be Waraburra students. Keep up the great work by being in full uniforms at all times.

I hope you all have a good week, and restful holiday soon.

Mr Jeff Jepson
Principal
From the Deputy's Desk

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Well to say that Term 1 2015 has been extraordinary, would be a major understatement!!!! When the forces of nature hit, we as a community came together, supported each other and got our kids back at school, safe, with food in their tummies and learning happening. Staff put our students first, working to ensure there was something 'normal' for six hours a day. Our P and C made sure our kids and staff were looked after—cold drinks and a ham sandwich never tasted so good! To say I am proud just doesn’t seem enough.

Last week we recognised the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence—By saying NO WAY!! To Bullying! 12 months ago, bullying was a daily issue in our school. Students were not feeling safe, not feeling able to play and talk in the playground. This year our kids have taken on a proactive role and say a loud and strong ‘NO!’ to inappropriate behaviours from others, and making responsible choices, and actions. Congratulations to each and every one of our 500 students! And yes I am very proud to be a part of Waraburra.

I hope you all have a great week and restful, uneventful holiday!  Di

Library News

Borrowing a book from our library is a relatively simple and foolproof process. In the past, a student fronting our circulation’s desk with a book would tell us their last name. We would punch that into the computer and it would return the full name and class of anyone with that last name. We would then scan that barcode of that book and instantly the computer would display that title under the student’s name on the screen. The student then walks away happily with the book.

Now, we have a barcode system for each borrower. Each student has their barcode on a small card. When I scan their barcode I still say, “Good morning William Thomas Peter Smith of 1D. How are you today?”

This barcode system makes our records extremely accurate. When producing an overdue items list I have full confidence that the information on it is correct.
Gauges for Growth

Mrs Noelene Trost, Data Coach

Attendance rate
Research shows that higher school attendance is associated on average with higher student achievement. Regular school attendance means that your child has a better chance in achieving their goals in life. Your child will achieve better when they arrive at school on time, stay at school all day for every school day.

They learn better.
They make friends
They are happier
They have a brighter future


Swimming Carnival

Waraburra will be holding their Senior, Yrs 3 – 6, swimming carnival on Tuesday 31st March at the Gracemere Pool from 9:30am – 12:30pm. All students who have been involved in swimming lessons this term will be involved in the carnival. Students will need to have togs, sun safe shirt, lunch, and a water bottle. Students may wear their togs on Tuesday but will require their uniform to change into after the carnival.
W. W. W. (Watching Wara Kids Work)

The fifth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence was held on Friday March 20. 3B participated in a variety of activities to raise awareness against bullying. One of the activities that the students thoroughly enjoyed was creating an acrostic poem to create a message of anti-bullying. Everyone did an excellent job and the students were very proud of their finished product.

Bullying is not nice at all.
Use your best manners.
Learn to be nice in the playground.
Learn to be a friend.
You should be nice to everyone.
I should see no bullying in the playground.
Now is the time to stop bullying.
Go Waraburra! We say, “No way to bullying!”

Zander Hodge

Bullying is not the Waraburra Way.
Unkind words hurt deep.
Learn to respect yourself and others.
Learn not to bully,
You can be a great friend, don’t you know?
I’ll show you how to do it.
Now, let’s all be friends and get along.
Great people make great friends.

Jaxson Cole

NAPLAN Information Sessions for Year 3 and Year 5 Families

A NAPLAN information session is being offered on Wednesday 1 April in Red Teaching Block. The sessions will outline what NAPLAN is, as well as give you some helpful parent tips, ideas and strategies to use with your child.

Two sessions are being offered, with the first session commencing after school at 3.30p.m. The second session (a repeat of the first session) will commence at 6p.m to allow for those people who work to have an opportunity to attend.

Hip-idy-Hop-idy.....
Easter Bonnet Parade.....
Thursday 2nd April.
Easter treats for all students who participate.
More details next week.........