Happy Easter holidays- I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter vacation. This term has been very busy and the students have worked extremely hard with their school work. I am very pleased with how the children are seeing themselves as learners and are striving to achieve to a high standard. Special thank-you to our parents and staff for supporting and encouraging our children.

Waraburra “Says no to Bullying”- In today’s Morning Bulletin our school stance against bullying was featured. We see working with our students around building resilience and standing up against being bullied to be a very important life skill for our students.

Senior Swimming Carnival- Monday our senior students attended our annual swimming carnival. The students sportsmanship and competitive nature ensured the carnival was another highlight in our school calendar. Congratulations to “Kelly” for being the overall winner on the day. Thank-you to Mr MaCrae and Mrs Haynes for organising the carnival and training the students.

Practice NAPLAN test- Last week all of our year 3,5 and 7 students sat a practice NAPLAN test. This test was to give the student an insight in the tests which they will be sitting in May. The students all tried extremely hard and confidently completed all the tests. We look forward to the tests in May as we know our students are very well prepared.

Jeff.

MONEY MATTERS

All accounts can be paid at the office by eftpos, cash or cheque. There is also an option of payment by BPay. Details for payment through BPay appear on the bottom of your statement. Example below. Please ensure you use payment reference for all Bpays

NOTE TO ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS: On numerous occasions, our Groundsman has been called upon to retrieve hats, balls etc from walkway roofs. Education Queensland has previously advised all schools that groundsmen are not to climb up to or onto structures to retrieve student’s property. This is a Workplace Health and Safety directive. Therefore, any items of clothing or play equipment will remain on the roof until we have QBuild contractors here who are able to access the roof.
**P & C NEWS**

**Tuckshop**

1st week back at school Term 2 tuckshop is open Wednesday.

**EASTER RAFFLE**

Money and tickets for Easter Raffle due back on 1st April. Drawn on the 4th April at 11am.

**P & C MEETING**

First P & C meeting for Term 2 will be held on Tuesday 22 April 2014 @ 3.30pm.

The senior swimming carnival was held on Monday with a great turn out of students. It was also very pleasing to see so many parents and guardians there to support their children. The carnival saw children competing in a variety of events from across the pool to lap swimmers. The stroke champions will be presented with their medallions at Fridays special parade. Congratulations to all swimmers on competing with such enthusiasm and displaying good sportsmanship throughout the day. The overall house champion for 2014 was Kelly house with Archer second followed by Leichhardt and Mackinlay.

**Harmony Day** – a special parade at Waraburra State School

Waraburra State School held a special parade to celebrate National Harmony Day and to say No to Bullying. Adopt-a-cop Constable Julius addressed the students and presented the weekly awards. The Prep students had prepared a banner for the stage carrying the message of Harmony Day and saying no to bullying. The school leaders presented an overview of bullying and some year 7 students performed skits to portray the message of Bullying- No Way! A year 6 class read a poem to reinforce the message that bullying is not acceptable and the year 3 class provided strategies for students to follow in their poem. The students “respected people that have been bullied around the world by wearing orange” and the message was very clear that “Waraburra is a NO Bullying school”.

**ANZAC Day 2014**

On Thursday 24th April we will hold our ANZAC Day parade, at 9.00am in the hall. Students across the school will be involved in paying respect to our fallen soldiers, through choir, poems and laying of wreaths. Families and community members are most welcome. Waraburra State School will also be participating in the ANZAC Day Dawn Service on the 25th April at 4am. We would like as many of our students (past and present) families and community to march as possible. Students are to wear school uniforms and meet at Gracemere Shopping Centre in Lawrie Street near FoodWorks. We will march to Gracemere RSL Cenotaph in James Street, for the dawn services and laying of the wreath.
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**ROAD SAFETY WEEK 17–23 MARCH 2014**

Capricornia Police in conjunction with the Department of Transport and Emergency Services are hosting a Road Safety Week commencing March 17 and concluding with an Expo at the Rockhampton Heritage Village on March 23.

Road Safety Week has been developed to reinforce safety messages to all road users. As you are aware, children's perceptions of the need to obey road rules and avoid high risk behaviours are greatly influenced by the examples given by adult drivers, particularly their parents. By emphasising the main causes of fatal traffic accidents and educating children on these topics, it is anticipated a reduction in fatal incidents will occur when these children are old enough to drive on the road.

During the past five years the Central Region has averaged around 100 deaths a year as a consequence of traffic crashes.

Most of those deaths could have been prevented!

The program additionally provides a wide range of activities for young people to participate in, ranging from arts and crafts, to computer studies. Opportunities to earn proficiency badges and awards are also available in areas such as fire safety, canoeing, cooking, animal care, road and personal safety.

St John (Qld) offers adult groups for people aged 18 years and over, cadet groups for young people aged 11-18 years old and junior groups for children aged 8 -11.

The Rockhampton Cadets meets every Saturday from 9.30am – 12pm at Goodsall Street, North Rockhampton. Adult members meet every second Thursday at 7pm at 72 Glenmore Road, North Rockhampton. If you are interested in becoming a St John Junior, Cadet or adult member please contact Jai Pobar on 0431 796 921. New members are always welcome.

**RELAY FOR LIFE – FASHION PARADE AFTERNOON TEA**

This year staff from Waraburra State School have registered a team in the Cancer Council’s Relay for Life. To help raise money for the Cancer Council a Fashion Parade – Afternoon Tea has been organised for Saturday 10 May commencing at 2p.m in ‘Warambu’ the Waraburra State School hall on Johnson Road, Gracemere. The cost of the event is $10 per adult and $5 per child which includes a ticket in the lucky door prize, entry into the lucky spot competition, a delicious afternoon tea, entertainment by school choirs, bands and guest performers and of course fashion viewing from local businesses.

A multi-draw raffle will also be held. So why not treat mum and or grandma to an early Mother’s Day celebration and purchase them a ticket to the event.

Tickets for the fashion parade and the multi-draw raffle will be available after the Easter vacation.

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**School Holiday Activities – April 2014**

There are school holiday activities organised through the Rockhampton Regional Council. Some of the activities are at the Archer Park Rail Museum, at both the Rockhampton and North Rockhampton Libraries, Heritage Village, Rockhampton Zoo and Stocklands. For more information phone 1300225577 or [www.rockhamptonregion.qld.gov.au](http://www.rockhamptonregion.qld.gov.au).