From the Principal

We have had a very successful start to our school year. We have had over 90 prep students enrol in our school. This has meant we have had to rearrange some classes in our school. When making these changes we took into account each and every student's learning. The students were changed on Monday and are now well and truly settled in learning. If parents/carers have any questions about these changes please speak to either Mrs Kahl or myself.

Student Behaviour- I would like to congratulate all our students for demonstrating such fantastic behaviour over the last two weeks. Students are very focused on ensuring they are all following our two school rules of - Hands and Feet to self and No Put Downs. I am sure the student’s behaviour will continue to excel as the term goes on.

School Uniform- Please ensure all families are aware of our school uniform.

Thank-you to all the families for supporting this policy. The uniform policy is attached to this newsletter.

Looking forward to a busy week ahead.

Jeff

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Important dates:

Easter Break
Starts: 3rd April
Resumes: 20th April

Good Friday: 3rd April
Easter Monday: 6th April

Anzac Day: 25th April 2015

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Mr Jeff Jepson
Principal

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From the Deputy’s Desk

We are into the swing of it all now....

Waraburra students have had a fantastic start to 2015.
All our classes are buzzing with learning, from 8.50am to 3.00pm, every day.
Warra Bear has been so excited this year; his little sister Burra has joined him. Both Warra and Burra have been in our classes of the week!
Congratulations 5B and 3B, who have been our classes of the week. In the last two weeks, 100’s positive behaviours have been recognised and rewarded with ‘tokens’—every student is rising to the challenge of improving their behaviour choices.

Hands Off! No Put Downs!
Our focus value this week is “focus on learning”.
I am so proud of the students here at Waraburra and the way they all continue to make great behaviour choices and focus on learning every day.

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Library News

Our office is overflowing with new and high interest reading books for all ages. The library’s first priority is to accession all of our new reading books so that these can be immediately used in our classrooms and as home readers.

If you are a parent/guardian, especially of a child in the lower school, you will notice that readers are starting to go home for home reading homework. Although some of these books look small with few pages their cost is quite significant. It would be wonderful if parents/guardians could pay special attention to these readers and ensure they go back to school every single day. Lower school teachers are working two systems to ensure that all books taken home by students are accurately recorded. Teachers are most reluctant to issue another homework reader if one book fails to return. Reading is the most important part of homework.
Gauges for Growth

Student Attendance

Student Attendance should be as frequent as possible to maximise learning and it should be right from the time school starts each day. We ask for your assistance with this and have your child ready for a 8.50 am start every morning. Ensure your child has every chance to learn....1 or 2 days doesn’t seem much, but it will have a huge effect long term. The school target is 94% attendance and no unexplained absences. Help us give your children the best start.

Every day counts....

Mrs Noeline Trost
Data Coach

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Curriculum Chronicles

The Australian Curriculum mandates we allocate a certain amount of time to the Key Learning Areas. This year at Waraburra State School we are running the KLA's differently. Every day from 9-11 students will do English, 12 - 1 is Mathematics and 1 - 1:30 as well as 2 - 3 students will be participating in one of the remaining KLA’s. Currently, in the last session all students are engaging in the Science Curriculum (Prep to yr 2 - 3 weeks, Yr3 to 6 - 4 weeks) followed by a 3 week block of History. We believe this will enable students to develop and refine the various processes and skills for the KLA as well as the teacher being able to implement a constant and more robust unit of work. Teachers are highly supportive of this approach.

If your child misses

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Spotlight on Sport

Last week Jonathan James competed in district trials for swimming. He has been selected for 50m freestyle and breaststroke.

Jonathan has been training very hard for these events and is very excited about competing against this region’s best swimmers. We wish Jonathan all the best with his forthcoming events.

Caitlin Attfield 6B
Class of the Week Recipients

Congratulations 3B and 5B

Watching Warra Kids. Work. 6B