Term 1 Week 8 - 18th March, 2014.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have had a wonderful start to the new year. The students are all very focussed with their learning and demonstrating improvement in their literacy and numeracy skills. I am very proud of our strong teaching team and the intensive literacy and numeracy programs which are being offered to the students.

Due to the drastic increase in numbers in our school we have had to review and change some of our school routines to ensure our students are settled for learning and can play in a safe environment.

The following changes have been made:
- All students arriving at school before 8:30 must be sitting down outside the tuckshop area.
- 8:30am all students are to walk to classroom to place bags in the port racks and then walk down to the basketball courts for morning fitness.
- 8:45am all students are walked back to the classrooms to prepare for the school day.
- 8:55am the bell rings. All students should be sitting at their desk ready for roll marking.
- 9:00am lessons commence for the day.

At lunch breaks we have designated areas for different age groups. We have clearly identified the areas to ensure students have a safe place to play.

Waraburra State School has zero tolerance on bullying. Students pushing, shoving and chasing are immediately removed from the playground. Students swearing are also removed from the playground. We realise that there will be incidents that will occur in the playground and we encourage our students to report these incidents to the teacher on duty immediately.

Waraburra State School is a leading school in our community and provides great opportunities for our students. I am sure having these structures in our playtime will ensure a very safe learning environment for our students.

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

Tuckshop now operates on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure all lunch orders are in a paper bag clearly marked as shown below:

CHILD’S NAME: 
CLASS: 
TEACHER’S NAME: 
First Lunch/Second Lunch (please state) 
Order: eg Chicken Chips $0.00 
(price as per menu)

Total of Order:

NB: If you wish to order for both lunches, please use two separate bags and mark clearly FIRST or SECOND BREAK.

SPORTS SHIRTS

Sport Shirts are now only available from the Tuckshop on Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8.30am – 9.30am.

Year 3-7 Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday 31st March. It is open to all children who have attended swimming classes this term. Year 3C will compete at the end of the year with the Prep – Year 2 carnival and will be swimming for their own individual age championship. The carnival will commence at 9.30am and last around 3 hours. Parents and Guardians are more than welcome.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

2014 SCHOOL LEADERSHIP PRESENTATION

QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE

Capricornia Policing District Crime Prevention Unit
Bolsover Street, Rockhampton QLD 4700. PO Box 1161, Rockhampton QLD 4700
TELEPHONE POLICELINK 131444
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.
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.

FOR SALE
¾ size Violin with Bow and case.
Excellent condition.
Phone: 49332505 or 0448040596

Gracemere Netball Club Inc are looking for players in the following age groups

Minis - 8 & 9 yrs (Born 2005 & 2006) Minis games are uncompetitive games and aimed at learning the game.

Junior K - Girls learning aged 10 - 11 yrs (Born 2004 & 2003) -- Coach is also required for Junior K

Seniors – Over 18 yrs

The Netball Season in Rockhampton started this week.

Our fees include Club Fee $50 & RNA Fee $75. GNC is registered with ‘Get Started’, government initiative to help Juniors play sport, if eligible receive a Voucher valued up to $150, to help pay for fees.
If you are interested in playing/Coach, please contact Amanda (mobile 0402 564 059 after 5.30pm) or Tammie (0407 973 255).

School Leaders have their badges presented:
Back Row- Nikyta Campbell, Jemma Marks, Connor Bloomfield, Lachlan Kirkwood, Mr Jepson
Middle row: Jordan Huddleston, CJ Paul, Hayley Newman, Hayden Duncan, Kayne Duncan
Front: Emily Calwell, Jorja Wouda, Sophie Young, Tanika Hockings