From the Principal

Waraburra Observes National Sorry Day.

National Sorry Day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Tuesday 26th May Waraburra State School observed National Sorry Day, with a moving and respectful school parade. The morning commemoration including a traditional smoking ceremony and Welcome to Country by local Waraburra man Lester Adams. One of our teachers read a brief explanation of “What is Sorry Day?”; teacher aides read a Poem “Took the children away” by Archie Roach. The students, staff and community then watched Mr Kevin Rudd’s “Sorry” speech to be played on a screen. Mr Lester Adams played Didgeridoo followed by a 1 minute silence. The Students of Waraburra then walk to the oval, where three representatives from every class released balloons.

Waraburra State School is focussed on Learning- Numeracy and Literacy. We are proud of the growth our students are making in key learning areas. In the Waraburra Way we have High Expectations- we have set and expect high expectations in all areas of our school, academically, culturally, socially, and from our students in regards to their behaviour. Below is a copy of the Classroom Behaviour Process followed here at Waraburra. Please read and discuss with your child. If you have any further questions please see your student’s teacher, Di or myself.

Waraburra SS
CLASSROOM BEHAVIOUR PROCESS

Step 1: Proactive Strategies
- Questioning
  - What are you doing?
  - What should you be doing?
  - Are you going to do it?

Step 2: Buddy Classroom
- Student goes to Buddy Classroom for Contact Principal, Deputy Principal or HoSES.
- If student returns to work/class, he/she must discuss reflection sheet or incident identifying appropriate behaviour and actions.

Step 3: Check-in
- After 3 Buddy Class visits in 2 weeks, Class Teacher advises parents and records on OneSchool by class teacher.
Waraburra Facebook is HERE!!!!!

Our New Facebook page is up and running.

Make sure you search for "Waraburra State School" with our logo on it.

We will be using this to send information and news out to you every day.
Take a look, Like and Follow for all the latest updates.

Di

Mrs Di Kahl
Deputy Principal
Master Teacher

Parent Session
Have you ever said when working on homework with you child, “I don’t know how to do that” or “I’m not sure as to how you do that at school”. Then we can help you. We are offering another parent session on 22 June at 2:15pm with the focus being on homework. Within this session we will look at reading, spelling, sight words and number facts. The session will be held in the RED teaching block. Please complete the form attached to the insert in this newsletter and return to the school office by Wednesday 17th June.

Noelene Trost, Sally Ellis and Susan Thaw.

Mathematics Pedagogy
This week will see the last of Waraburra’s teachers work with me on their pedagogy around the learning area of Mathematics. Over the last seven weeks we have unpacked Waraburra State School’s Pedagogical Framework as well as the Central Queensland Region Department of Education Framework. Within these sessions we have identified explicit instruction lessons and incorporated high yield pedagogy strategies for example higher order questioning, effective feedback, problem solving and interactive teaching.

As a result of this intense professional development it was identified that more ‘hands on’ materials were required. All teachers have had input into the purchase of these and the process towards ordering this is now underway.

Sue Thaw

Focus on Sport

We are getting closer to Sports Day which is being held on Thursday, 25th June. The day will begin at 9am and conclude at 3pm. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle and has a hat as we will be in the sun most of the day.

Congratulations to the following footballers in making representative teams; Hoani Harris, Ky Brooks, Kyidan Vea Vea, and Sasha Godfrey. Great to see our students achieving in the sporting arena.

NO SPORT - Friday June 5th

Guidance Officer

Introduction of KidsMatter at Waraburra State School
Throughout the school year a number of staff members at Waraburra SS have been investigating ways in which, we as a school community can better support students’ mental health and wellbeing. As a result of this investigation, we as a school have decided to implement KidsMatter. KidsMatter Primary is a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary schools and is proven to make a positive difference to the lives of Australian children. KidsMatter Primary provides the proven methods, tools and support to help schools work with parents and carers, health services and the wider community, to nurture happy, balanced kids. If you would like more information about KidsMatter please contact the school’s Guidance Officer Mr Robinson or you can access the KidsMatter website http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary

Library News

Imagine that you lent your mower to your trusted neighbour. After a fortnight you wonder why it isn’t returned and knock on his door. He says he doesn’t know where it is and closes the door on you. Do you...

(a) Accept this information and go home to research buying a replacement mower?
(b) Insist he make a supreme effort to find your mower and return it ASAP?

Let’s choose option B! Getting back our overdue library books is exactly like the above scenario.

In March, we had a reading book returned that was taken out in 2013. The effort to find it must have really ramped up. Overdue items have been found at the bottom of toy boxes, in old school bags, mixed in with other personal books, in the rooms of brothers and sisters, dropped behind books on the child’s bookshelf, behind furniture, in clothing drawers and under beds. The library staff appreciates all efforts you make to find lost items.

Personal Information Update Form

Please fill out and return the enclosed Personal Information Form, even if you have not changed details. We require these details to be updated every year.
Fanta & Sunkist, the goldfish of 56c are excited to share with you, all that has been happening recently in our classroom!

So far this year the students’ in 56c have been working very, very hard! They have written wonderful and creative narratives and persuasives, sat NAPLAN, and they have also learnt about so many things including multiples, factors, decimals, fractions, angles, shapes, the adaption of some of our animal friends, the settlement of Australia, latitude and longitude, places around the world and so much more!

Because the students of 56c are super hard workers, Fanta & I actually get very tired from watching all that happens in their classroom every day. However recently we eagerly watched the students work creatively to create some fantastic 3D landscapes. The students all worked very hard! They had to think about the shape of the different landforms, design a plan, gather resources and then finally construct and decorate their landscape using various materials that most people throw in the recycling.

Sunkist & I were so impressed with the final landscapes we saw go home. All the students were very clever in linking what they had learnt about 2D and 3D shapes with their knowledge of landscapes which they explored in geography lessons.

Check out some of the fantastic designs below, we are sure you will be impressed just like we are.

Keep up the great work Waraburra!

Fanta & Sunkist