It is a very busy time of year where everyone can see the holidays fast approaching and yet we have so much learning to do. This week we are starting a new program called Writing Rockets. Every class every day will be doing a specific writing lesson which focuses on improving particular writing skills.

Last week we had our Regional Director and Assistant Regional Director visit Waraburra. They were very impressed with how our students were focussed and trying so hard with their learning. They have provided the school with some clear advice and targets to reach. This is very exciting as we are always on the pursuit of improving our student’s leaning.

Go Kyidan go!
This week Kyidan Vea Vea is travelling to Tasmania to compete in National Athletics in high jump. Our school community wishes Kyidan all the best and can’t wait to hear about his experience.

Class groups-
We are currently developing class lists for 2015. If your child is not returning to Waraburra next year could you please advise the school. We will have the class lists out to families on Wednesday of week 10.

Report Cards and Parent Teacher interviews- We will be handing out report cards on Wednesday of week 10. Parent teacher interviews will be held in week 9 and 10. We ask parents to contact the school office to make an appointment to speak to your child/ren’s teacher. We strongly encourage all of our parents to speak to your child’s teacher to ask questions about their learning.

Improving literacy and numeracy skills- Our school is closely tracking students achievement in literacy and numeracy. I am very proud to report that many of our students have achieved at a higher rate of improvement than what was expected. It is so impressive to see our students so focussed on their learning.

Looking forward to a busy fortnight of learning.
Big Day Out – the cost is $25.00 for the year 6 and 7 students who wish to participate. The Waraburra SS P & C has kindly subsidised this excursion.

Movie Trip – the cost is $20.00 for the Year 2A, 2B, 2C, 4A, 4B & 4C students who wish to participate in the end of year movie trip. The P & C has kindly subsidised this excursion.

Accepted Payment methods are:
- Cash
- Eftpos
- Cheque
- Centrepay
- Direct Deposit
- BPay

Uniforms – The school is phasing out the sale of Uniforms, however there are still some sizes (4, 14Y to 18) available at the school office. The uniforms can now be purchased from Lowes, Stockland’s, North Rockhampton. Lowes accepts online orders and these orders can be posted or picked up from the store.

Furniture Clear Out – The school is cleaning out excess furniture. If you would like to purchase any of the following items please see the office:
- Large Classroom Chalkboards - $5
- Small Student Desks - $2
- Trapezoid Tables - $2
- Small Student Chairs - $2
- Art Tables - $2
- Large Student Chairs - $2
- Bike Racks (capacity 16) - $20

All furniture sold as is, collection required before end of term.

ATTENTION STUDENTS - Don’t forget to check out the Crackin’ Curriculum Challenge at the end of the newsletter. It is TERRIFIC to see more and more students taking up the challenge. If more than one WSS student in your family wants to enter, write it on a separate piece of paper of similar size. Answers are due next Wednesday morning, 3rd December, in the office by 8:45am. No late entries accepted. Post your answers in the appropriate entry box. Winners will be drawn at random but it must have your name and class completed and the correct answer of course! Good luck!!!

Miss Tracey Vine
Head of Curriculum

The next P & C Meeting is on 2nd Dec 2014 @ 4:30pm in the staff room.

There are P & C positions available for 2015, we need a School banking co-ordinator, Secretary and Treasurer.

Joining the P&C Association is a great way to keep informed, to contribute to the quality education of your children and to make new friends. Your contribution can be as large or small as you can manage, but your ongoing support of the P&C Association is invaluable.

The objectives of the Association are to promote the interests of, and facilitate the development and further improvement of the School.

The Waraburra SS English program is finished and will be out to staff starting this week.

We have set our students and staff up for a super start for 2015. Our programs align to the Australian Curriculum and staff are taking things in their stride and displaying outstanding practice with regards to planning and teaching therefore giving our students the best opportunity to learn, develop and improve. Well done WSS staff and well done to all our WARA KIDS for stepping up and working harder than ever.

Congratulations to the Week 6 Crackin’ Curriculum Challenge winners – Kate Prep A and Tankia 3C. Good work to all the other entrants. It is wonderful see so many students giving it a go and taking on the challenge.
The 2014 Indigenous Student Award night held last week recognised the achievements of Indigenous students in both primary and secondary schools in the Rockhampton area (Durumbal). The Annual Indigenous Student Award night has been held over a number of years and due to the support from schools, parents, students and the community, the Awards night has become a regular event. Kyidan Vea Vea was nominated for and won two awards; one for academic performance and the second for sporting achievement. Kyidan’s attitude to his own education is positive, vibrant and deadly. Congratulations to Kyidan on these wonderful achievements.

Our school community is very proud of Kyidan’s achievements and has conducted two sausage sizzles, a free dress day and sold ice blocks to raise just over $1500 towards the cost of Kyidan’s expenses. This money has helped them pay for flights, car rental and accommodation.

Many people volunteered their time and gave donations for these events. A huge thank you to Burke’s Gracemere Butchery, Laurie Street, for donating half of the sausages. Also thank you to Mr Kelsall, Mrs Weldon and Mrs Forward for donating their time. A huge thank you to Mrs Ramm for supplying most of the other half of the sausages. Lastly, a thank you to the generous students of 5A who worked together tirelessly to support their fellow student and his sporting endeavours. GO KYIDAN!

CRACKING CURRICULUM CHALLENGE

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