Welcome back to everyone from the winter holidays. I trust everyone had time to recharge the batteries and prepare for lots of learning this term. The Waraburra Staff would like to welcome all our new families to our school and look forward to developing strong relationships to educate your children. This term we are continuing to develop a strong focus on improving literacy and numeracy.

CQ Shield- Some of our year 5, 6 and 7 students will be participating in the Central Queensland Shield in League and netball. We wish all these students all the best in this regional competition. Mr Macrae and Mrs Goodman will be supervising the students. Teams from all over Central Queensland travel to Rockhampton to participate in this competition. Go Waraburra!

Data coach- This term Mrs Trost will be working to develop clear process to improve student’s literacy and numeracy levels by focusing on individual student’s data. Mrs Trost will be working on this project for 2 days per week. Mrs Lisa Warren will be sharing Mrs Trost’s class on a Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Inclusive Practices- This Thursday and Friday, Miss Rowe, Mrs Kahl and I will be attending a conference to review our practices to ensure our school programs are meeting the needs of all our students.

SUE THAW – LITERACY AND NUMERACY COACH
Last term all teachers engaged in professional development sessions on Waraburra’s new school phonics program. The document brings together the Write2Spell 2Read program, the Australian Curriculum: English and the Curriculum into the Classroom (C2C) resource and outlines each week the focus teaching for each year level. Commencing this Wednesday, two groups of teachers will be released from their classes for forty-five minutes to engage in professional development on the school’s new writing program. This program outlines the skills that need to be taught each term. The writing program has been written using the Australian Curriculum: English, the Curriculum into the Classroom (C2C) resource and NAPLAN documents.

ROS ZISCHKE – BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER
In Term 2 specific roles were implemented to the administration staff, this has provided clarity and streamlined the front office. Our main focus is customer service. Office hours are 8am – 4pm.
DI KAHL – HEAD OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Education Queensland provides Special Education Programs and services for students and children with diverse abilities are available across early childhood as well as primary and secondary schools (Prep to Year 12).

It has been a busy six months of change and growth for Special Education at Waraburra. This is the first year we have had a HOSES. In this role I co-ordinate and manage the special education programs in across a ‘cluster’ of four local schools, but I am based here at Waraburra.

In this time we have changed the way programs are delivered to students with diverse abilities. Students receive focussed learning in small groups to improve their literacy, maths and social skills. Students are given personalised programs and assistance to develop their skills and understanding of key concepts. The teachers and teacher aides use a variety of ways to teach and develop student understanding, including explicit teaching, visual displays, hands-on-activities, computers and iPads. Students are showing great results.

**NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY 25TH JULY**

Students of Waraburra State School will be partaking in this celebration. Thank you to the Rockhampton Regional Council, who is donating the trees for the ceremony.

**XLR8 PROGRAM**

The XLR8 program for selected students of years 2, 4 and 6 commences today. Students will be engaged in lessons written around the Department of Education’s ‘Big Six’ – phonics, phonemic awareness, oral language, fluency, comprehension and vocabulary, plus writing and number.

**CURRICULUM RESOURCES**

New resources for students and teachers were purchased towards the end of last term. Those that have been received included students’ workbooks for our new Write2Spell2Read program which has been operating within the school since term1; PM Benchmark reading assessment kits and sets of reading strategies teacher lesson handbooks (STARS) for the classroom blocks in the school.

An order for mathematics resources has also been placed. Some items in this order included: analogue and digital clocks, hundred boards, MAB blocks, 3 dimensional shapes, dice, multilink and fraction sets.
A new club is being offered on Tuesday and Friday each week - first lunch.

The club, “WARABURRA’S ECO MANAGEMENT WARRIORS” will focus on one of our school values – ‘Looking after the Environment’.

Students who become members of the club will be caring for the worm farms, undertaking composting duties, sorting waste and recyclable items, helping to create a litter free school environment, establishing and maintaining some gardens as well as organising small eco projects.

The club’s first project will be to organise the National Tree Planting ceremony for 25 July 2014.

Interested “Eco Warriors” can meet Mrs Thaw at the tables outside the library at 11.15a.m. on Tuesday and Friday.

**ECO CLUB**

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**1-2-3 MAGIC AND EMOTION COACHING**

**THREE 2 HRS SESSIONS**

* A program for parents and carers to help manage difficult behaviour in children 2—12 years old

Topics covered include:

- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to sort behaviour
- How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- Choosing your strategy, the “three choices”
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour

**Where:** Allenstown State School
**When:**
- Mon 21 July 9.00am-11.30
- Mon 28 July 9.00am-11.30
- Mon 4 Aug 9.00am-11.30
**Venue:** The Annex, Caroline Street Rockhampton
**RSVP:** Melanie -0467 815 549
**17 July 2014**

**Cost of Book:** $5.00

*Please note no one is refused a service based on inability to pay*

To register for the above program phone Melanie school Guidance Officer on 0467 815 549