Warwick Central State School
Newsletter

Central SS Community Member of the Week: It is with much sadness that we learnt of the death of Phill Higgins on October 2nd. Phill has been the Deputy Principal of Warwick West SS for many years, and has worked with all of us in a variety of capacities, assisting us with administrative and technological developments in a supportive, friendly, practical manner. No question was ever too silly or insignificant, and he was very much larger than life and great fun socially. He had a great knack for relating to everyone and genuinely listened with care and concern. He will be greatly missed, particularly by his wife and children and the Warwick West SS community, as well as the wider cluster group, and the Department of Education itself. Rest in Peace, Phill.

Welcome back, everyone!
Term 4 begins! Welcome back to the final term of 2016! It will surely be jam-packed with learning, final units of work, graduation and transition activities for Year 6, PIPPAs and end of year celebrations! We hope everyone has a positive, productive term full of the challenges of learning new concepts and preparing for transition to the next year level.

School Swimming Lessons start THIS WEEK!
Dates for our school swimming lessons are as follows: Thursdays - 6/10, 13/10, 20/10, 27/10, 3/11 & Fridays -7/10, 14/10, 21/10, 28/10, 25/11. Learning to swim is a vital skill for all of us, and the earlier we start, the better! WIRAC offers a quality program with Austswim instructors. Please ensure that your children take advantage of this excellent opportunity. Our interhouse swimming carnival will be on Thursday, November 24th from 12pm to 2:15pm. This carnival is for 9 to 12 year olds only, and parents and carers are most welcome to attend!

Myall Avenue Gate to be locked each afternoon from 2:30pm
Unfortunately, due to complaints from residents and members of the public about vehicles parked in the avenue each afternoon at pick-up time, as well as concerns in an email sent by the Southern Downs Regional Council, we will be locking the Myall Avenue gate each afternoon at 2:30pm, and encouraging parents and carers to utilise the other gates.

Next P&C Meeting, Wednesday, October 12th at 5:30pm in our school library
Due to the Warwick Administrators’ Road Tour taking place from October 19th to 21st, our October P&C meeting will be held next Wednesday. Everyone is most welcome to come along and share their great ideas for our school. A light supper is provided.

Principal’s Prattle
The first Principal’s Prattle will be held next Monday, October 10th in the library after parade. I am hoping to get lots of parents along to do a “traffic lights” activity about what is going really well at Central, what ideas for improvement you have, and perhaps some things you think we could stop and move on from, particularly in 2017. This activity will be repeated on Wednesday, October 12th at 2:30pm under C Block near Mrs Thompson’s Prep Room. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be offered on both days.

Interesting Trivia:
A group of ducks can be called a flock when flying, or a raft, a team or a paddling when in the water.

Joke of the Week:
What do you get if you cross a duck with fireworks? A firequacker!!!

Thoughts for the Week:
Many people think in dichotomies, in either/or terms. They think if you are nice, you’re not tough. But Win/Win is nice… and tough. To go for Win/Win, you not only have to be nice, you have to be courageous. You not only have to empathic, you have to be confident. You not only have to considerate and sensitive, you have to be brave. To do that, to achieve the balance between courage and consideration is the essence of real maturity and is fundamental to Win/Win. (Think Win/Win from 7 Habits for Highly Effective People)

ATTENDANCE DATA: Let’s aim for an impressive 95% in Term 4, as warmer weather and therefore improved health should mean much better attendance! Remember, every day counts!

Have a great week!

Chris
PIPPAS – Reminder to all families there will not be any PIPPAS this week. It will resume Week 2.

Tuckshop – this Friday
$5.00  Chicken nuggets or sausage roll popper

From the Office:

- Is your child going to Tallbeugera Year 6 camp? Have you paid for in total or part payments? **All money and medicals must be at the office by 21st October.**
- Year 5 students also received invoices for bodyboarding and surf awareness day at Tallebudgera – please return medical as soon as possible. Money can be paid in full or small amounts at any time until end of November.
- **Swimming** Each student received an invoice for the total payment of the swimming classes. These can be paid online, in cash at the office in full or weekly admission. Money needs to be paid before the child attends swimming
  - Thursday swimming classes – 4C 5C 5/6P 2R 3M 6F 3C
  - Friday swimming classes – 1B 4M Prep T Prep M 1D 2S
- Would you like your newsletter emailed to you? If so please complete the slip below and return to the school office
- Would you also prefer any invoices emailed to you? Once again complete the slip below and return to the school office

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Thanks,

Mr M. Spiller

Choir

Saturday 15th October
Uniting Church Fete
Meet at 9.20am

Saturday 12th November
McHappy Day
Time to Be Confirmed

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