What’s on this term?

Wednesday 19th February – SDSS softball trials
Thursday 27th February – SDSS hockey trials
Monday 3rd March – Young Leaders Day
Tuesday 4th March – SDSS basketball trials
Thursday 6th March – SDSS tennis trials
Friday 14th March – SDSS football trials
Friday 14th March – SDSS netball trials
Friday 14th March – SDSS rugby league trials
Friday 21st March – Show Holiday
Monday 31st March – School Photos

P&C Annual General Meeting TOMORROW, Wednesday February 19th in School Hall at 5:30pm
Please come along to our first P&C meeting tomorrow evening. A light supper is provided, and everyone is most welcome to share their ideas for our school in 2014! Your support is greatly valued!
A new executive will be elected and plans for 2014 mapped out, including financial contributions to the school, fundraising ideas, and tuckshop arrangements.

Active After School Activities begin!
This term, we are offering soccer and AFL to our students once again. Each Monday from 3:15pm to 4:15pm, Year 4 – 7 students will learn the skills of soccer, and enjoy fresh fruit for afternoon tea. Ms Vicki Kirkland will be supervising. Thanks Vicki!
Each Wednesday, from 3:15pm to 4:15pm, Prep to Year 3 students will learn the basics of AFL with local providers. Mrs Sandra Henry will be supervising. Thanks Sandra!
Please arrive promptly at 4:15pm to pick up your children as our supervisors and instructors are busy people with jobs and families of their own.

Choir Performance at “Family of Rotary” Dinner this Saturday, February 22nd at Warwick RSL
Ms Shelley has suggested that we open this opportunity to sing up to all our students, not just current choir members. Students need to be in uniform and available at 6:15pm at the Warwick RSL Club on Saturday evening. The first item will be the National Anthem, followed by two of our favourite songs that we regularly perform.

Insights Article this week
This week’s article focuses on the power of a sincere compliment in raising a child’s confidence and self-esteem. Enjoy!

Principal’s Prattle
Yesterday, parents and carers gathered with me to learn about the best ways of assisting children with their reading at home. Next week, we will look at a great publication called The Parent Help Handbook, which is full of great ideas to help you feel more involved in your children’s schooling, and more confident about helping out in the classrooms.

Parents & Children Learning Together
Visual Literacy: In today’s busy world, we are bombarded by “visual literacy,” sometimes called “visual pollution.” Make your children much more critical thinkers by discussing the “pop-ups” on their screens, the strategic placement of certain ads on television (particularly around meal times), and the bill boards along the sides of the roads as you travel. This will make them much more aware of the impact these advertisements have on them, and give them a choice about their response to them.

Joke of the Week
What is harder to catch, the faster you run? Your breath!!!
Why did Mickey Mouse take a trip into outer space? He wanted to find Pluto!!!
What do you give to a sick lemon? Lemon aid!!!

Thought for the Week
A child is like a butterfly in the wind; Some can fly higher than others; But each one flies the best it can.
Why compare one against the other? Each one is different, Each one is special, Each one is beautiful!
Have a great week!

Chris
### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our students of the week.

![Student of the Week](image1)

Congratulations also to our Gotcha prize winners for This week.

![Gotcha Prize Winners](image2)

### From the Chaplain

**CHAPPY CHAT**

**The Drought**

Hello! I am currently on study leave and so you won’t see me at school until March. However, something caught my interest and I wish to share it with you.

Recently the Uniting Church in Warwick decided to look at some ways to support those out west who are struggling with drought. One way they came up with is to donate personal items such as toiletries: soap, hand cream, body wash and lotion, shaving cream, after shave, sunscreen, insect repellent, perfume, bubble bath, powder etc (please don’t forget the men and the children!) If you think this is something you would like to support, you can place items in the boxes near the foyer of the church Williams Street Hall in Guy Street or on the church porch. It is hoped to transport these items on Friday, 21st February, but donations after this time will also be gratefully received and passed on to help those in need.

If you are interested in supporting this project and want to talk about it, please call me on 0429 617989. Another way to help might also be to think about how the school can connect with other schools out west to investigate practical ways to assist drought impacted students and families. Every bit helps including prayer!

Donna Angell

### Carbal’s Strong Fathers Strong Families program

Tuesday the 19/2 indigenous men with children in their lives are welcome to come along to a group running in Warwick from 11am, and the week after the group will start in Warwick. Contact Charlie Rowe 46397314, or 0400644657, or Clare on 0408821052 for more info

![Carbal's Strong Fathers Strong Families](image3)

### Warwick Wolves Youth Soccer Development Program

This is a 7 week program for 10-15 year old footballers that would like to learn more, become better players and get a head start on the season ahead.

The program will run on Tuesdays starting the 18th February from 4-6pm. The cost is $70- for the 7 weeks (only $10 per week) and includes a ball at the end for each attendee.

All players attending will need to register with the Warwick District Football Association for insurance purposes. Go to [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au) to register (registration instructions are available on our website [www.warwickwolves.com.au](http://www.warwickwolves.com.au)). Payments can be made by direct credit to the Warwick District Football account which can be found on the contact pages of our website. If you would like to join this program you can register by emailing president@warwickwolves.com.au or call Peter Darton on 0427 498 478

![Warwick Wolves Youth Soccer](image4)

### From the Office

1. Tuckshop forms were sent home yesterday – any orders please place in mailbox near office by Thursday 3pm.
2. Uniform sales – from 2pm any day of the week.
3. Reminder is you would like your newsletter emailed, please send along your current address – just in case it has changed from last year.
4. **Free dental exams for kids. 50% off for adults**
   **Offer valid until Friday 28 February**
   For a limited time only, the Griffith University Dental clinic, next to Warwick Hospital, is offering kids a free examination and treatment plan. Also offering adults 50% off an exam, X-ray, scale & clean and a treatment plan. Call 46671312 for more information
The power of a sincere compliment

It’s amazing the impact a sincere compliment can have on the confidence and self-esteem of a child or young person.

I overheard a friend tell her eight-year-old daughter last week:

“You did such a good job helping your brother yesterday. You are such lovely big sister!”

My friend’s face lit up with a smile as she said it. She gently put her hand on her daughter’s shoulder at the same time.

The little girl beamed, then she went off to play.

It was a simple parenting moment among many that my friend would have initiated that day.

I couldn’t help thinking that it doesn’t take much to grow kids’ self esteem and create good feelings at home.

A sincerely given compliment has an enormous impact on the person who receives it. We all grow a little taller, at least inside, when we are given a compliment.

We also feel closer to the person who complimented us.

Compliments satisfy the deep craving we all have to be appreciated.

There is one problem. While compliments are easy to give, they are also easy not to give.

We forget.

We underestimate their impact.

We haven’t developed the habit of giving compliments.

Amplify the impact

There were two things my friend did that amplified the impact of her compliment.

1. She smiled as she gave the compliment.

2. She touched her daughter as well.

Touch will always amplify a compliment. It makes it personal.

Her mother’s smile told her daughter what her mum really felt. In fact, the touch and smile said it all. The words reinforced the smile and touch.

The compliment was given and received through three senses – visually, kinaesthetically and auditorily.

That’s how kids receive all our messages – they see, they feel, they hear – though we often focus on the words and forget the visual and kinaesthetic.

Next time your child does something worthwhile take the time to give a compliment.

Smile (tell your face you are happy) and add a little touch to really let them know how you feel. Watch your child’s reaction. It’ll have a significant impact.

It doesn’t take much.
Stop here and wait for the whistle

Crossing Supervisors
Please help out the Crossing Supervisors and yourself by observing the rules of crossing and remember to STOP and WAIT at the correct place.

Make every day count in 2014
Make 2014 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons.

Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland