19th April 2016
Principal's Message

Cross Country Success
A huge congratulations must go to all those students who participated in the inaugural Hamilton Oval cross country competition last Wednesday, April 13th, whether it was in the one kilometre Fun Run, or the age group races of up to 3 kilometres. Mr Kruger, our HPE teacher, with the assistance of Mr Scott Thompson, HOD HPE at Warwick SHS, did a fantastic job of organising the day, and ensuring that the students had a course which included sand, a steep hill, and real cross country conditions. We would like to thank all those staff who assisted on the day, parents and family members who came along to support the children, and most importantly, the children themselves, who willingly had a go! The following students have been selected to compete in the Southern Downs trials at Allora SS on April 26th Brad, Ewan, Cameron, Will, Bonnie, Ascinda, Jakob, Dion, Ryan, Skye, Keya, Melody and Nicqui, Josiah, Lee-Roy and Bonnie.

P&C Meeting TOMORROW, April 20th at 5:30pm in our school library! ALL WELCOME!

Weekly Yoga Sessions
Each Monday and Friday at 11am, I will be running yoga sessions in the parade area from 11am to 11:20am. Parents, carers, family members and of course students are all most welcome to come along! Bring a towel to lie on, and be sure to wear comfortable clothes!

Principal’s Prattle
NAPLAN 2016 testing takes place on May 10th, 11th and 12th, so the next session of Principal’s Prattle, next Tuesday, April 26th, will be focussed on NAPLAN practice. All parents and carers are most welcome to come along! A light morning tea is provided!

Anzac Day 2016
Our school Anzac Ceremony will be on Friday, April 22nd at 9am under B Block. Our special guests will be Brian Miller, Shane Hattersley, Liz Paget, Judith Elliott and Rebecca Nolan. Both Mrs Paget and Mrs Nolan have served in the Australian Army, Shane Hattersley served in the Navy in the Gulf War, and Mr Miller is a Vietnam veteran. We are very proud to have all of them attending our Anzac Ceremony.

On Anzac Day, Monday, April 25th, our school will be marching from Rivers in Palmerin Street at 10:45am. Students are asked to arrive at 10:15am in full school uniform, including their hats, sunscreen and a bottle of water. We will then attend the ceremony at the cenotaph at 11am. Parents and carers must inform staff when they pick up their children at Leslie Park. All students are encouraged to attend to honour those who laid down their lives for us by serving in the Australian Defence Forces.

Parenting Tips & Hints: Three Mind Sets for Parenting Success by Michael Grose
1. Believe in your child
   This is easy if you have an early maturer, a child who has talents that you value, or one who easily achieves anything she or he puts his mind to. But it’s a different story if you have a child who struggles at school or to make friends, or just has a different interest than you. Your belief in your child’s abilities is revealed through your expectations, your body language, even the expression on your face.

2. Look for the best
   What you focus on expands so if all you focus on is misbehaviour and poor performance then you will get more of those things. Set your antennae for children’s strengths, abilities and social behaviours and invariably you will get more of those.

3. Think long term
   If you want your child to become independent then don’t do everything for him or her. You need to teach them some skills so they become self-sufficient. Awareness, teaching and opportunity are the main requirements for kids to pick up these skills. They need to be aware of what can be done. They need to acquire the skills – some take more teaching than others. They also need opportunity to put things into place.

Interesting Trivia: A group of vultures is called a venue!

Joke of the Week: What did the computer do at lunch time? It had a byte!

Thought for the Week: Great teachers empathize with children, respect them and believe that each one has something special that can be built upon.

ATTENDANCE DATA APRIL 15TH 2016: 91.4% CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE! Let’s aim to lift to 95% by the end of Term 2!

Have a great week!
Headbands etc

The P & C have been selling headbands etc from the office – we will not be restocking these items so when they are gone they are gone!! If you have thinking of buying one now is a good time to do so.

Headlice

The P & C have quite a few cakes of soap to help keep headlice at bay – all instructions are on the cake of soap which sells for $3.00 at the school office.

FAMILY PORTRAITS

The Company, who takes our school photos, Advanced Life, are offering family portraits for $20.00. Information is available at the school office for any families that may be interested.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Our wonderful P & C committee will be running our Mother’s Day Stall this year.

Dates and times will be advised as we get closer to the day.

What’s on this term?

- Thursday 21st April to Thursday 29th April – Life Education
- Friday 22nd April School ANZAC Day ceremony
- Monday 25th April ANZAC Day March – Public Holiday
- Tuesday 26th April Southern Downs Cross Country in Allora
- Monday 2nd May Public Holiday
- Wednesday 4th May – Prep Excursion
- 10th, 11th, and 12th May - NAPLAN

Prep Excursion – Darling Downs Zoo

Our Prep students will be attending Darling Downs Zoo on an excursion on Wednesday 4th May.

All money and medical permission forms need to be returned to school no later than Friday 29th April due to the public holiday on Monday.

BOOK CLUB

Book club order forms were sent home last week. If you are wishing to place an order please return completed order form and money to the office no later than Friday 22nd April 2016.

BOOKS CLUB

Congratulations to our Students of the week.

Congratulations also to our new group of Senior Leaders who received their badges yesterday.