24th February

What’s on this term?

Friday March 20
National Young Leaders Day to Brisbane

Tuesday March 23
School Photos

Friday April 3 – Good Friday

Monday April 20 – school resumes

My child is absent…….
1. Phone absentee line 46604366 or
2. Send a note to school or
3. Complete absentee note at school office

Principal’s Message

P&C Executive 2015

Congratulations to our new executive for 2015:
President: Alexander Manfield
Vice President: Sue Spies
Secretary: Sheree Wells
Treasurer: Catherine Travers
Fundraising Committee: Theona Parsons, Sheree Wells, Sue Spies, Melissa McGrath
Student Representative: Jake McGrath

The Warwick Central SS community would like to sincerely thank the P&C executive of 2014 for their hard work, support, and enthusiasm for providing educational opportunities for the children of our school, including funding excursions for each class, providing buses for the December Fun Day, and organising discos and trivia nights.

We look forward to another successful, productive year in 2015! Our next meeting is on Wednesday, March 18th! Please come along and share your ideas for our school!

Head Lice FAQs

This warm weather often results in an outbreak of head lice, particularly in the early years classes. PLEASE INFORM THE CLASS TEACHERS IF YOUR CHILD HAS HEAD LICE SO NOTES CAN BE SENT OUT IMMEDIATELY. This is the third of our series of Frequently Asked Questions from the Education Queensland website:

Are chemical solutions safe to use?
Chemical treatments are only safe when they are used as directed on the label. Overuse can damage the scalp. Check for safety warnings about pregnancy, breast feeding and young children. If you have any questions about safety, check with your pharmacist. Many chemicals can be absorbed by the skin. Any chemical treatment may cause allergy or irritation. Discuss any concerns about side effects with your pharmacist.

Great Ideas from the Parent Help Handbook!

Today’s attachment talks about how schools have changed and provides insights into why classes are conducted in particular ways, e.g. in the playground, group arrangements, and the integration of children with special needs into the regular classroom. Please contact the office to make an appointment to see your child’s teacher if you have any queries.

Concerns or ideas to enhance the classroom.

State Principals’ Conference

On Thursday, February 26th and Friday, February 27th, I will be attending a State Conference for all principals from State Schools, State High Schools and P-12 State Colleges. One thousand, two hundred principals are attending to hear from our new Education Minister, Kate Jones, and our Director General, Dr Jim Watterston, about the direction education will take in 2015 and 2016. These conferences are held every second year, with a strong focus on effective educational leadership, and guest speakers from all over the world. Mrs Donna Thompson will be acting principal while I am away.

Interesting Trivia

This Friday, February 27th, is Schools Clean Up Day. Our school will be spending the first half hour of our day from 9am to 9:30am cleaning up our grounds, the footpaths, and Myall Avenue.

A group of polar bears is called a celebration!
This Friday, February 27th is also Polar Bear Day!

Joke of the Week

What made the dinosaur’s car stop? A flat tyre-annosaurus!!!

What is a sheep’s favourite game? Baa-dminton!

Thought for the Week

At the end of the day, the only questions to ask yourself are:
Did you love enough? Did you laugh enough? Did you make a difference?

Enjoy the moment. This moment is your life.
Give those you love wings to fly, roots to come back and reasons to stay.
The best things in life are the people you love, the places you go and the memories you make.

Have a great week!

Chris
SCHOOLS HAVE CHANGED

What do I need to know about schools?
If you haven’t been in a school for a while, you’ll probably notice how much things have changed. Here are some of the changes that are common to most schools. Obviously there will also be areas of change which are specific to your local school

- Some learning will take place outside the classroom. This is often called LEOTC (learning experiences outside the classroom) and can range from a bush walk to collect leaf specimens to a visit to the supermarket to check on price differences.
- People from the community are now more involved in the life of the classroom, sharing their stories and cultural differences. You might see a local tribal elder talking to a class, or a class might visit a local rest home/aged care centre to give a concert.
- Classes tend to be noisier these days as children work in groups, supporting each other, problem solving and sharing their ideas. There’s ‘good’ noise (on-task) and ‘bad’ noise (off-task) though. You’ll soon hear the difference!
- Furniture may be arranged less formally with a variety of independent activities happening at the same time.
- Resources used in the classroom may be more varied, colourful and interesting as teachers manage ways to engage children in learning. You may find yourself leading a maths game or helping children on the computer.
- The place of students with special learning and physical needs has changed markedly. Most school practice a policy of ‘inclusion’ (this used to be called mainstreaming) as the rights of all children to be educated at their local school is implemented. You might see children whizzing round in wheelchairs, and children with Down’s syndrome in your child’s class. These children sometimes have aides assigned to them to help them along in class if they need it.

Cross Country
Cross Country practice has begun!! For the first time, Warwick Central SS will be holding an inter-house cross country carnival on the last day of term 1, Thursday 2nd of April.

All 9, 10, 11, and 12 year olds will run a 2 or 3 km course within the school. (The loan of a few hay bales could be fun to keep it interesting!) So we need to practice, practice, practice!

Monday, Wednesday and Friday of every week until the holidays there will be a teacher on the oval at 8.30am, so front up, have your number of laps recorded (maybe just 2 or 3, or maybe more), and we will see how far we can run as a school before the real races begin. See you there, Mrs Burrill.

TUCKSHOP – If you require an order form, please call to the school office.

BANKING – remember yellow banking deposit book needs to be at the school office on Tuesday.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – all money and orders need to be at the school office by the morning of the 23rd March – after that time all correspondence will be with the company.

NOTES/FORMS etc. – please put any notes, forms, orders etc. in the school office mailbox by 9:00.

SALE OF UNIFORMS – as we are now into week 5, uniform sales will only be from 2.30 of an afternoon.

Recorders
All students from Years 3-6 participate in a recorder program in classroom music lessons. It is great to see that most students have a recorder. If your child is in Class 2/3P (Mrs Paget’s class), the Year 2 students may also bring a recorder to class and learn with the Grade 3s. The recorder is a great instrument, easy to play and students learn so much about note reading, beat and rhythm. It is cheap to buy and easy to store. Year 2 students generally don’t struggle to play recorder.

Choir
Choir has started well this term. We have a healthy number of students. We are also in the process of electing Choir Music Captains from our Year 6 student leaders. If your child would like to join choir, they simply turn up at 8 am Thursday morning at the music room. We perform at many events throughout the year. We also have choir parties once a term to reward students for their hard work and dedication. Students must attend 6 choir practices a term to participate in the party activities. When we have upcoming events, notes will be sent home with information and permission slips for parents. At this stage our next event is the ANZAC day ceremony at school. We will be learning a special ANZAC day themed song, as well as the New Zealand National Anthem, sung in Maori and New Zealand English. Students are enjoying these pieces of music.

Regards Jayne Shelley, Music Teacher.

SOUTHERN DOWNS SWIMMING

Congratulations to our competitors:

Kweller Manfield - 1st butterfly
Jett Parker - 2nd breaststroke
Bonnie Donaldson - 3rd backstroke, 4th freestyle
Riley Donaldson - 3rd backstroke.

Bonnie Tapping and Annie McConville did a lovely job of running results.
Outback Relief Fund

I am writing to seek assistance to create an Outback Relief Fund for graziers and farmers in the Longreach and greater area that have been massively impacted by the current ongoing drought.

Many people have been without rain for more than two years, which impacts on crops, livestock and general amenities. It also has a ripple effect across the entire community as the farmers and graziers are without income, therefore they are unable to purchase goods and services, or continue employing staff and workers.

There are three main areas that you can assist:

- A donation of funds (which will go directly to those effected) towards support in the area.
- A donation of goods and products, i.e. practical items like canned and dry goods, stock feed, equipment, parts
- A donation of services; volunteers for trade and labour in general maintenance and help around the properties.

Please consider carefully any assistance you might be able to provide, even suggest additional options that might better suit your circumstances.

The CDRV will begin distributing the collected proceeds from the 10 April 2015, please choose to be a part of this vital endeavour to the bush.

Please contact Amanda : 0431 110 404 or Maritta: 0439 003 924.

Yours truly,

Amanda Nothdurft
BOARD MEMBER

Direct Donations: Westpac  BSB: 034-226  Acc:268785

Master Teacher

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Master Teacher at Warwick Central SS. Only 300 Master Teachers have been placed throughout Queensland schools, so I feel very fortunate to be sharing my time between Warwick Central and Warwick East SS. I have been working at Warwick East for the last three years as the Head of Curriculum.

Master Teachers will have responsibility for leading activities and key tasks in their school and/or cluster. These will include:

- Working with instructional leaders to prioritise the teaching of literacy and numeracy within the school's curriculum and teaching framework
- Improving and enhancing teaching practice for all staff by researching and modelling quality teaching across all year levels
- Providing coaching and guidance to teachers and other staff in delivering quality teaching
- Improving the capacity of school teams to use evidence-based assessment to inform teaching and learning
- Supporting all staff in the analysis of, and response to, systemic and student data.

I look forward to working with staff in this new endeavour.

Yours in learning,

Alicia McMillan
amcmi13@eq.edu.au
(Master Teacher)
Struggling to pay for Groceries?

Food Assist Warwick is here to help people with Food Assistance.

All you need to do is bring $13 and your Medicare card for I.D to get your Food Box

When: Thursday 19th February, Thursday 5th March, Thursday 19th March and Thursday 2nd April.

Where: Queens Park, Alice St, Warwick.

Any queries please ring 0413422733 or 0746381939 or find us on Facebook.

Your help would be much appreciated and thank you for your time.

Any questions regarding this please feel free to contact me on 0435313409

Regards

Laine Robertson

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Waringh Waringh
Dance Classes
Sharman Parsons, Aboriginal Dancer


- Strengthening Aboriginal Identity
- Connecting to nature, feeling the spirit
- Communicating stories in dance and song

Every Thursday at Warwick Central 4:00 to 5:00 (except school holidays) - $5.00 sign up and gold coin donation each Thursday

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Carbal Medical Centre

Our service is dedicated to improving the prevention and management of chronic disease through early intervention and improved access to culturally appropriate medical services.

Located at 9/51 Graiton Street, Warwick

Service Days are from Monday – Friday

Indigenous - 715 Health Checks
721 Health Care Plans
Transport available
Immunisation
Allied Health Specialists
Women’s Health
Male & Female GP’s
Medicare Local
Care Coordination and Supplementary Services
HMR’s
Home Medication Review
Supa Shakers
Chronic Disease nurse and EEN Nurse

Carbal Medical Centre will provide Holistic World Class Medical and Health Care Services
Fundraising.
We have a couple of wonderful ladies who have put their hands up to help do some fundraising. Sheree Wells, Melissa McGrath, Theona Parson and Sue Spies. So if you have any ideas please bring them to us!!!

TRIVIA AND DISCO NIGHT.
Thursday 26th March 2015.
Theme to be confirmed.
Parents come along and have some fun while the kids are having a great time.

Reasons to Get Involved
Parent volunteers offer a huge resource and support base for the school community while showing their kids the importance of participating in the larger community.

Not only will the school reap the benefits of your involvement — you will, too. By interacting with teachers, administrators, and other parents on a regular basis, you'll gain a firsthand understanding of your child's daily activities. You'll also tap into trends and fads of school life that can help you communicate with your kids as they grow and change (all without intruding on their privacy or personal space).

Even if you haven't been involved in the past, it's never too late to start. If you have something to offer, or if you just want to help out in whatever way you can, just ask.

Remember we are all in it together and we are so glad you're here ☺

Next meeting
19th MARCH
WEDNESDAY!