Welcome to Week 2 of Term 4

Principal’s Message
Dear Parents and Students

Notices:

- **Parents and Citizens Association Meeting**
  An invitation is extended to all interested parents to attend our next P&C Meeting on **Thursday 15th October** at 3:15 pm in the library.

- **Reminder: Swimming Begins on Monday 26th October at WIRAC**
  The school swimming program will be conducted during week 4 of this term from Monday 26th until Friday 30th October. The cost for the swimming program will be $25.00 per student for the 5-day program. Please return the student permission form with money if you would like your child to participate in the swimming program.
  Parents are most welcome to attend. Your assistance with monitoring children in the water would be greatly appreciated.

- **Reminder: Student Free Day - Monday 19th October.**
  Teaching staff from all the small schools in the Southern Downs Cluster will be converging on Yangan State School to undertake moderation. Moderation is a process of analysing student assessment tasks from the same year level but from different schools. This process allows teachers to establish consistency in the judgement of student assessment tasks. Not only is this process important for clarity of expectations but also provides a great opportunity for professional development and networking among teachers.

- **Year 3/4 Reading Challenge: “The Brilliant, Awesome Reading Extravaganza for Extraordinary Children”**
  Warwick State High School is hosting a Year 3/4 Reading Challenge. This challenge is similar to the reading challenge that Year 5/6 participated in last term. It will be held in the Warwick State High School Library, commencing at 4:00 pm and finishing at 5:30 pm on **Wednesday October 21st**. The following students have committed themselves to represent our school: Zach Mapes, Timothy Garland, Hannah Hutchinson, Gabriella Kerlin, Mitchell Muller, Chase Powell, Kade Atkinson and Bessie Eastwell. Students have had to read three novels from different text types leading up to the competition. The Reading Challenge Booklist includes: Weirdo, Are We There Yet? and Esio Trot. The competition involves the students engaging as a team to answer comprehension questions based around the novels. We wish our students all the best.

- **Yangan State School Annual Tennis Tournament**
  The Yangan State School Annual Tennis Tournament will be conducted this term. Students in years 4 to 6 have been invited to nominate in a singles competition and a round robin doubles competition. The tennis tournament is being organised by Mr Rathmell and Miss Condon. The games will be played before school and during lunch-time.

- **Prep Orientation**
  Get ready for Prep 2016. This year there will be 5 x 2 hour sessions to assist the new prep students prepare for schooling next year. Sessions will be on **Tuesday 20th October from 9:15am to 10:45am**, Tuesday 3rd/10th/17th & 24th November from 9:15am to 10:45am. If you have a prep child beginning next year and you did not receive an invitation explaining our orientation program or information about Prep for next year, please contact the office 4664 8224.

- **Absent from school**
  Reminder: Children are required to attend school regularly. Each day is important and children should not be absent on any day without a valid reason. If your child is absent, please contact the school by telephone and leave a message or forward a written note to the school when you child returns. Sending an email to the.principal@yanganss.eq.edu.au is quite acceptable.

Have a great week. From the staff at Yangan State School
SCHOOL NEWS

Yangan State School Choir will not be performing at McHappy Day due to lack of numbers. If you can, please support this worthwhile cause.

REMINDER

Year P-3 By the Sea Excursion – November 5th – 6th 2015
Money, permission notes and medical forms are due back at school by Tuesday 20th October.

Year P-3 By the Sea Excursion – November 5th – 6th 2015
On Wednesday the 28th of October there will be a meeting regarding roles and responsibilities for those parents who are assisting with any part of the excursion. This meeting will be held in the year P/1/2 classroom at 3:05pm. If you are unable to attend this meeting please advise your child’s classroom teacher. We look forward to seeing you at this important meeting.

Gotcha Value Awards

Caring – Sienna Atkinson – Consistently showing a caring attitude to staff and students.
Caring – Ava Myler – Caring for our school environment.
Contributing – Timothy Garland – to year 3/4 Celebration Night performance creation! Great Stuff!
Contributing – Cody Upton – to Maths lessons and “being brave” in tricky maths concepts.
Improving - Jorja Longhurst – giving a high level of attention to personal and time management skills.

Congratulations to Sienna, Ava, Timothy, Cody and Jorja as the recipients of these special awards. They received their awards for their personal achievements and assisting and supporting fellow class members. Well done!

Gotcha

Cody Muller – Gotcha – Applying learnt concepts in different learning areas.
Liam Gooley – Gotcha – Caring for a classmate.
Megan Kelly – displaying a high level of responsibility and ownership for learning.
Katie Gimm- Mentoring and assisting Prep Year 1 with Fun Friday activities.
Blake O’Dea – Mentoring peers with computer and digital camera skills in class.

Achieving my Goals

Gabriella Kerlin – to read 200 000 words in Accelerated Reader.
Mitchell Muller – to read 25 000 words in Accelerated Reader.
Charlie McConville – to read 80 000 words in Accelerated Reader.

Reading Eggs

Shania Skinner – Map 5

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Warwick Community Kindergarten, 54 Dragon Street, is taking enrolments for pre-prep aged children for 2016 - children born between 1/7/2011 and 31/7/2012. Kindy is the ideal environment for them to learn through play while interacting with children of their own age in preparation for school. We offer a quality early education program delivered by University qualified teachers.
For more information contact Julie in the office on 4661 2138.

WARWICK KILLARNEY UNITING CHURCH ANNUAL SPRING FAIR
Saturday 17th October 2015, 9am-1pm.
Warwick Uniting Church: cnr Guy & Grafton Streets, Warwick.
All welcome to a morning of family friendly activities.
Bargains, great stalls, refreshments, entertainment, free children’s activities.

Confirmation / Communion program at St. Marks Anglican Church, Warwick.
St. Mark’s Anglican Church of Warwick will be running a Confirmation / Communion course for children for their presentation to Bishop Cameron on 29 November 2015. Confirmation will be held at the 8.30am Sunday service at St. Mark’s. Preparation sessions are held in the weeks prior. Please contact the Parish Office for further details, 4661 7223.

Word Wizard

Shay Towson – Pearl, Isaac Hawes - Blue
Mackenzie Fritz – Indigo and Isabella Beck – Pink