Welcome to Week 2 of Term 3

Principal’s Message
Dear Parents and Students

Safety of Our Children
The safety of our children is very important inside and outside the school grounds. As you are aware due to the increase in enrolments at our school, parking outside the school grounds at 3:00pm has become very difficult. With parking difficulties, comes safety concerns. Since early April, the P&C has been very proactive in seeking a solution to the safety concerns and the parking issues. Senior Constable Nathan Burnett has alerted the P&C to his concerns about the speed of cars through the school zone, illegal parking and children crossing the road in front of the school.

The P&C has communicated with the Southern Downs Regional Council and Department of Main Roads and Transport seeking their assistance and guidance with our concerns. A meeting was conducted last week to develop possible ways to assist in an immediate solution and a long term solution. Future initiatives by the SDRC and DMRT will be implemented at the front of the school this term to provide some assistance with safety.

Due to the fact that there are many organisations involved with our concerns, a full resolution will take time. Therefore I encourage all parents to be considerate of other parents when parking at the front gate.

School Opinion Survey Reminder
If you have already completed your Parent/Caregiver Survey, thank you and please disregard this notice. If not already completed, the online surveys will remain open until midnight on 31st July. This is a great opportunity to have your say about what this school does well and how this school can improve.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school. School computers will be available in the school library. The survey closes on 31st July 2015.

Survey queries can be directed to our school on 4664 8224 or email the.principal@yanganss.eq.edu.au

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child’s education or any other school related matter, please have no hesitation in contacting the school (4664 8224) or emailing me at the.principal@yanganss.eq.edu.au

Have a great week.
Regards,
Ian Rathmell
SCHOOL NEWS

Warwick State High School Reader’s Cup Challenge
Warwick State High School are once again conducting their annual Reader’s Cup Competition. The following students have committed themselves to represent our school: Lauren Hutchinson, Jarrett Powel, Maddison Grayson, Dacia McConville, Thea Diack, Bridget Eastwell, Eli McKinney, Katie Gimm and Stacey Lamb.

Students have had to read four novels from different text types leading up to the competition. The Reader’s Cup Challenge Booklist includes: BFG by Roald Dahl, The Long Haul – Diary of a Whimpy Kid, Stormbreaker and The Last King of Angkor Wat.

The competition involves the students engaging collaboratively as a team to answer comprehension questions based around the novels. These avid readers have conveyed that it has challenged them to read books that they would not normally read, work as a team member and fine tune their recall of the text. This competition occurs tomorrow Thursday 23rd July at Warwick State High School Library from 3.40pm – 6:00pm. We wish our students all the best.

Music Showcase
Our school choir has been invited to join a number of other schools to perform at the Warwick Rose City Shopping Centre on Wednesday 29th July as a part of Music Showcase. A bus will depart from the school at 8:35am. There will be no cost for the bus, courtesy of the P&C and the school. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to contribute to the wider Warwick community.

Athletics Carnivals this term
Friday 31st July - Tanny Sports at Maryvale SS (Help from parents needed)
Tuesday 4th August – ½ Day athletics (high jump and 800m) at Wheatvale for 9 to 13 year old students
Friday 7th August - Warwick Country Schools Athletics at Hamilton Oval, Warwick High School
For our students to develop their physical skills, social skills and confidence, we need to prepare for these events. Training sessions are being conducted during some school sessions and lunch times over the forthcoming weeks.

Half Day Athletics at Wheatvale – Tuesday 4th August
The half day athletics events (high jump and 800m competitors) for the Warwick Country Athletics will be held at Wheatvale State School beginning at 12:00 on Tuesday 4th August. The events usually conclude at about 2:30 pm but this can be later. A letter will be sent home next week notifying those students who have been selected.

Transport Arrangements for Athletics’ Carnivals
• Private transport by parents to the Tanny Sports (Maryvale State School) on Friday 31st July for whole school. No transport will be provided.

• A bus to Wheatvale SS for the 800m and high jump events (Tuesday 4th August 12:00am to approximately 2:30pm for students who are nominated in 9 years to 13 years age groups). The bus will depart at 11:00am from the school. The bus fare is free courtesy of the P&C and school.

• Private transport by parents to the Warwick Country Athletics Carnival (at Hamilton Oval, Warwick High School, on Friday 7th August for whole school). No transport will be provided.

Bookclub
Bookclub is due back Thursday 30th July 2015.
Woolworths Earn & Learn
We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

STUDENT COUNCIL
Yangan Student Council would like to thank the school community for their support of the students’ Term 2 Number-fact-athon. As a student body we made $884.20 in total. This money has been allocated to support class excursions.

Thank you! (Bridget Eastwell and Maddy Grayson)

GOTCHA VALUES AWARDS
- **Contributing** – Lauren Hutchinson – Contributing to class discussion based on the News Report Text.

Congratulations to Lauren as the recipient of this special award. She received this award for her personal achievements and assisting and supporting fellow class members. Well done!

Gotcha Awards
- Jana Webb – Making a huge effort to clean our classroom after an art lesson.
- Eli McKinney – Identifying the advantages and disadvantages of the different types of mass media.
- Brin Cook – Identifying bias in a newspaper report and sharing clearly and concisely with class mates.
- Zack Locke – working positively with percentage, identifying the fraction and decimal relationship.
- Blake O’Dea – working positively with percentage, identifying the fraction and decimal relationship.

Music Awards
- Daniel Kelly and Tynika Forrest

Word Wizard
- Bridget Kerlin – Red
- Basil McConville – Red
- Marley Skinner – Blue
- Lailah – Gold
- Sienna Atkinson – Pearl
- Shania Skinner - Violet

Reading Eggs
- Marley Skinner – Map2
- Hayley Burnett – Map 2
- Bridget Kerlin – Map 3
- Shay Towson – Map 12

Accelerated Reader
- Half-way through Year 4 and already a millionaire! Congratulations to Zach Mapes for reaching one million words. A great effort.
**Jumpers in July**

Yangan State School enthusiastically supported the 'Jumpers in July' festival this year by decorating our tree for the school section - 'Feathers'. Our tree theme is based on the concept of an Indian nation and the saying 'It takes a village to raise a child'. Our tribal "village" consists of peers, teachers, parents and community members who strive collectively to nurture our children. We challenge them to grow, to take risks, to expand their horizons, to become active learners and to thrive in their quest for knowledge. As mentors, role models, teachers, and friends we are active partners for all children in our 'village'.

Children, parents and teachers' photographic images donned the war paint and feathers to signify their tribes and the children made individual dream catchers. Congratulations to the students for their efforts with decorations. The combined efforts resulted in a tree that is bright, colourful and in this weather has demonstrated strength and resilience. Please find the time to view the tree.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Children's Book Week - advance notice.

Book Week will be held from August 24th to 28th. This year we will be holding a dress-up day during the week. Come dressed as your favourite book character OR help us celebrate the 150th anniversary of "Alice in Wonderland" by dressing as one of these characters: Alice, the Mad Hatter, the Cheshire Cat, the White Rabbit, the Queen of Hearts, the King of Hearts, the March Hare, the Dormouse, the Caterpillar, the Mock Turtle, Tweedle Dum, Tweedle Dee....... More news of events to come in future newsletters.

**Alert notice**

Head lice are still being detected in the school.

It is extremely important for you to check your child’s head for head lice TODAY.

Keep checking **every 2 days** until there are **no head lice found for 10 consecutive days**. If you do find head lice, commence effective treatment immediately and be sure to complete the course of treatment. Teachers will reduce head-to-head contact activities while head lice are known to be around. If for any reason you are having difficulties treating the head lice on your child **effectively**, please contact the school on 4664 8224.

If we all work together to eradicate these nasties, this will help prevent head lice from spreading.

**P&C NEWS**

**UNIFORM ORDERS**

In need of some new, or bigger, uniforms? To place an order, please complete an Order Form and return your form with payment to the P&C Box in the School Office by Friday, August 7.

Thanks to the P&C, you can order track pants, boys shorts, girls skorts and sports skirts, jumpers and spray jackets, all from the comfort of your home. An Order Form, listing all items available and prices, is attached to this newsletter and is also available from the school office at any time throughout the year. For more information, contact Kath Mapes on 0427 027 430.
Year 3 /4 Excursion

Our class left early last Monday, the 20th July, to go on an excursion to Warwick and Toowoomba.

First, we went to the Southern Downs Regional Council. We walked upstairs and headed to the Council Chambers. It was big and looked very formal. There was a large desk and an even bigger chair. We met the Mayor, Mr Blundell. He talked to us about local government and how the council works. We asked the Mayor some questions then the whole class had a photo taken with him. Mr Blundell then took us on a tour around the council offices. There were people working on computers and we saw some of the Planning Department staff having an important meeting. We had to be super quiet so we wouldn’t disturb them. Some of the offices were really tiny. Zach thanked the mayor for his time.

We travelled to Lions Park for snack and some games and then continued to the Empire Theatre. We found our seats and waited for the play “The 26 Storey Treehouse” to start. There were heaps of other school children and hardly a seat left.

The play began when Terry lost his underpants. We also met Andy, Jill and Hector. The pirate, Captain Woodenhead, caused a lot of trouble and was bitten by a fish called Gorgonzola. We thought the play was FANTASTIC! It blew our minds. Mitchell fell asleep halfway through the show and missed the ending!

We went to Queen’s Park for lunch. We enjoyed the big playground and a few of us felt a bit dizzy on some of the equipment.

Everyone had lots of fun and we talked about the play on the way home on the bus. Some people were a bit sleepy.

We think our behaviour during the excursion was wonderful. Even the adults with us told us our behaviour was wonderful. Thank you to Mrs Smith and the parents who came along and made our excursion brilliant. We had an exhausting but great day.
**Athletics’ Day Programs**

If you would like a Tanny or a Warwick Country Schools Athletics Program, please complete the order form below. Please have your form to the office by next Tuesday 28th July 2015. In the interest of not wasting paper and money, extra programs will not be printed.

NAME:  ........................................................................................................

☐ Tanny Sports Day

☐ Warwick Country Schools’ Athletics Carnival

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Signature: ............................................................... Date: .........................

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*Term 3 Week 2, 2015*