Welcome to Week 10 of Term 2

Principal’s Message
Dear Parents and Students

What a Term! This has certainly been a very busy term for students, parents, staff and volunteers. It is a time to recognise all the wonderful learning experiences that have occurred in our school this term. Learning activities have included ANZAC Day Service, Mother’s Day Morning Tea, NAPLAN, Interhouse Cross Country Fun Run, School Choir performances, Southern Downs Sports Trials, Broncos Cup, ICAS Science, Number-a-thon, Semester Reports and the daily learning episodes in each classroom. Special congratulations are extended to all the students on your efforts and positive attitude towards all the learning experiences this term. Well done!

On behalf of all the school staff, I would like to thank everyone for your support and encouragement in the education of Yangan State School students this term. The level of support that parents, volunteers, staff and students have given each other has been tremendous. This demonstrates to the students our belief in our school values – Caring, Improving and Contributing. Have a relaxing break from the school routine.

Athletics Carnivals next 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 10 to 13 year old students
Friday 7th August - Warwick Country Schools Athletics
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.

Staff Professional Development
All members of our school staff have busy the last two Tuesday afternoons upgrading their First Aid Accreditation. This included basic first aid, anaphylaxis and CPR. It is very important that we have trained staff able to administer basic first aid on our school site at all times. I thank all staff for their commitment.

School Annual Report for 2014
The school’s annual report for 2014 will be posted on the school’s website this week. It is also available at the school office for your perusal.

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
GOTCHA VALUES AWARDS

Caring – Kirili McConville – about others during lunch time – Being a Bucket-filler
Improving – Year Three, Year Four – in your ability to be a Bucket-filler.
Caring – Shania Skinner – helping to care for our classroom and providing assistance to the teachers.

Congratulations to Year Three, Year Four, Shania and Kirili as the recipients of this special award. They received this award for their personal achievements and assisting and supporting fellow class members. Well done!

Gotcha Awards
Eli Carter – Full sticker chart
Charlotte May – Full sticker chart

Word Wizard
Isabella Beck – Violet words

Goals
Grace Muller – I wrote a sentence.
Ella-Rose Upton – I read a picture book by myself.
Mackenzie Fritz – I read four books.
Liam Gooley – I cared for the Prep children.
Gabriella Kerlin – to read 60 000 words in Accelerated Reader.
Doninique Hawes – to complete 100 nights of home reading.

Reading Eggs
Chloe Mapes – Map 5

Accelerated Reader

Congratulations to students who have reached personal milestones:
Ready Reader - Cooper O'Dea, Lilly Kerlin, Tony Gimm
Independent Reader - Charlie McConville
Rising Reader - Jorja Longhurst
Advanced Reader - Tim Garland

Keep a watch on our school these holidays
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number – 13 17 88. The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.
Reminder: Return of Soap Orders by Thursday 25th of June.
Sausage Sizzle Friday 26th of June. Orders have now closed.

KIDSMATTER
SHOWING LOVE

In 10 Conversations you must have with your son author Tim Hawkes suggests there are 4 ways parents show love to their children.

1. Through words Hawkes writes, "A son(child) dispatched to school with a reminder that he is loved is a son(child) equipped to withstand the emotional and social attrition wrought by a world given to withering putdowns." Hawkes is so right, but 'I love you' are three simple words that can get caught in our throats.

2. Through deeds Hawkes says, "For a parent to be congruent with their son(child), there needs to be a congruency between that which is heard and that which is seen." For some children a parent baking a cake for them is an act of love. They like the fact you made it for them more than the cake itself!

3. Through presence "In a time-poor society that is given to showing love through the gift of material possessions, the greatest demonstration of love a parent can give is the gift of time," writes Hawkes. Effective parenting is about choices, and choosing to be a presence in the lives of kids is an act of love that may not be appreciated at the time but can have a profound impact.

4. Through providing It's easy to be dismissive of the provider role that we play, but the psychologist Maslow reminded us that unless a child's basic needs - food, shelter and protection are met he will struggle to have his higher order needs such as self-esteem and a sense of belonging met. But parents need to attend to those higher needs by attending to positive values, developing a sense of purpose and developing a sense of belonging to his family through contribution.

Here's a task.
Score yourself out of ten of each of these four different ways of showing love. If the score is low in WORDS, commit to introducing more conversation into your family life.

Here are five ideas to get the talking going:
1. Share conversations through meals
2. Regularly talk about news items that would interest kids
3. Practise shoulder-to-shoulder parenting by talking in the car, or while you are active together
4. Text message or email your kids (if old enough), particularly if your preferred child's 'love language' is WORDS.
5. Write a letter and post it to your child.

You should reflect from time to time on the important stuff you do. Personally, I think activities like these are Parenting Gold.

by Michael Grose

Book Nook Quote

'If kids are entertained by two letters, imagine the fun they'll have with twenty-six. Open your child's imagination.
Open a book.' - Author Unknown
COMMUNITY NOTES

Warwick State High School

2016 - Year 7 - Parent and Student Information Evening
(all welcome)

Date: Tuesday, 21 July 2015
Time: 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Place: WSHS Assembly Hall - Victoria Street, Warwick
Topics: Transition morning highlights, Enrolment procedures, Staff at the school, Curriculum, A Day in the Life of a High School Student, Expectations, Resources

ONE PLACE...ONE HUNDRED STORIES
Children’s Art and Craft Workshops at Art on King St with Sue and Jill
This is an opportunity to use your creativity and be involved in a visual arts project to be displayed during Jumpers and Jazz in July.
We are seeking input from the younger members (7-12 yr old) of our community to help visually describe the future of our community using mixed media.
When: Over 2 days Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd July
Where: 41 King Street   Cost: $40
Reply by email, or call 0403 698 850, or call in at Art on King St.