Welcome to Week 4 of Term 4

Principal’s Message
Dear Parents and Students

It is always a pleasure to see the wonderful achievements of our students when they have opportunities to perform at local, district and regional events. Last Wednesday was no exception. Our year 3/4 students performed exceptionally well at the interschool Readers’ Challenge. Congratulations students for your wonderful effort. It is an opportunity like this that assists our students in developing confidence and a sense of achievement. Thank you to Miss Hart and Mrs Smith for the encouragement, organisation and preparation of our school’s involvement.

World Teacher’s Day
This Friday is World Teacher’s Day. World Teacher’s Day was inaugurated by UNESCO in 1994 to focus attention on the extraordinary contributions and achievements of teachers. It is a day when all teachers give themselves a well-deserved pat on the back for their commitment, dedication and achievements. I congratulate and thank the special group of teachers at our school for their dedication and pride in their profession.

Message from the Deputy Director-General, State Schools
With a mother, sister, aunt and uncle as teachers, I guess it was in my DNA to become a teacher. I have never for one minute regretted this decision throughout my career. The privilege of working with the future of our great state is humbling, exciting, exhausting, and rewarding. I once heard a wise person say ‘Doctors may save lives but teachers change lives’ and this is so true.

The impact a teacher can have on the lives of young people is immeasurable yet powerful. World Teachers’ Day is an opportunity to say thank you to all teachers. The best way I can thank you is through the grateful sentiments of students from across Queensland.

Thank you for teaching me to read; thank you for noticing when no one else seems to notice; thank you for coercing and cajoling me to give it a go because I had no idea how much I would enjoy it; thank you for believing in me when I had stopped believing in myself; thank you for explaining the concept a gazillion times until I got it; thank you for listening; thank you for making me feel safe and thank you for setting me in the right direction.

I send my heartfelt thanks to each and every teacher who every day supports the students of Queensland.

Warm regards from Patrea Walton (Deputy Director-General, State Schools)

Attendance
A parent of a child of compulsory school age is obliged to ensure that their child attends school on every school day for the educational program in which he/she is enrolled. Each day is important and children should not be absent on any day without a valid reason.

Parents/Carers Responsibility:

- ensure their child of compulsory school age attends school on every school day for the educational program in which the child is enrolled, unless the parent has a reasonable excuse
- ensure their child in the compulsory participation phase fulfils the requirements of their eligible option
- advise school, preferably in writing, of the reason for any absences, if not beforehand then within 2 days of the student’s return to school
- initiate or attend meetings to discuss their child’s attendance or participation in their educational program
- negotiate with the school, where appropriate, alterations to their child’s educational program or flexible arrangements to best meet the needs of the child
- apply for an exemption for their child for non-attendance at school for a stated or indefinite period where the child’s attendance at school is impossible or should not be reasonably required.
Reasons for Absence
Satisfactory reasons for an absence may include such factors as medical or dental treatments or procedures, specialised training, sporting events other than those associated with the school or the education system, funerals, cultural reasons, or family reasons (e.g. special family events, holidays)

Procedures for Absence Notification
• If a student is going to be away please phone the school number Ph 4664 8224 and leave a message that your child will be away.
• A written note must accompany the student when they next come to school explaining their absence.
• Prior notification of absence in writing is essential.

Fun Interhouse Swimming Carnival on Friday 30th October at WIRAC
The whole school (swimmers and non-swimmers) will be departing school at 10:00am and returning to school at 2:50pm. All staff will be attending the carnival.
The Swimming Carnival will be a combination of novelty swimming races (e.g. walking, kickboard, noodles, and dog paddle) for beginning swimmers and 25m events (freestyle, backstroke and breastroke) for the better swimmers.
Students need to take their bag with lunch, snack, water bottle and swimming gear.
Students will be allowed to purchase a drink or ice cream after 12:00. If parents would like their child to purchase a drink etc., their child is responsible for looking after their own money. Parents are most welcome to attend. Your assistance with monitoring children in the water would be greatly appreciated.

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

SMALL SCHOOLS “GETTING TO KNOW YOU” DAY
Year 6 students and staff from Yangan, Tannymorel, Murrays Bridge, Wheatvale, Freestone, Karara and Maryvale are invited to attend a getting to know you day at WSHS.
Date: Wednesday 11th November 2015
Time: 9.00am till 3.10pm
Aim: This day will provide an opportunity for the students of small schools to experience an exciting day as part of the Warwick State High School community. Participating students will engage in a range of fun curriculum activities, meet high school teachers and develop friendships with other students.

Year 4/5 Mathematics Challenge
Best wishes to our students participating in the Year 4/5 Mathematics Challenge at the Warwick State High School this afternoon beginning at 4:00pm. This challenge is similar to the reading challenge that we participated in last week. Our school will be represented by the following team members: Thea Diack, Megan Kelly, Dacia McConville, Stacey Lamb, Chase Powell, Hannah Hutchinson, Tim Garland and Zach Mapes.

Enrolments for Prep are Now Open at Yangan State School
If you need more information about Prep for next year please contact the school 4664 8224. Prep-Prep Orientation Mornings for students attending our school next year will be held on Tuesday 3rd/10th/17th & 24th November from 9:15am to 10:45am. Come and enrol your child in Prep now.
**Gotcha Value Awards**

Improving – Shay Towson – Improving with your sight words. Keep it up!
Improving – Toby Booth – Improving displaying this week school value by working independently during class.
Contributing – Dominique Hawes – to spelling lessons – discussions, learning tasks. Keep it up!
Improving – Angus Gillespie in your ability to apply comprehension strategies – eg. Main idea identifying detail.

Congratulations to Angus, Dominique, Toby and Shay as the recipients of these special awards. They received their awards for their personal achievements and assisting and supporting fellow class members. Well done!

**Achieving Goals**

Mitchell Muller – to read 32 000 words in Accelerated Reader.
Tim Garland – to read 315 000 words in Accelerated Reader.
Kirili McConville – to complete 36 TOPS Reports.
Kade Atkinson – to read 80 000 words in Accelerated Reader.
Jack Booth – to read 48 000 words in Accelerated Reader.

**Word Wizard**

Hayley Burnett – Indigo
Ameena Abdel – Green
Ava Myler – Red
Kyeisha Smith – Indigo
Shay Towson – Ruby

**Word Wizards**

Word Wizards – Ameena, Shay, Nate (from last week), Kyeisha, Hayley and Ava

**Gotcha!**

Bessie Eastwell - participation in the Year 3/4 Reader’s Cup Challenge 2015.
Chase Powell - participation in the Year 3/4 Reader’s Cup Challenge 2015.
Mitchell Muller - participation in the Year 3/4 Reader’s Cup Challenge 2015.
Hannah Hutchinson - participation in the Year 3/4 Reader’s Cup Challenge 2015.
Tim Garland - participation in the Year 3/4 Reader’s Cup Challenge 2015.
Zach Mapes - participation in the Year 3/4 Reader’s Cup Challenge 2015.
Kade Atkinson - participation in the Year 3/4 Reader’s Cup Challenge 2015.
Mrs Smith – assisting the 2015 Year 3/4 Reader’s Cup participants. Thank you so much!

**Book Nook Quote**

‘The more that your read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.’ – Dr Seuss
The Brilliant Awesome Reading Extravaganza for Extraordinary Children, or Junior Readers’ Cup was held at the Warwick High School last Wednesday. Eight of our extraordinary children formed two teams to compete. They had to study three books, giving up many lunchtimes, then answer questions and complete activities on the night. It was a wonderful sight to see so many teams from various schools working hard together and enjoying the positive atmosphere. Congratulations must go to Zach Mapes, Tim Garland, Hannah Hutchinson, Mitch Muller, Chase Powell, Gabriella Kerlin, Kade Atkinson and Bessie Eastwell for their time, effort and commitment to reading. It was a great experience.