**Principal’s Message**

**Dear Parents and students**

Welcome back! We trust that you had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday (or break from the school routine). It was great to see students come back refreshed and keen to begin their fourth term studies. Term 4 is a very busy term for students and staff with many activities being scheduled for the coming weeks. The student free day in October is held on Monday 19th October. School concludes for the fourth term on Friday, 11th December.

**Continuing the Focus**

School improvement is always about trying to maintain the best possible education for your child. As a school we continue to ‘promote high expectations’ and have the belief that ‘every child is capable of success’. In 2015, we have focused on the areas of WRITING (SPELLING) and READING. We have tracked the development of students in these areas by setting benchmarks and targets. Throughout the year students have set individual targets/goals for each of these aspects of their schooling. This focus will continue to be maintained during term 4.

**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. This fee covers entry to the pool, swim and survive certificate, use of WIRAC equipment and transport by bus. The school and P&C are contributing finances for this program (The actual cost is $65.00 per student). Those students not attending will be supervised at school with class work (except on Friday).

Permission forms are attached to this newsletter. 

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.

- Year P/1/2/3 departing school at 10:30am and returning to school at 12:30pm. Swimming lessons from 11:00am to 11:45am.
- Year 3/4/5/6 departing school at 12:40pm and returning to school at 2:40pm. Swimming lessons from 1:15pm to 2:10pm.
- All children must bring their own swimming towels, togs, swimming shirt, hat and water bottle.
- Goggles and caps (compulsory) will be provided.
- No money to spend except on Friday for drinks etc.
- Swimming Carnival Friday 30th - Departing school at 10:00am and returning to school 2:50pm. Students need to take lunch and water bottle.

**Pre-Prep Orientation Mornings**

Pre-Prep Orientation Mornings for students attending our school next year will be conducted this term. This is a wonderful opportunity for pre prep students to immerse themselves in our transition program. See School News on the next page regarding dates and times.
Reminder: Student Free Day - Monday 19th October.

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

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, then Tuesdays 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.

Shop Tuckshop Orders
If you are ordering tuckshop for your child please order by 3:00pm on a Tuesday.

Sun Protection
As the days become warmer and longer we tend to spend more time outside. I encourage all our students to apply sunscreen and to wear a hat whenever they are outside. Sunscreen is available in each classroom.

Water Bottles Encouraged
It is highly recommended that students keep a water bottle on their desks to sip throughout the day.

AWARDS

Accelerated Reader
Independent Reader – Jake Locke and Kirili McConville
Super Reader – Kade Atkinson and Jack Booth
Advanced Reader – Hannah Hutchinson and Gabriella Kerlin
Classic Reader – Zach Mapes

Congratulations to Hannah Hutchinson and Gabriella Kerlin for reaching a quarter of a million words.

Reading Eggs
Hayley Burnett – Map 4

Achieving Goals
Eli Carter – Full Sticker Chart.
Toby Booth – Full Sticker Chart.
Kade Atkinson – to read 60 000 words in Accelerated Reader.
Maddy Grayson – Accelerated Reader Goal of 280 000 words.
Eli McKinney – Writing goal – improved use of complex sentence.
Maddy Grayson – Improved speed and recall of subtraction facts.
Thea Diack – Reaching “Millionaires Club” in Accelerated Reader.
Stacey Lamb – Mastery of 2 digit x 2 digit multiplication.
Bridget Eastwell – Consistently scoring 18/20 and higher for number facts.
Maddy Grayson – Physical goal of making Southern Downs Athletics for Shotput.

Book Club
With Christmas just over 11 weeks away, this is a good chance to buy some great specials as Christmas gifts. Check out the latest book club brochures to see what is available and put in an order which will also help the school. Have your orders back to the office by Friday 23rd October 2015. Brochures for other age groups are available in the Office. Contact Kate Fritz on 0409 070 221 or 07 4664 8780 for any queries.

2015 Chalk and Parent Direct Fundraising - Orders and payment due back 16th October 2015.
Catalogues are available at the school office.
**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 Thursday, October 22.

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.

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**COMMUNITY NOTES**

**Jump Rope for Heart**

**JUMP OFF!**

On the last Friday of Term 3 we held our **Jump Off**. It was fabulous!

At present there are a number of Sponsorship Forms that have not been returned to the school office. **If you have collected money and/or still have your Sponsorship Form please return these to the school office as soon as possible.**

Your support of this cause is greatly appreciated and your sponsorship in this program will help our school as we receive 50% of all funds raised! You also will be assisting the Heart Foundation continue its fight against heart, stroke and blood vessel disease.

Thank you.

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**Warwick Swim Club**

If anyone is looking to get their children into the great sport of SWIMMING then this swimming club is awesome. Club nights are Friday nights 5:30 - 7:30pm approx. It’s a great family friendly club which supports swimmers of all levels. Fun, friendship and fitness is our goal.

Our first club night is Friday 9th of October 2015. Hope to see you there.

Any enquiries please contact Neil Vickers (President) – 041 340 1049.

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**WDFA Summer 6’s is here!**

Truly “Football for Everyone”, it is perfect for current players who want to keep active over the summer, those who have played but don’t have time to dedicate to a full winter season, individuals who just want to have some fun with friends and it is also a great opportunity for new participants to begin playing football in a fun and social setting. Summer 6s is open to all ages, whether you are turning 8 or turning 88!

**How to register:**