Welcome to Week 8 of Term 4

Last week was a wonderful opportunity to spend some exciting moments with our Year 4/5/6/7 students as they met the many challenges provided to them at Jacob’s Well Environmental Education Centre. I congratulate each and every student on their personal accomplishments in meeting those challenges. Some of the activities included making our way through mosquito infested mangrove habitats to discover the various organisms that live in this very important environment. We explored Stradbroke Island to trace the footprints of aboriginal life and how the Aboriginals interacted with their environment. We went toad busting, swam, caught frogs, canoed, played volleyball, trawled for organisms living in Moreton Bay and had time to have a few hours’ sleep. This excursion gave our students a great opportunity to see a diverse habitat and compare it to where they live.

Congratulations to the students for your participation and positive attitude while attending the excursion. We thank Miss Condon, Mrs Hempel and Mrs Gimm for giving our students this wonderful opportunity.

End of Year Celebration Day

This year’s break up day will involve an excursion to Warwick Cinema, Leslie Park Warwick and back at school on Thursday 12th December. The cost is free.

The day includes entry into the movies, sausage sizzle, drinks, ice block and transport by bus. The Parents and Citizens Association and the school have provided financial assistance for this excursion.

Parents are most welcome to join the excursion. To assist in planning, we need to know the number of students and parents who are attending. Depending on numbers attending, transport from parents may be needed for some students. The bus and private cars will be leaving the school at 8:45am. We will be returning to school at approximately 2:00pm. Students are required to wear school uniform. Students may take extra money to purchase a drink, popcorn, etc. at the movies. Please complete the permission note at the end of the newsletter if you would like your child to attend, and return it to school by Friday 6th December.
Yangan State School Presentation Evening
The annual Yangan State School Presentation Evening will be conducted on **Tuesday 10th December** commencing at 6:00pm in the Big Shed. On behalf of Yangan State School I would like to extend an invitation to all members of our school community to our presentation evening. This evening is a special event on our school calendar as it recognises the hard work and dedication of our students and school community. It is also an opportunity to say farewell to our Year Seven graduating students. Please bring along a plate to share for a light supper that will be held prior to the presentations.

Sports Star of the Month
It is wonderful to hear of the involvement and accomplishments of our students outside of school. Congratulations to Anu Woodruff Becker who has won the Warwick Credit Union Junior Sports Star of the Month. She was nominated for achieving second place in the junior division at the Queensland State Endurance Riding Championships held at Woodford. The junior division includes all young people under eighteen, and at eleven years old, she was one of the youngest competitors. It was the first time for Anu and her horse "Teddy" to ride the distance of 160km, and they completed it in 10hrs 27mins. What a fantastic achievement.

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.
From the staff at Yangan State School

SCHOOL NEWS

LIBRARY
This week is the last week of the year for library borrowing. Please ensure that **ALL** books are returned to the Library by this Friday, 29th November.

*Thank you, Ann Smith*

Class Booklists for 2014
Class booklists for 2014 were sent home last week. Hynes Newsagency in Warwick has quoted prices to pack your child’s booklist for next year. Please note these prices only hold if your order is placed by December 20. If you wish to take advantage of this service, the school will collect orders and deliver to Hynes on your behalf. Pay Hynes Newsagency and collect your order in the new year.

If you wish to participate, please complete the booklist form and return to the school by Wednesday, 11th December.

Sport - Tennis Tournament
The school tennis tournament is in full swing. Congratulations to all the students on your enthusiasm and participation. Finals of the competition are being conducted next week.
End of year clean up – Prep/Yr 1 classroom
At the end of each year we appreciate parental help to get the equipment/resources in our classroom cleaned and ready for next year’s use. There are a variety of tasks that need completing: some that can be done at home, some at school. If you can help out, a list of jobs is displayed in the P/1 classroom so that you can choose what might suit you. Any help is very much appreciated.

Gotcha Awards
Naomi Almond – for finishing all your sightwords

Word Wizards (photo next week)
**WOW** Gabby Kerlin, Kade Atkinson and Bessie Eastwell have completed **ALL** of their sightwords
Riley Locke, Charlotte May and Lachlan Fritz completed 1st 100 of their magic words

Reggie’s Readings Quiz
Lilly Kerlin (1st), Gus Gillespie (1st), Hannah Gould (2nd) and Gabby Kerlin (Gold)

**P & C NEWS**

The P & C in conjunction with the Yangan Progress Association will be running the Moo Poo Lotto at the Yangan street party and Truck pull (SAT 14th DEC).
**IF ALL TICKETS ARE SOLD THIS EVENT WILL RAISE FOR THE P & C $1000.**
HELP IS NEEDED to make the Moo Poo Lotto a success. PARENTS, we need help selling tickets. Take a book to work, ask family and friends. Tickets and flyers are available by contacting Colette Locke. HELP is also needed in setting up the 10 X 10 m grid on Friday 13th DEC, and also during the lotto, on the 14th, to assist where needed. The Lotto will start as soon as the truck pull is over, at approx. 4p.m. Please contact Colette Locke with any queries and to OFFER HELP. This is a great way to raise funds for your school. Please lend a hand any way you can.

**Community News**

Warwick Gymnastic Club – School Holiday Program
16th December - 20 December 2013
6th January – 10 January 2014
9am to 3 pm for ages 5 and up
$25 per day or $100 for five days BOOK NOW
For more information phone: 07 4661 9826 or 0411 111 406

Yangan and District Progress Association Inc.
Yangan Christmas Party and Annual Truck Pull
14th December 2013 from 2pm

Warwick Gymnastic Club – Masquerade Ball
31st December, 2013
$35 per person
For more information phone: 0402 659 043

BreastScreen Queensland – **Free Breast Cancer Screening** Warwick Hospital 1 October 2013 – 14 January 2014. Women aged 40 years and over are encouraged to attend every two years. Phone 13 20 50 for your free appointment (no doctor’s referral needed).
PARENTS OF YEAR 7 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN YEAR 8 IN 2014

We are looking forward to spending time with your student on Wednesday 11 December at our Year 7 Transition day. During this day all Year 7 students from various Primary Schools will have the opportunity to participate in a day at Warwick State High School to meet teachers, the other students and get to know the school routines. If you would like more information please contact the High School (46669222). Students must have completed their enrolment interview to participate in the transition day.

WHAT: Year 7 Transition Day
WHEN: Wednesday 11 December
WHERE: Warwick State High School (HALL – Victoria Street)
TIME: 8:40am – 3:10pm
BRING: Pencil case with pens, pencils, hat, water bottle and money for lunch.

Parents are welcome to stay for the first session in the hall until 9:15am and then attend

The Australian Red Cross ‘Karma’ Box
The Karma box, located on the verandah at Yangan State School, is accepting donations of clothing and accessories for adults, children and babies, suitable (and wearable) for re-sale. All funds raised go to the work of Red Cross in Australia e.g. to help people cope when disasters such as floods, fires and cyclones affect them and to fund the Breakfast Program in some Australian schools which provides breakfast for needy children who would otherwise go hungry. All donations are gratefully received! The bin will be emptied Mondays and Thursdays. For more information contact Heather 46648524 or Australian Red Cross, Warwick Branch on 46619916.

Permission for Celebration Day

I do / do not give permission for my child/children ………………………………………………. to travel by bus to Warwick Cinema and Leslie Park in Warwick on Thursday, 12th December 2013 and to participate in the Yangan State School End of Year Celebration Day activities.

The cost is free. The day’s activities include entry into the movies, sausage sizzle drinks and transport by bus. Students will need to take extra money if they wish to buy food at the movies.

I do / do not give permission for my child to travel by private car if necessary.

I can / cannot provide transport if necessary. I can transport …………….. students.

Signed ………………………………………  Date ……………………