**Principal’s Message**

*Dear Parents and students*

As I have mentioned many times, 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 Thursday was no exception. Our year 4/5 students performed exceptionally well at the interschool **Mathematics Challenge**. Team members included: Maddy Grayson, Lorna Broughton, Rani Towson, Rhyanna Payne, Lauren Hutchison, Ethan Kelly, Bridget Eastwell, Aliza Hoffman and Eli McKinney. Congratulations students for your wonderful effort. A special congratulations is extended to Ethan, Bridget, Aliza and Eli for being runners-up in the challenge. It is an opportunity like this that assists our students in developing confidence and a sense of achievement. Thank you to Miss Condon and Mrs Hempel for the encouragement, organisation and preparation for our school’s involvement.

**Principal’s Professional Development**

This Thursday and Friday I will be attending the Warwick District Principals’ Tour of schools in Brisbane. We will be visiting Raceview SS, Upper Brookfield SS, Petrie Terrace SS and Forest Lake SS. This professional development activity provides principals with the opportunity to visit schools outside their area. These visits assist in the development of new ideas and the confirmation of quality plans already in our schools. It will also allow us to discuss current issues and initiatives with our colleagues. Miss Anna Condon will be teacher in charge during my absence.

**Swimming Program and Carnival**

There have been many positive comments received regarding the swimming program and carnival held last Friday. Once again a very big thank you is extended to the parents and staff who helped make this program and carnival such a success. All of the students should be very proud of themselves and their efforts. Mt Mitchell won the interhouse trophy; however, in the eyes of the Yangan staff all of the students were winners. Participation, regardless of whether your team wins or not, is about being a team and contributing to the best of your ability. Well done, everyone.

**World Teacher’s Day**

This Friday we celebrate the great work of our teachers on World Teachers’ 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. The quality teaching in our classrooms every day has a powerful effect on students’ performance. I congratulate and thank the special group of teachers at our school for their dedication and pride in their profession. Visit [http://education.qld.gov.au/community/events/world-teachers-day.html](http://education.qld.gov.au/community/events/world-teachers-day.html)

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

Religious Instruction this week

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 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th November beginning at 9:15am. Come and enrol your child in Prep now.

Warwick State High School “Getting to Know you day”
Year 7 students are invited to attend a getting to know you day at WSHS on Wednesday 13th November 2013 from 9.00am to 3.10pm. This is to provide an opportunity for the students from the small schools to develop friendships and experience a day as a student at Warwick State High School.

Bookclub Issue No. 7 October 2013
Bookclub issue 7 has arrived and will be coming home for you to make your selection. Christmas isn’t far away and a book makes a wonderful gift… Please complete your order and return with payment to school no later than 27 October, 2013. Payment can be made using cash, cheque or credit card receipt number.
If you have any queries or concerns please feel free to contact me Rhonda Godwin 0437 525 629.

Gotcha Values Award

Contributing – Daniel Kelly (for being an extremely helpful class member.)

Congratulations to Daniel as the recipient of this special award. He received his award for his personal achievements and assisting and supporting fellow class members. Well done!

Gotcha Awards
Liam McKinney – For finishing all his sightwords. Well done Liam!
Hope Albrecht – making an enormous effort with reading and completing TOPS reports.

Reading Eggs Certificates – Riley Locke – map 1, Bessie Eastwell – map 10, Shay Towson – map 4, Riley Mauch – map 1 and Lachlan Kelly – map 2.

P&C NEWS

Next P & C meeting will be held Thursday, October 31 at 3.15 pm in the school library.

MEETING AGENDA
- Proposed Canberra Trip for years 4-7 in 2014
- Allocation of funds to begin kitchen project
- End of year break up

Important Notice
The “Bootifull” car boot sale and Moo Poo Lotto have been postponed to coincide with the Yangan street party and truck pull held in December.
Any tickets in the lotto will be valid on this postponed date. If there are any concerns please contact Colette Locke on 46644246.
Community News

Freestone State School Mango Fundraiser
Kensington Pride Mangos $25 per tray (14-20 Mangos) to be ready for collection end of November/ early December. Orders to be in by the October 31, 2013. Order forms available at Yangan State School front office or alternatively you can call Freestone State School on 4666 1569 or email your order with your contact details to the.principal@freestoness.eq.edu.au.

Warwick Gymnastic Club – Halloween Party
On Friday November 1, 2013 at the Senior Citizens Centre. Juniors 4 to 12 years 6pm to 8:15pm. Seniors 13 to 17 years – 8:30pm to 10:30pm. Cost $5.00 – Canteen available. Limited tickets – available at the Gym Club & Rollys Lolly Shop. For more info call Petra on 0411 111 406 or Angie on 0417 271 523.

Warwick RSL Social Club Charity Lawn Bowls
Sunday November 10, 2013 at Warwick East Bowls Club Lyons Street, Warwick. Names in by 12.30pm games to start at 1pm. Cost $10 green fees. This year’s charity is Glennie Heights Scout Group. There will be a multi draw raffle on the day and afternoon tea. Flat soled shoes or bare feet are required. Please bring a plate of food to share. For more info contact Esther Osborne on 0427 694 742.

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).

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 4664 8524 or Australian Red Cross, Warwick Branch on 4661 9916.

Book Nook Quote
‘To read a book for the first time is to make an acquaintance with a new friend; to read it for a second time is to meet an old one.’ – Chinese Saying

Today I dressed up as a cowgirl. My buckle was my uncle Nick’s. My daddy found it in the ashes. Uncle Nick won it from the rodeo in 1980.  

Gabby Kerlin – year 1