Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to thank all the families for their support with the pie drive. Extra thanks to Alicia for organising all the orders, sorting out the paperwork and then receiving the pies very early this morning. We certainly appreciate the effort put in by all.

As most of you know, we are studying changes in technology over the years. A number of students have bought in items for the rest of the school to look at. We are hoping to set up a display of these items in the resource centre very soon. Both Janine and I have been delighted with the interest and enthusiasm shown by the students and their perception of what is “ancient” and what isn’t.

Needless to say Janine and I have been labelled “ancient”. Students cannot believe we lived quite happily without mobile phones or computers when we were growing up. I was asked by a student, how we found information to do our assignments at school. Many seemed surprised that we used the library to do research, often carrying home a dozen or so reference books for each assignment. (Ahh, those were the days!)

At last night’s P&C meeting it was decided that our school would participate in an Education Expo in Rose City Shopping Centre on Saturday 21st June. If you are able to spare a few hours to hand out leaflets and chat to prospective parents, we would appreciate the help. Please contact Merrill on 46661671 for more information.

School photographs were also discussed. Initially it was decided to wait until the new school shirts had been finalised. Unfortunately sourcing a supplier able to meet our needs has been an issue, so we will go ahead and have school photographs taken mid Term 3. Dates and details will be sent out in the first week of term.

Next week I have to attend a few professional development sessions, one on Monday and another Friday. Mr Baldwin will be filling in for me whilst I am away.

Have a great week

Laura Watson
Principal
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**Child Safety & Car Parks**

We all know that children can get very excited when heading to school or being collected in the afternoons. There is always something they need to tell the teacher or mum and dad.

In all the excitement children very easily forget to look out for vehicles or where they are going.

With this in mind we ask that parents and drivers watch out for our little ones at all times when collecting or dropping off children in the car park area.

*Keep an eye out, let’s keep everyone safe.*

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**Freestone Playgroup—Freestone State School**

Meets every Wednesday at the Freestone State School

Cost is only $2 per week plus

Insurance $35 family for the full year.

If you need more information contact Leesa on 46612739 or 0419741264

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**Warwick District Football Assoc.**

**July Soccer Holiday Program**

Wednesday 9 & Thursday 10 July

10am to 2pm daily, ages 6 to 12 years

Coaching, skills & drills, games and fun activities

$60 for 2 days or $35 for 1 day

Discounts for extra children in the same family

Canteen will be open for drinks and lunch

Registration forms and more info available on the web site


Email: butlerps@gmail.com or call

Rebecca 0428715663, Paul 0423647890 or Tim 0434211441

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**Week 7 Kindness Awards**

Won by Clare Ramsey

with runners up Beth & Christian Mauch

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**‘Charlotte’s Web’**

Mrs Baldwin’s class is about to read Charlotte’s Web. To allow for some of the older students to hold a book and read along with her we are hoping to borrow a few extra copies. If you have a copy of Charlotte’s Web and could lend it to the school for Term 3, it will be very much appreciated.

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**Freestone Hall Announcement**

Wellies & Beanies Boot Sale & Boot Art Auction

Check out the flyer attached
10 Tips on Hearing Your Child Read

As parents you are your child's most influential teacher with an important part to play in helping your child to learn to read. Here are some suggestions on how you can help to make this a positive experience.

1. **Choose a quiet time:** Set aside a quiet time with no distractions. Ten to fifteen minutes is usually long enough.

2. **Make reading enjoyable:** Make reading an enjoyable experience. Sit with your child. Try not to pressurise if he or she is reluctant. If your child loses interest then do something else.

3. **Maintain the flow:** If your child mispronounces a word do not interrupt immediately. Instead allow opportunity for self-correction. It is better to tell a child some unknown words to maintain the flow rather than insisting on trying to build them all up from the sounds of the letters. If your child does try to 'sound out' words, encourage the use of letter sounds rather than 'alphabet names'.

4. **Be positive:** If your child says something nearly right to start with that is fine. Don't say 'No. That's wrong,' but 'Let's read it together' and point to the words as you say them. Boost your child's confidence with constant praise for even the smallest achievement.

5. **Success is the key:** Parents anxious for a child to progress can mistakenly give a child a book that is too difficult. This can have the opposite effect to the one they are wanting. Remember 'Nothing succeeds like success'. Until your child has built up his or her confidence, it is better to keep to easier books. Struggling with a book with many unknown words is pointless. Flow is lost, text cannot be understood and children can easily become reluctant readers.

6. **Visit the Library:** Encourage your child to use the public library regularly.

7. **Regular practice:** Try to read with your child on most school days. 'Little and often' is best. Teachers have limited time to help your child with reading.

8. **Communicate:** Your child will most likely have a reading diary from school. Try to communicate regularly with positive comments and any concerns. Your child will then know that you are interested in their progress and that you value reading.

9. **Talk about the books:** There is more to being a good reader than just being able to read the words accurately. Just as important is being able to understand what has been read. Always talk to your child about the book; about the pictures, the characters, how they think the story will end, their favourite part. You will then be able to see how well they have understood and you will help them to develop good comprehension skills.

10. **Variety is important:** Remember children need to experience a variety of reading materials eg. picture books, hard backs, comics, magazines, poems, and information books.
Mrs Baldwin and students in the warm winter sunshine. Too nice a day to be inside.

Serious play from our Prep—3 students.

Art Projects to finish.

Winners are grinners—Abbi with her Cross Country Medal.

The P-3 class have been looking at Natural or Man made.