From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week we would like to wish Wayne Holland and his family the best of luck as they make their move to Brisbane to be nearer to medical facilities. Change is never easy and we know that Wayne leaves us feeling prouder and more confident than when he first arrived over two years ago.

This week is a busy week. We have our Information Session / Prep Open Morning on Friday as well as the first of our swimming lessons. Thank you to those families who have returned the permission notes and money for the snake talk. Please remember to pack extra snacks for swimming days as we are having two 45 minute lessons each day. (remember goggles) Students may come dressed in their swimming togs on the days when we have swimming lessons first thing in the morning, however please remember to pack underwear for after the lessons as this sometimes gets forgotten. On the days we have lessons after first break we will change before we go.

This week we decided it was best to have tuckshop on Thursday to give us a bit more time on Friday to get ourselves organised. We apologise for the change in menu, we know some students were disappointed and we will try to make a plan to have the burgers during the last week of term.

Please remember to let as many people know about our Open Day for any prospective students from Prep to Year 7 this Friday at school in the library starting at 9:30 until 10:30 am. We will be organising additional Transition days for Term 4.

To all our special Dad’s, have a wonderful Father’s Day on Sunday and don’t forget our very special Morning Tea planned for Friday 13th September. The Student Council is having a delicious morning tea prepared by our families plus egg and bacon rolls after the fun.

In addition to the installation of the water tank, the eastern wall of the prep modular building will be stripped down and repainted. We are not sure when this will be taking place and it may be a while before we have all the buildings and grounds free of contractors. Please bear with us and remember to supervise children especially at drop off and pick up times as there may be vehicles and workmen accessing these areas.

Finally, next week with swimming we will not have our regular spellings and sight words however we would like all students to review all sight words in their books/ folders to ensure they are easily recognised and know what they mean. There may only be a few words in each sheet that have been forgotten. Set aside 15-20 mins to do this each day. You will be pleased to hear that we have seen a great improvement in reading levels across the school.

Enjoy the rest of the week.

Laura Watson
If you cannot do your rostered day, please find a replacement and notify the school. Thank you.

We do need as many families as possible to send in a plate to share for our Father’s Day Morning Tea.

~ School News ~

**School Swimming Times are as follows:**
- **Friday 30 Aug** — 12.15 pm to 2.30 pm
- **Monday 2 Sept** — 12.15 pm to 2.30 pm
- **Tuesday 3 Sept** — 9.00 am to 1.30 pm (Reptile Awareness talk, at WIRAC)
- **Wednesday 4 Sept** — 9.00 am to 1.30 pm
- **Thursday 5 Sept** — 12.15 pm to 2.30 pm

Students who live in Warwick may be collected from the pool on the days where we end at 2:30pm. Please be at the pool by 2:25pm. Thank you!

~ Community News ~

**YANGAN STATE SCHOOL P&C ASSOC**

are holding a

**SCHOOL OPEN MORNING—Tomorrow**
Freestone State School Open Day
Friday 30th August
School Resource Room
9:30am to 10:30am
Any parents and prospective students
Prep to year 7 are welcome

**Adult Fitness Classes**
Come and join the new Adult Fitness Class on Monday 4.00pm at Freestone School. Have fun and get fit. $10 per person, one hour class.
Helena Oloman Personal Trainer
0432 699 022

**SOUTHERN DOWNS — triathlon club**
Is holding a
**Come & Tri Day**
On
Sunday November 17th at the WIRAC
Kids & Adults—First Timers & Teams
Registration & Bike Racking from 6:30am to 7:15am
Racing starts at 7:30am
Entry is Adults $10, Kids (U14) $5, Teams $15

**Freestone Playgroup**
The Freestone Playgroup have some exciting things coming up in the following months:
- **Sept 12** — Kindy Gym morning at the Warwick Gymnastics Hall
- **Oct 30** — Excursion to the Indoor Play Gym in Toowoomba
- **Nov 20** — Excursion to Giraween for a Bushwalk
- **Dec 14** — Is our MEGA Christmas Party at Leesa’s
- **Dec 11** — Last meeting of the year for the Freestone Playgroup

**Freestone Playgroup meet every Wednesday at the Freestone State School from 9 to 11 am. Cost is only $2 per week plus insurance $35 family for the full year. If you need more information contact Leesa on 4612739 or 0419741264**

**Get involved in**

**Disability Action Week**
You are invited to Participate in a
**Buddy—up Day Golf Day**
At the
**Warwick Golf Club**
Cost only $5
On Tuesday 10th September
1 pm to 5 pm
Share your skills, win prizes and have fun
Supporting others in your community.
The day will finish with a Sausage Sizzle
provided by SDRC Young Ambassadors & Delegates.
Or more information call Dave 0437559959 or Rhonda 46675155

**Join us for a FUN DAY at the Pool for Children with Special Needs.**

**Warwick Aquatic Participation Fun Day**
Swimming Qld is hosting a Free fun day at the pool for children with special needs and carers working in special schools and special education units.
**Warwick Aquatic Centre**
Friday 6 September 2013
9:30 am to 2:30pm
Register online at www.qld.swimming.org.au
Or call 07 33902011
Freestone Playgroup
Where the kids come first. Come and have a cuppa and some fun.

Every Wednesday at Freestone State School from 9 to 11am (9:30 in winter)
Cost is only $2 per week
Plus insurance $35 family concessions apply for a full year

Enquiries to Leesa 46612739 / 0419741264