Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Week 4 and we are heading towards the half way mark for the term!

On Monday we had a fantastic Arts Link production hosted by Yangan State School. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the bus ride, a first for some of our students. Everyone was very well behaved. It is a pleasure taking this group places and we look forward to our next great adventure.

We are trying to encourage our students to attend school and avoid missing days “just because.” This is a state wide initiative and we traditionally have very good attendance rates. Missing a day here and there for specialist appointments, illness and family emergencies will not have a huge effect—however, regularly missing one or two days a week has a huge effect on both academic and social learning. In our school we do a lot of group work and it is not always possible to wait until all students of the group are here to teach a concept and this means your child is at a disadvantage if they miss a day.

We now have an attendance chart which students put a sticker on each day. After 10 stickers are collected the students will receive a small award on parade. Please remember to complete and return the absent notes even if you have called the school to say they are away. This is a departmental requirement. The charts are in my classroom. If you wish to have a look, you are more than welcome.

A reminder that tuckshop order forms are due in on Wednesday so that helpers are able to cater for any special dietary requirements. (Money can come in on Friday if necessary). Student Council will be making the milkshakes. We have chocolate, strawberry and lime flavouring and will try having other favours such as vanilla and caramel to see which ones are the most popular. All proceeds will go towards Student Council.

Attached to the newsletter is a book of Raffle Tickets for our annual Trivia Night. This is our main fundraiser for the year and we need your support to sell as many tickets as possible to your family, friends and work colleagues. Please let me know if additional books are required. Return the money and book to school in the snap lock bag by Friday March 4th. Trivia night is on the 12th March and is held at Freestone Hall.

Have a great week.

Laura Watson
Principal

Our school community is working together to ensure that every student is learning and achieving every day.

It takes a BIG heart to help shape little minds!
Random Acts of Kindness

Week 1 Term 1

Our first RAKs were presented during Week 3’s parade.

Congratulations to all these children who have been making our school a great place to be – Will Sollars, Rory Mauch, Shaniqua Radnidge, Christian Mauch and Dustin Mauch (accepted by Sienna on his behalf).

Happy Birthday to Thomas Ryan! Double figures at last. Thomas brought along a delicious number 10 cake to share with everyone. Yummo.

Planet Rhythm

On Tuesday the 9th of February we were thoroughly entertained by the show “Planet Rhythm”. All the children were able to play along and demonstrate their incredible drumming skills! Perhaps drum kits will start to feature in birthday lists.

New Resources:

The year is off to a great start and we have some new things to play with already. Many thanks to the Radnidges for donating a brand new game of Scrabble and Monopoly. Mrs Watson has also been shopping and we have some new play gear and puzzles.

Trivia Night—Saturday 12 March

Do you have your team organised!!??! Come on, it’s not too late to gather your clever friends and make a winning team! Keep your eyes peeled for how you can help out in making the night a success - helping to set up, providing a plate of food, selling tickets etc. More details will be provided closer to the night. There have been some fabulous prizes donated and lots of fun planned.

Weekly Tuckshop—Friday

The weekly tuckshop will be Milkshake and dessert for $3.00. Orders should be in by Wednesday and will consist of a milkshake made with full-cream milk and ice-cream (4 flavours) and a yummy dessert kindly donated by a school family.

~ P&C News ~

P&C AGM

The P&C held its AGM last Wednesday night. The committee members for 2016 are:

President: Derek Kane
Vice President: Merrill Ryan
Secretary: Cassey Holdbrook
Treasurer: Natalii Beh

~ Community Information ~

Bus Committee AGM

Will be held on Tuesday 23 February in the Freestone State School library at 7:30pm. Please come if you have a child who travels by bus to and from school.
Drumming Fun
What’s happening in P-2?

We are up and running and getting stuck into the wonderful world of learning. We have plenty of books, pens and so on BUT we would LOVE you to start sending in some boxes and cardboard tubes for construction time. You will probably get them back with glue and sticky tape added!!

~Tuckshop Roster~

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If you cannot do your rostered day—

Please ask another parent to swap with you or send in ice-cream and cones. They are always a big hit with the kids.

Handy Helper Needed:-

Our hat badges (that were ironed on) are lifting. We need someone to re-iron and stitch them on. Contact Laura if you can help out.

Aussie Rules—WARWICK REDBACKS

Warwick Credit Union Oval

GOOD NEWS! We are getting ready for the 2016 season. Training has started on a Thursday for the Under 8/10s at 4pm and the Under 12/14s at 5pm. Tuesday and Thursday see the under 16s, men and women train at 5pm.

Players and spectators all welcome. For enquiries contact Naomi 0410399316 or Lisa 0438333569