

East Echoings

Week 2, Monday 22nd April 2024

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to Term 2 at Warwick East State School. We trust you and your family have had a refreshing break from school routine.

This term, we continue to build upon our priority improvement areas of:

- Reading – implementing evidence based intervention and science of reading
- Inclusive education – supporting teachers to implement inclusive classrooms via the inclusion coach
- Building our learning community – attendance, community engagement, Positive Behaviour for Learning, sharing our teaching practice

Explicit Improvement Agenda
Our sharp and narrow focus for 2023



Reminders

- ANZAC Day school service 10 am Tuesday 23 April
- ANZAC Day Town Parade 25 April meet at Rivers Palmerin Street at 10:30 am for march at 10:40 am. Parents can collect students after the march if they wish. Service from 11:00 am. Please collect your child promptly after the service concludes at about 11:30 am.

Colour Run

Many thanks to staff, students and parents who worked together to celebrate the end of term with the colour run.



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Everyday,
Everyone is
Learning to Live
and Living to
Learn
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Cross Country Interhouse Carnival

Thanks to Mrs Sutton and staff for running the Cross Country on Friday. The cross country provides a fun opportunity for students to work as part of their team to participate in a fun run and also the opportunity for students who would like to compete at cross country to work towards the next level of their performance.

Well done to all students on the day who made the most of their opportunity and congratulations to the winning house and age champions.

Garland - 116

Harwood - 106

Quinn - 101

	Boys	Girls
9 Yrs	1. Daniel S 2. Declan C 3. Liam Y	1. Lyra T 2. Isabella H 3. Ava D
10 Yrs	1. Levi L 2. William C 3. Daniel R	1. Ella M 2. Hayley B 3. Abigail B
11 Yrs	1. Cohen G 2. Bryce W 3. Brooklyn K	1. Kali B 2. Evie C 3. Lillian T
12 Yrs	1. Jaxon D 2. Jaxon N 3. Mike A	1. Elise T 2. Jada B 3. Angelina S

Staffing Update

Unfortunately, Mr Shane Goswell is on leave providing his attention to a family matter at this point in time. Our thoughts are with Mr Goswell as he works through these matters. Replacing Mr Goswell on Year 6G this term will be Mrs Sarah Monk on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Nicole Green on Thursday and Friday.

We thank Mr Goswell for the positive contribution he has made to the Year 6 class this year and welcome Mrs Monk and Mrs Green to the class.

Plus 5 or 95

What is your child's attendance goal? How are they working to move towards a 95% or above attendance? How are they going? Education open opportunities for students. Low attendance (below 95%) has a profound effect on student learning and hence post schooling opportunities.

Young people whose parents discuss their child's attendance with them and assist them to develop work skills of being to work on time and prepared for work routinely attend school at higher rates. Many thanks for your support of your child in our learning community.



Got a Concern? Please don't hesitate ...

'A problem shared is a problem halved.' If you have a concern regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us now that students and staff are settling into routine.

For students, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. For school wide matters, please contact Mr Reid or Mrs Sutton through the office.

School News

Our Approach to Homework

Considering the latest research on homework, our school's approach to homework will focus on reading with and to for the majority of the recommended time allocation. Work that is done at home should be mostly interactive and foster discussion between child and parent about concepts and ideas.

Overview of what homework may look like

Year Level	Prep	Year 1 and 2	Year 3 and 4	Year 5 and 6
Reading Focus	Regular reading to, with and by parents/ caregivers or other family members	Daily reading to, with and by parents/ caregivers or other family members	Daily independent reading or reading with parents/caregivers or other family members	Daily independent reading
Other		May include spelling and number facts practice	May include spelling and number facts practice	May include spelling and number facts practice and/or project based work
Time Allocation	No set time allocation	Up to 1 hour per week	Up to 2 hours per week	Up to 2 hours per week

The role of our parents and caregivers with homework

Through our Parents and Citizens Association, our parents have a key role in the continuing development of our school's homework guidelines.

Our parents and caregivers can help their children by:

- spending quality time with their children exploring learning aspirations and needs
- supporting reading to them, talking with them and involving them in tasks at home including shopping, playing games and physical activity
- helping them to complete tasks by discussing key questions or directing them to resources
- encouraging them to organise their time and take responsibility for their learning, including assisting their children to prioritise and schedule activity needs to ensure all commitments are met and referring to homework diaries
- helping them to balance the amount of time spent completing homework, watching television, playing computer games, playing sport and engaging in other recreational activities
- encouraging them to read and to take an interest in and discuss current local, national and international events contacting the relevant teacher to discuss any concerns about the nature of homework and their children's approach to the homework.

Implementing our homework guidelines

At Warwick East State School, we actively encourage all students to complete homework and provide incentives for this to occur. Where students regularly do not complete homework, our focus is to contact parents to see how we can support them. We do not support providing students with negative consequences for not doing homework. Regular monitoring and collaboration amongst our teachers and the school's P&C will ensure consistent and effective implementation of the school homework guidelines.

Community News

Helping families through life's ups and downs

Family and Child Connect is a free, confidential service that can connect families to the practical support they need to bounce back in tough times. Family and Child Connect can connect you to local services that help with:

- managing your child's behaviour
- building better family relationships
- stopping violence at home
- budgeting and managing money
- alcohol, drug or gambling problems
- accessing housing, health care or other community or government services.

Family and Child Connect services are provided by trusted, local organisations who are experienced in working with families.

To find out more about Family and Child Connect, call 13 FAMILY (13 32 64) or visit familychildconnect.org.au. Access to interpreters is available.

WESS P&C

Wow Term 1 went by so fast! Welcome to Term 2.

Last term we held our AGM meeting. I would like to introduce our executive committee for 2024:

President – Mr Robert Stewart

Vice – President – Mr Jamie Taylor

Secretary – Mrs Katelyn Sams

Treasurer – Mrs Tamara Stewart

We also have a new uniform shop co-ordinator, Gabi Laws. Thank you to all exiting committee members and coordinators. Your contributions to the P & C have been very much appreciated.

At our AGM it was decided our main fundraising focus will be contributing towards school swimming costs again this year.

Our first general meeting for term 2 will be held Monday 22 April 2024 at 12pm in the Brick Building. We would love to see some more friendly faces at our meetings. Our meetings are a great way to find out more about what is happening at our school and give feedback.

Uniform shop times have changed! Due to the change in coordinator times for the uniform shop have changed. It will no longer be operating on a Thursday afternoon. The new time will be 8:30am to 8:50 am Monday mornings. Don't forget you can still order online through the school website at <https://warwickeastss.eq.edu.au/facilities/uniform-shop>.

This term the P & C will be holding a Mother's Day Stall Fundraiser on 9th May 2024 in the library. Gift prices will range between \$5 and \$25. Cash only. Children will visit the stall in their class groups. The P & C are looking for volunteers to help on the day between 9am and 2pm, if you are interested please private message the WESS Parent Page on Facebook.

Cheers

Robert Stewart

P & C President

The Australian Government is providing up to 30,000 eligible families with no internet at home a free National Broadband (NBN) service.

Eligible families can nominate to receive a free service up until 31 December 2024 and the duration of the free service will continue until 31 December 2025 for all existing and new families.

To be eligible a family must:

- Have a child living at home that is enrolled in an Australian school
- Have no active broadband service over the NBN network
- Live in a premises where they can access a standard NBN service
- Not have had an active NBN service during the previous 14 days

For families to check eligibility they must contact the National Referral Centre, operated by Anglicare Victoria on 1800 954 610 (Monday to Friday, between 10am and 6pm AEDT) whereby eligibility will be assessed.

For further details and information visit:

[School Student Broadband Initiative \(SSBI\) | Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts](#)



THE
CRITERION HOTEL PRESENTS

WARWICK CORNHOLE

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING
TOURNAMENT



SUNDAY, MAY 26TH
CRITERION HOTEL
Warm up from 12pm
Comp starts 1pm
\$50 Entry Fee
Entry includes lunch, a drink and merchandise

50/50 RAFFLE WITH CASH AND PRIZES TO BE WON!!!

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WARWICK CORNHOLE'S SCHOOL INITIATIVE
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FOUNDATION

Leadership Weekend WORKSHOP

PLAY. LAUGH. GROW. LIVE. LEAD

White Bear Foundation is dedicated to providing our innovative and motivational workshops and programs for children and pre-teens.

Through play, fun, and educational games, the workshop aims to build self-esteem, resilience and confidence. Workshops are held in a supportive, safe environment and provide young people with the self-management tools to deal with the ups and downs of school years and beyond. The results are tangible and children leave feeling happy, fulfilled and positive about themselves.

Weekend workshops include:

- Self-esteem awareness activities
- Confidence building games
- Communication/leadership sessions
- Lessons in life skills/building resilience

Our next workshop:

WHEN

Saturday 24th August &
Sunday 25th August 2024

WHERE

Sth Downs Disability Support
145 Victoria Street Warwick

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WHITEBEARFOUNDATION.COM.AU

“IT TAKES A VILLAGE
TO RAISE A CHILD”

Student of the Week

Congratulations

Week 1

Prep C	Micah
Prep/1S	Arrissa
1/2B	Dylan
2F	Tyler
3S	Lyra
3/4K	Elsie
4F	Kyle
5S	MJ
5/6E	Makayla
6G	Gemma
P/6 O	Zara



we invite you to an afternoon at the races

RACE DAY

Disability Awareness

Thursday 9th May 2024



Free Admission • Prizes for Best Dressed
• Experience a fun filled Race Day
Canteen • Cold Drinks • 8 Races • Gates Open 11am
• Face Painting & so much more

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