ANZAC Day

The second term was off to a fantastic start when Warren Central School hosted its ANZAC Day Ceremony in the JB Renshaw Hall last Friday 24 April 2015. The ceremony was an outstanding tribute to the ANZACs and many thanks must go to Mrs Judy Ridley, Mrs Narelle Whittaker, Mr Chris Perry, Mr Ian Davis and Mr Phil Leman for organising a truly memorable event. To commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli the school organised commemorative coins for all veterans, students and staff. These were presented by Mr Barney Simpson and Mr Matthew Stewart at the end of the ceremony as the students left the hall. After the ceremony the school provided its traditional morning tea for the veterans and special thanks to Mrs Emma Robertson for baking a beautiful 100 Years Anniversary cake for the occasion.
Warren Central School participated in the town’s ANZAC Day March on Saturday 25 April 2015. It was amazing to see so many primary and secondary students as well as staff march in support of our local servicemen. Very special thanks to the Warren Central School Choir who performed at the end of the commemorative service. The commitment of the students at Warren Central School to honour the memory of those gallant ANZACs at Gallipoli and all servicemen and women is truly inspirational.

Attendance
The school has over the past three years concentrated on improving student attendance. This week I was informed by the network attendance team that our first term average attendance rate was over 94 per cent. This is a phenomenal improvement on our data from three years ago and clearly puts us above the state average. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have worked hard with the school to bring about this change.

There are substantial benefits for sending your child to school every day. International research clearly shows that students who regularly attend school get the maximum benefit from school and optimise their life choices. They develop skills and attitudes that help them to be successful in later life. These include self-discipline, punctuality, being organised and being able to stick to routines. By attending school every day children can make friends and learn to maintain friendships and relationships over a length of time. Finally, the more you attend, the more you learn.

I am asking every family to continue to support the school is raising the awareness that good attendance has significant advantages for every student, parent and member of the local Warren community.

Staffing changes during Term 2
During this term there will be a couple of staffing changes. Mrs Felicity McCormack will be going on maternity leave as of Week 4. She will be replaced by Mrs Jo Noonan and we wish Felicity all the best with the birth of her second child. Mrs Noonan is an outstanding teacher and we welcome her back to Warren Central School. This will also be my last term at Warren Central School. After nine and a half years as Principal I am transferring back to Sydney. I will be leaving on Friday 29 May 2015 and I will keep you informed as to who will be the Relieving Principal until a new substantive Principal is appointed.
In the lead up to Anzac Day all classes in their weekly library lessons have undertaken a study of the role and importance of animals in wartime. Last Thursday 5/6 Solar were fortunate to have a visit from returned serviceman Mr Neil ‘Barney’ Simpson who served with the 5th Royal Australian Regiment in Vietnam. Lance Corporal Simpson’s main role was working as a dog handler with his tracker dog “Tiber”. These tracker dogs were invaluable in locating the enemy and served a vital role in combat tasks. Barney was able to give a personal insight into his time in Vietnam and his question and answer time with the children was very absorbing. Barney also brought in some of his memorabilia including his medals, awards and photos of his service time. We are very appreciative of him giving up his time to come and talk to our students.
Good Luck Mrs McCormack
K – 6 staff and students would like to wish Mrs McCormack and her family all the best as she goes on maternity leave to have her second child. We hope everything goes well for them and the new addition to their family. Mrs Noonan will be returning to take Mrs McCormack’s position from Week 4, 11 May 2015.

Easter Hat Parade
On Thursday 2 April K-6 held their annual Easter hat parade. It was a great afternoon including a picnic lunch, a parade, some fun activities and an Easter egg hunt. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event.

School Pick Up
Please remember to follow road rules outside the school when picking up students and be aware of the no standing and no stopping areas in the vicinity of the pedestrian crossing. Staff will hold children in the school grounds until you have parked safely and walked up to collect them. Once you have your child please move away from the area quickly to avoid congestion and confusion at the gate.
School Uniform
Thank you to all parents and students for looking extremely smart in their full school uniform. Please remember the uniform for K-6 girls is black watch tartan skirt or skort and for the boys grey shorts.
On Fridays the sport uniform is green shorts for boys and green shorts/skirt/skort for girls.
As it is getting colder please don’t forget to pack a jumper and make sure all clothing is clearly labelled.
As part of the school uniform all students are expected to wear safe, supportive black leather shoes Monday to Thursday.

Rugby 7’s Gala Day
On Tuesday 31 March students from 3-6 competed in the Rugby 7’s gala day at Victoria Oval. Thank you to Mr Murray for coaching the teams and Mr Whiteley for assisting. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day and it was great to see some students trying the sport for the first time. All students put on a fantastic display of our PBL values and demonstrated sportsmanship. Congratulations to Harry Hammond and Kate Owens who won best and fairest for their teams. The Junior team won all of their pool games and were defeated by St Mary’s in the final game.

Life Education
On Thursday 28 May and Monday 1 June the Life Education van will be visiting Warren Central School. Notes will go home this week. The cost for the program is $5 which includes a work book to compliment the classroom program. We are very fortunate to receive funding for this program from the Macquarie Valley Cotton Industry Golf Day. This assists with keeping the cost at $5. We would like to thank Mrs Val Soulsby for organising this very generous donation. Please return your notes and money as soon as possible.
NAPLAN
The NAPLAN tests for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 will be conducted across Australia for all students from 12-14 May 2015.

TUESDAY 12 MAY - Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Writing

WEDNESDAY 13 MAY - Reading

THURSDAY 14 MAY – Numeracy
Friday 15 May – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day. Please make an appointment with the Principal if you would like further information about your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Kindergarten Maths Activity
Kindergarten children are involved in a lot of hands-on activities during Mathematics. They work in small groups and change activities frequently. The mathematical language they use whilst doing these tasks is important for their vocabulary development.

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Warren RFS Fundraising Trivia & Challenge Night
Warren Golf Club
2 May 2015 – 6.30pm
Book a table for 6-8 people
$10 per person
Please call or Text Kate Poplin on 0427697937
To book a table for a night of fun and games
To raise money for equipment
(Digital Imaging Camera worth $9,000)
to help our local RFS volunteers.

Celebrating NATIONAL FAMILIES WEEK
Friday 15th May
Trangie Race Course
Gates open 6 for 6.30 start
Bring: chair/beanbag, rug, torch, family & friends.
DRESS UP as a favourite Movie character
Prizes to be won

For more information please call
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Ann-Louise: 0406 643 541 / Karen Hamilton: 6889 4932
Mel Gleeson: 6888 7578 / Terry Millgate: (02) 6888 7661

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BBQ, refreshments & Drinks