



The Whisper

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From the Administration

July 2008

SPECIAL EDITION

A Message from the Principal

Thank you to the school community for all your support and encouragement you have given me over the last few months as I look forward to the birth of my second baby. There are lots of challenges ahead of me and I am looking forward to sleepless nights and all that bringing a new bub home means.

It is my pleasure to welcome Alan Smith to our school as A/Principal. Alan is Principal of Goondiwindi SHS and is looking forward to the opportunity of working in a larger high school within our District. I know everyone will make him very welcome and show him all the best bits of Warwick High over the coming Semester.



Alan Smith - Acting
Principal Semester 2

We trust you will appreciate this comprehensive mail out of Report Cards and School Information. Please take the time to read all of the information and discuss your students' report card with them. Of course Parent Teacher Interviews are a great opportunity to have discussions with teachers about your Child's progress. Please make the most of all of these opportunities and together we can continue to focus on academic achievement.

I look forward to hearing all of Warwick High's achievements in the coming Semester and look forward to all the challenges of 2009 when I return. I wish the school community the very best for the remainder of the school year.

Deborah Dunstone
Principal

Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

Enclosed in this envelope are Semester report cards for your students. In the blue column to the left you will find a summary of all the other information that has been included in this envelope. Your child's report will

outline the achievements they have made in relation to their curriculum studies over the past Semester, and hopefully their hard work has paid off. If you would like more detailed information in relation to your child's results, interviews may be arranged with your child's teacher/s. These will be held at the school on the 31st July in H block. A booking sheet for this interview session has been included in this package and it is the responsibility of your child to negotiate a suitable time with their teacher.

Subject Changes

During the first two weeks of Term three we will continue to offer students the opportunity to investigate a change of subject which may better support their career aspirations and academic results. To begin this process your child should speak to the Deputy Principal, Mr Hallett or the HOD of Student Services, Mrs Rolfe. Either of these members of administration will assist your child in completing the required procedures for subject changes.

Keeping Safe in Cyber Space

We are proud to provide an informative and educational session for parents and carers of children and adolescents.

On Monday the 28th July from 6:30 - 8:00pm at the Warwick Town Hall Ms Susan McLean on behalf of Warwick SHS will present what will be a must for parents and guardians wanting to keep their children safe in cyber space.



Susan McLean has an extensive background in law enforcement. Also the mother of 3 children aged 20yrs, 17yrs and 14yrs, she is acutely aware of the issue of cybersafety from a parental, school and legal perspective. Be sure to attend this free session to learn and be aware of current internet sites which are popular for youth, messaging online, misuse of mobile phones, potential dangers and safety tips online.

Rewards Trip

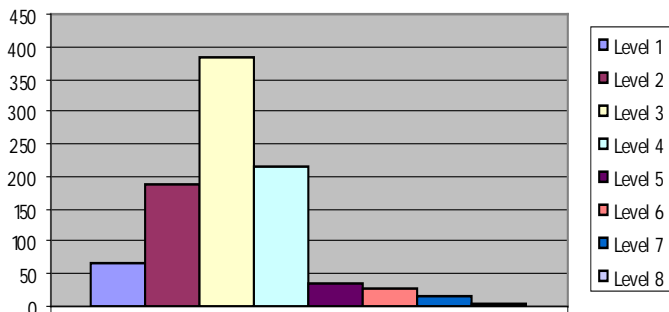
Our Behaviour Code at Warwick State High School utilises a levels system which encourages students to behave in accordance with the schools behaviour code. By participating fully in the various academic, cultural and/or sporting events throughout the school year, and maintaining a strong adherence to the school's behaviour code students' efforts will be recognised by the awarding of a Level 1, 2 or 3 Principal Award. Achieving these levels is not only a commendable effort, it also provides the opportunity for students to participate in reward activities throughout the school year.

The reward trip for term three is once again to the Brisbane Exhibition on the Student Free Day in August. Students who have attained a level 1, 2 or 3 will have an offer to take part in this trip. Please refer to the permission slip enclosed.

Conversely students who have breached the schools code of behaviour will be issued with consequences which can include 'level drops' which may restrict student's ability to participate in some school activities.

Below is our Semester One Behaviour Level Data summarised into a bar graph which clearly shows the majority of our students continue to strive for the ideals set in our School's Behaviour Code.

It is with pride we acknowledge more than 93% of our students have achieved a satisfactory or above behaviour level. Well done!



Subject Selection Evening

This year our subject selection evening is on the 13th August in the School Hall between 5:30 - 7:30pm. Representatives from all of the academic faculties along with guests from Warwick TAFE and the Southern Downs Industry Education Association (SDIEA) will be present. We encourage families to attend and speak to the various staff, who will assist you and your child in making informed decisions about the subjects.

Queensland Core Skills Information

The Queensland Studies Authority within their role of administering Year 12 results coordinates the Core Skills test for Year 12 students. All students going for an OP (overall position) to gain university admission must complete this test held in September each year.

Our Year 12 students who are working towards an OP have been doing an extensive preparation program for the last term to ensure they are well equipped to complete the test. Part of this preparation is a full practice of the test which will be held at school on 5th and 6th August. During this students will complete all papers of a past test which will be marked and feedback given.

In this mail out all Year 11 parents will receive a Core Skills explanatory brochure, please take the time to read this and discuss with your student.

An Even Start Program

This year for the first time the Commonwealth Government has developed a tutoring program to support students who fell below the national benchmarks in the 3, 5 and 7 test last year. Parents of students at Warwick High who attended a state school for Year 7 and have been identified by this process have already received a letter discussing this program. As a school we are excited by this as it allows us to provide additional support to those students who need a little extra assistance. The program will commence in Term 3 with all students after testing being placed in small groups to work with tutors for the rest of the year.

Sport Important Dates

- FUTSAL – Champion of Champions 15yrs Boys – Tuesday 22nd July; 19yrs Boys - Wednesday 23rd July; 19yrs Girls - Thursday 24th July; 16yrs Girls – Friday 25th July
- 21st – 29th July; Inter-House Athletics preliminary events
- Friday 1st August – Inter-House Athletics Carnival
- Wednesday 13th August – “5 way” meet at Allora
- Friday 22nd August Warwick All-Schools' Carnival
- Wed 27th August - Border District Carnival, hosted by Warwick High
- Thursday 4th and Friday 5th September: Darling Downs Track and Field trials – Toowoomba

Bill Turner Cup Under-15 Soccer

Our boys have made it into the semi-finals of this competition for the Darling Downs region. They will have played Harristown SHS after this goes to print, for a place in the final. The team had a 10-0 win against St Josephs Stanthorpe, and a 3-1 win against Stanthorpe SHS. Our girls' team was very unlucky not to progress in the Bill Turner Trophy competition, losing to Stanthorpe SHS in extra time after leading 2-0 at half time.



Rear: L-R, Peter Ferdinand, Coach, Matthew Carey, Mitchell Siebenhausen, Mark Steketee, James Johnson, Adam Freeman, Nick Kemp, Peter Van Hoof, Brad Neal, Dale Pohlman;

Front: Rowan Marsh, Fraser Noble, Mark Ferdinand, Harrison Noble; Reserves – John Anderson, Gareth Robertson, Jake Reid. Absent – Ryan Hitchens.

Open Rugby League - Arrive Alive Cup

The Open Boys Rugby League team has just completed a very successful campaign in the national Arrive Alive Cup. After posting good wins against Goondiwindi SHS (44-14) and Toowoomba SHS (18-14), the team progressed to the regional final played at the Clive Berghofer Stadium in Toowoomba last Friday night. Our team played with great spirit against their St Mary's opponents in the first half and had established a 16-0 lead at the half time break. A very professional St Mary's outfit asserted their dominance in the second half, but the pride and passion our team demonstrated in their 26-16 defeat was honourable. Captain Morgan Taylor was awarded the Player of the Match by coach Mark Fowler.



Warwick State High Open Rugby League Team - Ready to take on St. Mary's in Toowoomba