



Maryvale State School Newsletter

Newsletter: 19 May 2014

Notes from the Principal

Dear Parents

Week 5 already, half the term will be gone by this Friday. I would like to extend a big thank you to the P&C and all the volunteers who put in a huge effort in catering for the Hog's on the Mother's Day weekend.

Maryvale State School participated in a special ANZAC service at the park, in the first week back at school. It was wonderful to have so many parents and members of the community present at the service. Our students had a fantastic morning making ANZAC biscuits with Mrs Duncan, that they presented to the representatives of the RSL at the service.

At the end of last term I attended an extremely valuable presentation on Explicit Instruction in Toowoomba, along with 500 other educators. Many of the strategies presented I can implement here at Maryvale to help our students with their learning.

Lynne Hubble

Students of the Week

Past recipients of student of the week were Riley and Bodhi. Well done boys. Congratulations to Gabby for putting in 100% effort all last week. Congratulations also to Peter for always using nice manners.

NRL Visit

Recently we had a coach from the NRL visit to work with the children on their ball skills. They all had a great time.

Warwick High School—Junior Secondary Update

As I write this article we are powering ahead into Term 2 and many decisions and discussions are occurring around Junior Secondary for 2015 at Warwick State high School.

This term, Head of Department, Junior Secondary and year Level Coordinator for Year 7 Lucian Giles-Duffy visited the primary schools across the region to inter-

act with the Year 6 and 7 students and staff and to discuss some upcoming transition events.

On 20 May 2014, there will be two events happening at Warwick State High School around transiting our years 6s and 7s for 2015.

In the morning, from 9.30am to 11.30am, students and their primary school teachers will attend Warwick State high School for a visit. This visit will begin in the school's Assembly Hall where introductions will be made. Students will then be separated into their year level groups to participate in two activities separated by a morning tea which will be provided by the school. These two activities will include a Power Point presentation presented by some Year 8 students around different aspects of Junior Secondary schooling; the second activity will be an orientation activity to help students find their way around the school, led by our Year 9 and 10 ambassadors.

From 5.30pm-7.00pm parents and students are invited to attend a parent information session at the school's Assembly Hall. This session will also involve two activities. The first activity will be school tours, which will include subject talks. The second activity will be presented in the hall around the topics of curriculum, life for Junior Secondary students, uniform, timetables and other organisation topics.

We very much look forward to 20 May and hope to see many of our upper primary students becoming familiar with the Junior Secondary context.

