Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome / Class Structures
Welcome back for the start of a very busy and exciting term at Warnervale.
A special welcome to Mrs Bateman our new Assistant Principal, Ms Callan class teacher and a warm welcome back to Miss Parry class teacher. If you are a new family, we welcome you into our school community. A very special welcome to our 2013 Kindergarten students who joined us this week. 18 classes have been formed. The class structure is as follows:
Kindergarten: Mrs O’Brien, Mrs Selby / Mrs Pullan (Miss Mc), Mrs White

K/1P  Mrs Pitts
1HD Mrs Halligan /Mrs Donohue  1J Mrs Jacobs 1/2B Mrs Buckton
2G Mr Green 2P Miss Parry
3H Ms Howick 3P Mrs Peacock 3/4B Mrs Bateman
4C Ms Callan 4/5J Miss Jenkins
5C Mrs Clarke 5/6D Ms Davies
6K Mrs Kay 6M Miss Moran

Mrs Nakhoul will be our Reading Recovery Teacher and also teach each K—2 class for an hour each week, Mrs Wilkins will teach each 3—6 class for an hour each week and Mr Orr is our Teacher / Librarian. He will teach each class in the school every week.

If you have any concerns I advise you as always to organise an appointment with the class teacher or the stage supervisor. Mrs Pitts is the stage supervisor for Kindergarten, Mr Green for Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2), Mrs Bateman for Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) and Ms Mortimore for Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6). I am of course more than happy to speak with you regarding any concerns you may have. I realise that many get anxious at the beginning of the year regarding class placement. I urge you to give your children a few weeks to settle into new routines and structures. With them, concentrate on the POSITIVES. Please mark February 19 in your diaries to attend the Parent Information Evening. Sessions will be held at the following times: Kindergarten: 4.00 pm, Stage 1: 4.45 pm, Stage 2: 5.30pm, Stage 3: at 6.15pm.

Workbooks and Book Packs: SALE Day THURSDAY FEBRUARY 7
The toolkits and book packs are an integral part of our You Can Do It program. One of the main aims of the program is for all students to be organized and ready for their learning. The student exercise books have specific writing guidelines that the Department of Education endorse for different grades. These books are not available in regular retail shops. All toolkits and items in the class packs are re stocked throughout the year as children run low on supplies. The value of what the children receive is certainly higher than the selling price.
It is important that all children have the same supplies so that an equitable learning environment is created. Not all families can afford for their children to have the latest fad stationery items or purchase their supplies at Smiggle. We require all students to purchase the Toolkits and Book packs as they ensure ALL students are prepared and organised for all possible learning activities. If you are in need of financial assistance please contact the office and complete a student assistance form.

Peanut Allergy: Peanut allergy is an increasingly common food allergy, especially in children. The allergy is seen in about one in 50 children and one in 200 adults. It is the allergy most likely to cause anaphylaxis (sever allergic reaction) and death. There are students who attend our school who have peanut allergy. At Warnervale there are no peanut products in the school canteen. I would like to encourage you to support this decision as you pack lunches for your children.

School Uniform: It is terrific to see the high standard of our school uniform, with the children looking so smart. I appreciate the effort that you as parents are making to ensure that your children are wearing the correct school uniform. Lowes has informed me that they are expecting stock of size 4 and 6 polo shirts next week. They have ample supplies of school hats in stock. We are encouraging all children to wear the correct school hat.

Canteen: Our school Canteen will operate on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. An exciting new menu will be available soon! Watch the website for information!

Wordabout Online: Please let us know if you are unable to access the Wordabout online. From next Wednesday all weekly Wordabouts will ONLY be given to children who have requested a paper copy.

Regards,
Ms Jill Carter
Principal

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Class: ___________
I request a printed copy of Wordabout.