Dear Parents / Carers,

**Stage Information Sessions—Tuesday February 19**

We hope you can attend our Information Sessions on Tuesday February 19. These sessions will be conducted in stage groups to ensure that the same information is being provided to all classes within that stage. The stage supervisor and classroom teachers will be in attendance. We would appreciate if you could make alternate arrangements for your children as supervision cannot be provided. During the sessions we will be discussing class routines, homework expectations, stage units, excursions and planned activities. Teachers will not be available for individual interviews at the time. We hope you will take the opportunity to attend the sessions.

- 4.00—4.30 pm Kindergarten session held in the hall
- 4.45—5.15 pm Stage 1 1P, 1HD, 1J, 1/2B, 2G, 2P held in the library
- 5.30—6.00 pm Stage 2 3H, 3P, 3/4B, 4C, 4J held in the hall
- 6.15—6.45 pm Stage 3 5J, 5C, 5/6D, 6K, 6M held in the library

**Scripture in School**

The Department of Education and Communities has a policy in schools where Special Religious Education is taught by trained volunteers on a weekly basis for 30—40 minutes. We are very fortunate at Warnervale to have an enthusiastic and dedicated team of volunteers who teach Scripture each Wednesday. All children are placed in a Scripture group based on the information that you provide in your enrolment form.

We have Bahai, Catholic and Protestant Scripture available at Warnervale. If you do not wish your child to attend Scripture you need to write a note to your child’s class teacher expressing your decision. Scripture this year will commence next Wednesday. 3—6 classes will attend Scripture from 10.15—10.45 am and Kindergarten—Year 2 will attend Scripture from 10.45—11.15 am. There is always a class teacher in the room at all times. If you choose for your child to attend non Scripture they will be supervised and have appropriate revision work to complete.

**3 pm Safety—Pathway to classrooms**

It is vital we maintain strict levels of safety, not just on the surrounding roads but also in the school grounds themselves. Classrooms are located a fair distance from the main administration and quadrangle areas.

In the afternoons parents are requested to wait in the COLA / asphalt area, basketball court or outside the gate on Warnervale Rd for their children. NO waiting is permitted outside classrooms.

Please DO NOT wait on the pathway or the classroom steps of the new demountable classroom. The main pathway is very crowded with waiting parents, pre -schoolers and prams and I am concerned that an accident may occur. This is a safety requirement as all children will be leaving from the same main pathway. The pathway needs to be clear at all times to allow access.

**Assemblies**

Our assemblies will be held on Mondays at 2.25 pm. Next week we will hold a 3—6 assembly, the following week a K—2 assembly. The assembly roster will be on the website for you to plan your attendance. Assemblies are the one formal occasion each week where we congratulate and recognise the achievements of students.

We ask that you support us by ensuring that toddlers are well supervised and we also ask that you turn mobile phones off and remain seated for the duration of the assembly.

Regards,

Ms Jill Carter
Principal
Office Hours
Welcome back to all of our Warnervale families and it is wonderful to see so many new students and families joining our school. Just a couple of reminders:

The school office hours are **8.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday.**

All monies are to be given to the class teachers to be marked off the roll.

If you need to have messages relayed to students please ensure that you contact the school as soon as possible. It is very difficult to get messages to students after the afternoon bell has rung.

Lost Property
There is a **blue lost property box** located in the office foyer. Please remember to clearly mark all items of clothing. If they have names we can return items to the appropriate classroom.

Canteen
Our canteen is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday only.

If you haven't received our 2013 menu please see our school website or pick one up from the office.

On Tuesday 26th February we will be having a Pancake Meal Deal for $5. Please see accompanying pancake order form. All orders need to be placed by Friday 22nd February.

National Ride2school Day
Warnervale School will be celebrating National Ride2School day on Friday 22nd March, along with thousands of other schools around the country. We encourage students and their families to leave the car at home on this day and get a taste of the benefits, ease and fun involved in choosing to walk and wheel to school.

Parents who are interested in helping out on the day can contact Ms Davies.

Interrelate is coming to Warnervale
Please make a note in your diaries Tuesday 19th March; 6 pm—Years 3 & 4, 7.15 pm—Years 5&6. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Kanwal Netball Club Registration
If you want to have some fun and meet new people come and play netball. Registration this Saturday 23rd February at the Secret Cafe Charmhaven from 9 to 12. From ages 5 to Seniors. Any enquires phone Debbie on 0422887844.

School Banking
Our school banking day will be on a **TUESDAY,** commencing on **19th February.** Please hand your deposit book to your class teacher.

There is a new range of reward items for consistent bankers including Dollarmite money boxes, calculators, head phones and wallets. Our school also earns commission for every banker.

Information packs have been given to all of our Kindergarten and Year 1 children. If anyone else is interested please ask at the office.

For all our existing bankers could you please help our volunteer mums by writing your new class on the front of your wallets? Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Warnervale Public School.

Free lower limb assessments
The University of Newcastle Podiatry Clinic at Wyong hospital is offering children age 0-17 free lower limb assessments. Appointment times: Mondays from 2.15pm to 4.15pm from 4th March to 27th May 2013.

Children will be assessed by final year students, supervised by two podiatrists. Advice can be offered on footwear, normal development and foot, leg and knee problems. For more information, or to make a booking, please call 4394 7280.

Class Awards 2013

Our first assembly for 2013 will be held on

Monday 18th February 2013 for Year 3—Year 6 @ 2.25pm