Dear Parents / Carers

Pedestrian Safety

Due to the spate of recent serious accidents involving students and cars around schools—I am urging everyone to take greater care. We would all be devastated if a serious accident occurred around Warnervale.

Children need assistance dealing with the traffic environment until at least the age of 10 as they are not equipped physically or developmentally to make the crucial decisions to keep them safe. Like learning to drive a car, children need practice and experience to walk in the traffic environment. Children are vulnerable road users. Anywhere where there is a potential for moving vehicles is a potentially dangerous traffic situation for children. This includes residential areas, carparks, at traffic lights, along footpaths, zebra and other crossings, driveways, quiet streets and busy streets. Many children below the age of 10 years do not have the capability or judgement to handle many pedestrian situations. Children need to be accompanied and closely supervised by a parent or adult.

Although children may think they can handle crossing a road by themselves, remember that children:

- are easily distracted and focus on only one aspect of what is happening
- are smaller and harder for drivers to see
- are less predictable than other pedestrians
- cannot accurately judge the speed and distance of moving vehicles
- cannot accurately predict the direction sounds are coming from
- are unable to cope with sudden changes in traffic conditions
- do not understand abstract ideas - such as road safety
- are unable to identify safe places to cross the road
- tend to act inconsistently in and around traffic

What is National Reconciliation Week?

National Reconciliation Week is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

The week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort. All classes will this week spend some time focussing on how we can ‘walk the talk’ - the theme of Reconciliation Week.

Data Collection: Students with Disability

Warnervale Public School is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data which the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) is conducting. The DEC will then provide this data to the Australian Government. As part of this process, the school needs to have data on adjustments, diagnosis, evidence of dates of adjustments and reviews. Next week your child may bring home a letter requesting your support in taking part in the data collection.

Staff Professional Learning

All teaching staff will be involved in 3 hours of professional learning this afternoon. This meeting and another in Term 3 will replace the assigned Staff Development Day scheduled for December 19. This afternoon Mrs Ann-Maree Kelly will be leading us in latest research and findings regarding students social and emotional needs. This compliments our school welfare You Can Do It program.

Regards,

Ms Jill Carter
Principal
Boys Soccer
The boys soccer team played Round 3 and Round 4 last Thursday at Wadalba Sporting Complex. In the first game we played Lake Munmorah, who were competitive but no real match for our structure and talent. We had multiple chances and won 3-0. Brodie scored a brace and Ashley came out of goals to score in the second half. Our second match was against Budgewoi, who had beaten Toukley in their earlier game 3-2. We expected a tough game but again our talent, individual skill and terrific team efforts proved to be too much for the opposition. The boys won 6-0, with Logan M scoring three goals (including a brilliant header), Logan R, Lachlan and Brodie scoring one each. The boys really played well, stayed to the structure that I asked of them and played their positions exactly as requested. I am looking forward to the next game as I know the boys are too. Congratulations on the first two wins boys and we will aim for more!
Mr Green

Year 6 Fundraising
This Friday 30th May we are having a lunchtime disco. Bring in a gold coin donation and enjoy the music and dancing. K-2 at Lunch and Years 3-6 at Recess.
Have you submitted your entry in the Guess the Lollies in the Jar—50c a guess.
What about the Teacher: Guess the Baby competition - this is also 50c a guess.
Winners will be announced on Friday 30th for both.

Winter Clothes Labelling
A reminder to all families to ensure that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child’s name. Often students’ jumpers and jackets get left around the school and end up in the lost property box. Clearly marked items are easily returned to their owners.

P&C News - Second hand Clothing
If parents are looking for some winter bargains check out our 2nd hand supply of pants and jumpers, particularly in small sizes. Please see Sue Coleman on Wed/Thurs/Friday at the Canteen.

Attendance
If you child is away from school for more than 3 consecutive days you will need to ring the school to inform us of your child’s absence. You do not need to ring for any days less than three. Parents/carers are required to send in a written form explaining their child’s absence once they return to school

Staff Car Park
The staff car park is for staff use and deliveries only. No entrance or parking of parent vehicles is permitted unless in an emergency situation.

Our Next Assembly  Years 3—6
will be on Monday 16th June
run by 4C