Dear Parents / Carers,

Road Safety
I am greatly concerned at the number of children and parents who do not use the traffic lights or the pedestrian crossing when crossing Warnervale Rd. We had a near miss earlier in the year so I urge you all to use extreme care and show responsibility when dropping off and picking up your children. The police were also out and about yesterday and booked a few people who were parked illegally. Click here for more information.

Homework
There are various beliefs and research that have been conducted over the years on the value of homework for primary school children. At Warnervale, homework is not mandatory and it is entirely up to you as parents to decide whether your children complete it or not. As you are aware a new Homework Policy has been implemented this year at Warnervale. This policy was implemented as a result of a parent working group and feedback from staff and students at the end of last year. Please read the policy so you are aware of the expectations for your child.

School Interviews
Today you will receive information regarding 2016 Term 1 Parent / Teacher Interviews which will be held from 3.10 pm—5.50 pm on Tuesday, March 29, in Week 10. Each teacher will also provide additional time slots. Parents will be able to book a 10 minute interview slot via our online booking system. Please read the information carefully and book your time. If you have no access to technology please leave your details with the admin staff and we will organise a time for you.

You will also receive a Goal Setting sheet to complete for each of your children. Please take the time to complete this and return it to school.

P&C Mufti
Children are welcome to wear a mufti shirt on Friday and bring in a GOLD coin donation. All money collected will be used to purchase Easter Eggs for our Easter Raffle. Look out for raffle tickets on Monday.

Zone Swimming Carnival
Good Luck to our Zone swimmers who are competing today at Mingara as part of the Wallarah Zone team.

Regards,
Ms Jill Carter
Principal
**Types of Bullying**

**Overt bullying**
Overt bullying (sometimes referred to as face-to-face or direct bullying) involves physical actions such as punching or kicking or overt verbal actions such as name-calling and insulting.

**Covert bullying**
Covert bullying (sometimes referred to as indirect bullying) is a subtle type of non-physical bullying which isn't easily seen by others and is conducted out of sight, and therefore often unacknowledged by teachers.

Covert bullying behaviours mostly inflict harm by damaging another's social reputation, peer relationships and self-esteem.

Covert bullying can include repeatedly:
- using hand gestures and weird or threatening looks
- whispering, excluding, turning your back on a person
- blackmailing, spreading rumours, threatening, stealing friends
- breaking secrets, gossiping, criticising clothes and personalities.

**Online**
Online bullying, sometimes called cyberbullying, is bullying that is carried out through internet or mobile device technologies.

Examples of cyberbullying can include:
- repeated hang up calls
- sending insulting or threatening text messages
- publishing someone's personal or embarrassing information online
- creating hate sites or starting social exclusion campaigns on social networking sites

Not all online issues are bullying. It is also important to understand this, just as single or non-targeting playground incidents are not defined as bullying, so to with cyberbullying, but should still be addressed and dealt with.
School Swimming Carnival 2016

What a fabulous day at Mingara. Congratulations to all students who participated in our annual Swimming Carnival. We had a very successful morning with children showing enthusiasm and team spirit.

Thank you to Russell Clarke for the spectacular photos!