Dear Parents,

Social Media
As previously mentioned by me, if parents or carers need to discuss any issues regarding student welfare or academic progress, please organise a time to make direct contact with the relevant staff member or teacher. It helps to clarify or address issues far more quickly if you are dealing with the appropriate staff member first hand. Unfortunately, the act of venting school issues through online social media has resulted in the school’s reputation being put in a bad light. We have seen in the past that posts referring to a school issue attract comments from people outside the school community who have no knowledge of the issue or incident, no knowledge of staff actions and no knowledge of the school welfare system. These comments are usually strongly opinionated yet extremely ill informed, irrelevant and derogatory towards the school. Our school welfare system is highly evolved and the result of hard work by many people over a long period. I, like most of the school community, including students, parents and staff are extremely proud of Werris Creek Public School and its reputation.

Leaders Induction Ceremony
Thanks to those who attended the ceremony last Friday. The students set a marvellous example of conduct, behaviour and uniform to our visitors and special guests. Thanks also to our hard working P&C for providing the sausage sizzle, which was quite a treat.

School Fees
School fees are now due and can be paid at the office.
1st Child—$25.00
2nd Child—$10.00
3 or more children per family enrolled then fees are capped at $40.00 per family.

PSSA Sporting Events
If you are organising your work around your child’s sporting events Mrs Roser-Whitney is in the process of adding Semester 1 sporting dates to the school website.

Timothy Munday
Acting Principal
Thank you for the milk cartons! You will soon find out what they are needed for......

Its great to see so much homework and home reading being done. The proof is in the puddings!!

Kindergarten love station groups in the morning while I do reading and writing groups.

We have been busy learning songs in singing each week.

Please keep sending fruit for fruit break. The children love their brain food.

Apologises for the yellow background on the turtle drawings; what a mess.

Emily Tomlinson

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YEAR 1

Well done to all those who participated in Clean up Australia Day activities on Friday! Welcome to Mrs Leanne Barton who is doing her practicum on year 1. We know she'll have lots of fun in our class.

We are continuing on with learning about Wombats, and other Australian animals too. We have also been learning about Information reports. The children have enjoyed doing the "wombat wobble" and some drama too. The letter for the week in handwriting is 'F', and 'U' is the sound focus in our weekly spelling words.

This week we are looking at Addition in Mathematics.

There is no Maths homework this week however I have sent home a Toy Survey work sheet. It would be great if you could complete it with your child.

In Music we are creating a musical sound scape. This involves putting symbols to a piece of music.

This Thursday we have a visit from the Environmental Education Officer who will be talking about recycling and the environment to us.

If you would like an interview with us to discuss your child's education or well being please feel free to make an appointment before school with us.

Miss Forrest and Mrs Roser-Whitney

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YEAR 2/3

We have had a few families send in family photos but it would be great to have the rest by next week. We are using these photos in our HSIE unit 'Families: Past and Present'.

It was great to see Emily get her SRC badge on Friday. The children also enjoyed meeting Mr Mark Young and hearing his ‘Crocodile’ story.

Thank you to everyone sending in the junk mail. We have enough for our activity now. Can I ask if you can keep sending in the magazines and newspapers.

Homework has changed this week with children getting a Spelling sheet as well as a Maths and English sheet.

Courtney Lyon
YEAR 4/5

This week Year 4/5 are working on narrative text. We have used the story model “The 27th Annual African Hippopotamus Race”. Students have continued doing mental maths activities and will practise Division operations. Students are continuing to develop skills in studying the origin of list words through the Online Etymological Dictionary. Year 4/5 students can access spelling list activities at http://www.spellingcity.com/tmunday.

Timothy Munday

Year 5/6

In Year 5/6 this week, students pressed their drama performances. Groups had to compose a spell, using a range of language techniques, and then perform it dramatically. Students were very enthusiastic about this task and some fine work was produced: "Drink our muck and you will be stuck".

"Wizards, wizards, take your bow
We're about to you into a cow."

"Make her buzz and grow lots of fuzz."

"Make and bake
You'll turn into a snake."

"You will be one too
When you drink this potion I've made for you."

"Sprinkle some salt, but it's not your fault".

In English, we are also looking at bullying in a range of print and visual texts. ‘Paranorman’ is a hit! In Mathematics, students have moved onto multiplication and division. Lots of times tables revision is needed.

In HSIE, we are exploring reasons why people migrate to different countries.

Roxanne Harris

LIBRARY

Science is continuing with much excitement in Kindergarten. They have established the two main types of dinosaur and are now able to sort many different dinosaurs into these groups.

The senior classes have used their knowledge gained from our fire services visits and apply it to in-class activities.

I am planning on sending out overdue notices for library books later this week as some students have some books from last year still at home.

COOL SCIENCE FACT!

Footprints and tyre tracks left behind by astronauts on the moon will stay there forever as there is no wind to blow them away.

Chris Lyon.
**P. & C. News**

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 1, 2014**

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**P. & C. News**

**Next Meeting:** The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12.03.14 commencing at 1:00 pm in the school hall.

**Canteen:** We are still calling for volunteers for the canteen. If you are available please contact either the school or Kylie MacBeth to have your name added to the roster.

**Captain’s Induction Assembly**—Thanks to all those people who assisted with the BBQ on the day.

**Easter**—Calling for donations of Easter eggs etc for our annual Easter raffle which will be drawn on 11.04.14 at our Easter Hat parade.

**Street Stall**—Our first street stall will be held on 7th March. We will be calling for donations of baked goodies (ingredients must be listed) and helpers for the morning. Please contact Kylie MacBeth (0410 545 165) if you are able to help. Donated items can be left at the school office on Friday morning.

**Raffles**—The P&C are rostered on as part of a community fundraiser to sell raffle tickets at the Bowling and Tennis Club. Our next rostered evening is Thursday, 27.03.14.

**Disco**—This term’s disco will be on 9.04.14.