We are already into our third week of school for 2016 and the children have settled in very well. Tonight we are holding our Welcome BBQ. This is a chance for you to meet the new staff and touch base with the old ones. Our staff have been busy ensuring learning programs are up and running quickly. The introduction of ‘The Leader in Me’ belief system is already having an impact in classrooms. ‘The Leader in Me’ is built around 7 Habits that were identified by a man named Stephen Covey who has worked with organisations and schools around the world. These habits are very useful at home too and are set out below.

Habit 1: Be Proactive®
I am a responsible person. I take initiative. I choose my actions, attitudes, and moods. I do not blame others for my wrong actions. I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking.

Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind®
I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my classroom and contribute to my school’s mission and vision. I look for ways to be a good citizen.

Habit 3: Put First Things First®
I spend my time on things that are most important. This means I say no to things I know I should not do. I set priorities, make a schedule, and follow my plan. I am disciplined and organised.

Habit 4: Think Win-Win®

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood®
I listen to other people’s ideas and feelings. I try to see things from their viewpoint (paradigm). I listen to others without interrupting. I listen with my ears, my eyes, and my heart. I am confident in voicing my ideas.

Habit 6: Synergize®
I value other people’s strengths and learn from them. I get along well with others, even people who are different than me. I work well in groups. I seek out other people’s ideas because I know that by teaming with others, we can create better solutions than what any one of us could alone. I look for Third alternatives.

Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw®
I eat right, exercise, and get enough sleep (body). I learn in lots of ways and lots of places, not just at school (brain). I spend time with family and friends (heart). I take time to find meaningful ways to help people (soul). I balance all four parts of myself.

Leonie Byrne
Principal
Swimming Carnival Results

The results of the swimming carnival held last Friday, 5.02.16 are as follows:

Senior Boys Champion – Nash Porter; Runner-Up – Malik Hunt
Senior Girls Champion – Maddyson Carter; Runner-Up – Josey Bizant
11 Years Boys Champion – Hayden Daw
11 Years Girls Champion - Hayley Morris; Runner-Up – Jamiah Hunt
Junior Boys Champion – Jesse Patterson; Runner-Up – Charlie Cunningham
Junior Girls Champion- Larni Carter; Runners-Up – Emily Daw, Erica Bizant

Thank you to everyone who was available and able to assist in any way on the day. Photos will be posted in the CONTACT when the medallions have arrived.
IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: We will continue to update & advertise these dates:

2016
Tuesday, 9th February, 2016 – Parent/ Teacher Night; Welcome Back BBQ – 5:30 pm
Thursday, 11th February, 2016 – P&C (AGM) meeting – 1:00 pm
Friday, 19th February, 2016 – Zone Swimming; Zone Basketball
Friday, 19th February, 2016 – Swimming (School Sport 3 -6) - 1:30 to 2:30 pm
Tuesday, 23rd February, 2016 – Bully No More Performance – 9:30 am
Friday, 26th February, 2016 – Zone Soccer, Swimming (School Sport 3 -6) - 1:30 to 2:30 pm

March, 2016
Thursday, 3rd March, 2016 – Boys/ Girls Basketball Trials
Friday, 4th March, 2016 – Boys/ Girls Tennis Trials

Crunch N Sip
Werris Creek is a Crunch n Sip school.
Please send a piece of fruit or vegetable to school so the children can benefit from this initiative.

P and C News/Community News

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P & C AGM – The P&C AGM will be held on Thursday, 11.02.16 commencing at 1:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Canteen – If anyone is interested in doing Canteen please contact Karen on 0422 725 721 to organise a day.

Zone Swimming Carnival – The Zone Swimming Carnival is on 19.02.16 commencing at 9:00 am. Once again the P & C will be catering at this event. If anyone is available to help please contact Ally Patterson on 0437 306 344.
WERRIS CREEK MINOR LEAGUE.
2016

Welcome to the 2016 season. We will be holding two come and try coaching clinic’s to be held THURSDAY 11th & THURSDAY 18th February from 5pm at David Taylor Oval.

This will be a great opportunity for boys and girls to come and have some fun, learn new skills and try our wonderful sport of Rugby League. Current players are also welcome to come along and refresh some skills for the upcoming season. Please bring your water bottle, hat and joggers.

REGISTRATIONS for the 2016 season are now open. All 2016 registrations must be completed online. The link is on our Facebook page or you can go to PlayNRL.com and click on registrations, click on player then type in Werris Creek Jnr Rugby League. If you are having trouble Lisa will be at the library MONDAY 22nd February from 3.15 till 4pm to help with registrations or phone on 0427 352 400. Committee members will also be available to help at the come and try days.