

East Echoings

Week 4, Monday 20th May 2024

From the Principal's Desk

Reminders

- Broncos Cup Training Friday mornings before school – thanks to our staff for providing this learning opportunity. Parent consent forms for the Broncos Cup Day on 31/05 have been sent home for completion and returning by Friday 24/05.
- Student Council Free Dress Day Friday 24/05. Theme is Movie Character or TV Character. Gold coin donation. Please ensure students wear clothing that covers the same areas as the school uniform and sports shoes are used for footwear.
- Fanfare performance for strings ensemble and concert band Wednesday 22 May. Parent consent forms were due 17/05.
- P&C Meeting Monday 27 May at 7:00 pm in the library (apologies for the last newsletter stating the Term 3 Week 7 meeting as the next meeting)
- P-2 Sports Carnival after first break Tuesday 4 June
- Paediatrician Clinic Wednesday 5 June
- Warwick East Athletics Carnival Wednesday 5 June

Explicit Improvement Agenda

Our sharp and narrow focus



Safe Walk to Schools Event

Many thanks for the great turn out to the Safe Walk to Schools Event. A great way to thank those people who keep us safe in our community.



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Everyday,
Everyone is
Learning to Live
and Living to
Learn
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Building a national picture of child health

From May 2024, our school, along with thousands of others across the country, will participate in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC is a teacher-completed census (similar to a questionnaire) which provides a comprehensive picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school.

The AEDC is an Australian Government Initiative and is completed nationally every three years.

Children don't miss any class time while the AEDC is completed, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information.

The data collected through the AEDC is used by schools, communities and governments to better understand children and families' needs, and identify the services, resources and support they need.

AEDC data is reported at a school, community, state/territory and national level. AEDC results for individual children are not reported and the AEDC is not used as an individual diagnostic tool.

Some teachers have found that completing the AEDC made them more aware of the needs of individual children and their class, and that the data was useful for planning for transitions to Year 1 and developing programs.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary, however the AEDC relies on all schools with children in their first year of full-time school participating in the collection. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the AEDC and how it is being used to help children and families visit: www.aedc.gov.au.



Our Children
Our Communities
Our Future

National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime will take place on Wednesday 22 May 2024 at 12:00pm AEST

Bowerbird Blues stars a beautiful bowerbird on the search for (you guessed it) BLUE! It's a moving story of longing and connection, that unfolds as the bowerbird's search sends him soaring across the sea, sky and city. He swoops and snatches vibrant treasures for his collection, and soon his bower – a mix of natural and unnatural objects – attracts something greater and more fulfilling than he could ever have Imagined.

Upon learning that her book had been selected as this year's NSS story, author Aura Parker said "National Simultaneous Storytime brings us together and makes us smile, and the shared experience can send imaginations soaring to new heights. I am surprised and blown away with excitement that 'Bowerbird Blues' has been chosen as the book for 2024!"

The book was selected by an expert panel formed of members of ALIA's Children's and Youth Services group. Panellist and convenor of ALIA's Children and Youth Services Group, Nicola McGeown, said, "Bowerbird Blues is an outstanding and visually appealing picture book. We all agreed that it was beautiful to read and would be a wonderful book to share across a wide range of age groups.



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In 2023, NSS saw over 2 million kids reading on the day. For 2024, we've adjusted the time slightly with the goal of further supporting librarians, teachers, parents, and caregivers to get millions of kids in Australia, New Zealand, and around the world reading together.

"NSS throws an international spotlight on the important work that libraries do every day" said ALIA Acting CEO Trish Hepworth

"When we read together it helps language development, learning and literacy, all while building community. It's also a lot of fun."

Twilight Learning for our Teachers Wednesday 22 May

Our teachers will be working on inclusive processes in an evening professional learning opportunity focusing on intensive behaviour support plans.



Student Council Activities this Term

Many thanks to the Student Council for providing the following activities.

Week 5 – Cornhole in the hangar

Week 6 – Free Dress Day

Week 7 – Friendship Bracelets (6G classroom) & Sprints/Relays (Oval)

Week 9 – Games on the Oval

**STUDENT
COUNCIL**

Broncos Rugby League, Netball, Hockey and Soccer Friday 31 May

All the very best of learning to our Year 5 and 6 students who are participating in the Broncos sponsored rugby league, netball, hockey and soccer opportunity. Many thanks to the Southern Downs Sports Association for coordinating this opportunity for our students and our staff for providing learning opportunities before school to prepare our students to maximise their learning on the day.



Consent forms due 24/05.

Got a Concern? Please don't hesitate ...

'A problem shared is a problem halved.' If you have a concern regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us now that students and staff are settling into routine.

For students, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. For school wide matters, please contact Mr Reid or Mrs Sutton through the office.

Warwick East Reading Challenge 2024!

On Monday May 20th, students at Warwick East will again be invited to participate in our school wide reading challenge. The challenge will run from May 20th – August 2nd and all students who reach their reading target will receive a certificate at the completion of the challenge. All children will receive a record sheet from their class teacher in the lead up to the challenge, they can choose to keep these at school or take them home to add to. As reading is one of our school priorities, we encourage all students to participate.

Community News

Fire ants were recently detected in Kleinton. Be sure to check your school yards, gardens and footpaths and report any suspect ants to the National Fire Ant Eradication Program online at <https://www.fireants.org.au/> or call 13 25 23.



Leslie Dam Open Day

Saturday 8 June 2024
10:00am-2:00pm

Leslie Dam Recreation Area,
Leslie Dam

Come along to the Leslie Dam Open Day to learn:

- > how the dam works
- > how to prepare for weather-related emergencies
- > how to stay safe in and on the water

and enjoy:

- > children's activities
- > a free BBQ
- > live music and much more!



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WESS P&C

A big thank you to all our helpers for our Mother's Day Stall. We hope all the mothers, caregivers and significant female role models enjoyed their gifts as much as the kids enjoyed choosing them.

Our next general meeting will be held on Monday 27th May 2024 at 7pm in the school library. All are welcome to attend.

A reminder, Uniform Shop is now open 8:30am to 8:50am Monday mornings. Don't forget you can still order online through the school website at <https://warwickeastss.eq.edu.au/facilities/uniform-shop>.

Cheers

Robert Stewart
P & C President

Student of the Week

Congratulations

	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Prep C	Aaliyah	Megan	Addison	Levi
Prep/1S	Aria	Jeremy	Xavier	Altair
1/2B	James	Jasmine	Ariya	Paisley
2F	Amahni	Kempsey	Maison	Charlie
3S	Ashlee	Noah	Pheobie	Beau
3/4K	Aidan	Savannah	Skylar	Maddy & Elliott
4F	Trai	Milli	Layla	Nayte
5S	Mikayla	Lincoln	James	Olivia
5/6E	Kenan	Scarlett	Jaydon	Dominik
6G	Lucas	Isabelle	Casey	Elise
P/6 O	Noah	Mason	Codie	Phoenix





Cobb & Co. Museum
Excursion: Transport
Changes over Time



Group work is a major focus in Year 4.



4F Celebration of Learning



VISUAL ARTS – exploring patterns in the classroom.



Strings and Instrumental lessons are underway.