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Message from the Premier regarding Year 7 to High School

Queensland’s education system is changing for the better for our students. From 2015 Year 7 will become the first year of high school. It is a significant reform that will benefit students at all Queensland schools.

We have consulted widely before introducing this positive change. It follows the successful introduction of a Prep year in 2007. In 2008 the Year 1 entry age was raised by six months, bringing Queensland in line with most other states.

By 2015 more than half the students in Year 7 will be turning 13. Educators agree that young teenagers are ready for greater independence and the depth of learning that high schools provide.

Introducing a Prep year has meant our students have gained an extra year of schooling. By 2015 Queensland Year 7 students will be in their eighth year of school and this is the right year for high school to begin.

Also, from 2012 Queensland will adopt the new Australian Curriculum for English, mathematics and science. Our Year 7 students at high school will have access to the specialist resources they need, including science labs and science teachers.

Moving Year 7 to high school is part of wider improvements to our education system. From 2013, Years 8 and 9 will become Junior Secondary in all state schools, with Year 7 becoming part of Junior Secondary in 2015.

This means that students who are in Year 3 today will be entering high school as Year 7 students in 2015.

Regards
Scott Koch

Thought for the week
A good head and a good heart is always a formidable combination.
News from the classroom

3/4/5

Miss Baker is ill today, Mrs Hilton had the class.

Library Books
All library books are to be returned to the school next week before the holidays.

Parent/Teacher Interview
Please contact the school if you would like to speak to your child’s teacher about their progress. So far we have had very few parents request an appointment. Report Cards will be handed out the last day of this term.

Driver Reviver – Queen’s Birthday Long Weekend

Thanks to the parents and community members who have volunteered their time to man the Driver Reviver site over the long weekend.

Thanks to Sgt Bruce Willett who filled the position that we could not find anyone for. The September holidays is the next period that Wallangarra School is manning Driver Reviver. Please keep this in mind. It is the beginning and end of the school holidays.

Prep 2012
We are currently taking enrolments for prep for 2012. We are required to have predicted enrolments by the end of this term. If your child turns 5 before the 30th June next year they are eligible to enrol in prep. Please contact the school for enrolment forms if you require them.

Reward Day
Next week is the last week of school. The reward day will be held here at school with games and a sausage sizzle.

School Camp
Students in 4/5/6/7 will be attending our school camp to Brisbane in November this year. I would just like to remind you that the full payment is required by the end of Term 3. Please be aware that you may pay the amount owing in instalments over term 3. If the full amount is not received, I am afraid that your child cannot go. If you are unsure of the amount owed, please contact the school.

Scott Koch
Principal

Uniforms
At yesterday’s P&C meeting it was decided to order new jackets for winter. They will be part of the school uniform but not compulsory. The jacket is a spray jacket lined with polar fleece. The cost will be $28 each. We will be taking orders for the jackets shortly and payment must be paid at the time of ordering. Samples of each size should be available next week.

Year 7 to High School in 2012
On Friday Glen Smedley from the Stanthorpe High School will visit the school to speak to the Year 7 students who intend enrolling at Stanthorpe High School.
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