Welcome to Week 7!

P&C News:
On Tuesday last week, the P&C held its last meeting for the year. The first meeting, including the Annual General Meeting, for 2014 (weather and floods permitting) will be held on Tuesday 11th February. All committee positions are open for re-election. Our current P&C President, Debbie Little, has indicated that she will not be available for election to any committee position in 2014. On behalf of the Wartburg community, I would like to thank Deb for her tireless energy in fundraising and other work associated with P&C efforts.

Year 7 Transition:
On Thursday, our Year 7 students will participate in their first day of transition for High School. We wish them all the best as they experience the first day of the next big step in their lives.

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

As you know Wartburg State School is proud to be a SWPBS school where positive behaviours are taught through a process for teaching expected behavioural skills so the focus can be on teaching and learning… Where expectations are set for all students, all staff and all settings in the school… which ultimately is a process to change the social culture of a school through decreases in office discipline referrals and increase in positive climate, evidenced by;

• Student satisfaction
• Parent satisfaction
• Staff satisfaction

What does SWPBS look at Wartbug State School?
*There is an orderly environment. *Social expectations and rules are clear to all staff, students and parents.
*Relationships are positive between parents, children and all staff. *There are high expectations for behaviour and learning.

How does SWPBS work at Wartburg State School?
A school team led by the Principal supports all staff to implement SWPBS strategies across the school. Meeting are held monthly to review the program and behaviour data, in line with the 3 expectations of Being SAFE, RESPONSIBLE AND RESPECTFUL, is discussed the and the SWPBS Program is constantly and consistently reviewed.

How are parents involved?
Parents are welcome at the school and parent representatives invited on to the team leading implementation.

WE NEED YOU!

SWPBS Committee Member needed! Please consider becoming a part of our SWPBS team. Parent input into the learning outcomes for our students is always welcome and we would love to have a parent on our committee. The role of the parent would be to join our hour long monthly meetings (the time is flexible), to help us analyse the data and consider the programs which we could put in place in the future e.g. rewards days, Kook cards, behaviour lessons and discipline processes. Please contact Bianca Wellsteed if you are interested in helping out.
CANBERRA CAMP:
Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. For our school, these venues included Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, the Museum of Australian Democracy, the Canberra Electoral Education Centre, the High Court of Australia and the National Capital Exhibition.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $80 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Numeracy Strategies:
How do I help my children with knowing which units to use for measuring?

Talk to them!
In general conversation, use phrases like ‘kilometres to the shops’, ‘millilitres of water in the cup’, ‘kilograms of sausages for the barbecue’, ‘minutes until bed time’.

Involve them!
Cooking is a great opportunity for estimating and measuring capacity and mass; driving in the car is a great opportunity to talk about measuring length; reading analogue and digital clocks is the best way to help with measuring time.