Dear Parents/Caregivers and community members,

Welcome to another fantastic school year!

It is with great pride and excitement that I write to you in joining the Wartburg State School community. During my first few weeks in the district I have been welcomed by a host of stakeholders. It is clear through my initial observations and interactions that people are proud to be associated with Wartburg State School. The partnerships that exist between the dedicated staff, families and community are evident and play a pivotal role in responding to the needs of every child that attends our school. I am eager to continue this positive school culture and forge strong connections to ensure the best education possible for our students.

Before coming to Wartburg, I was a teaching Principal at Jundah State School for three years, prior to that I have worked in schools in the Longreach District, Calliope, Moura and a short stint in Charters Towers.

My past experiences have shaped my core beliefs and philosophy of education. For me, schools should be an integral part of the community they inhabit. They should also be focused on high expectations for all students, and through developmentally appropriate and best teaching practices, give students the skills to achieve these expectations. It is my desire to work collaboratively with you to provide our students with a foundation for success throughout their time at Wartburg State School.

I look forward to meeting and working with you all and to a great school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Nikki Sherwood

WELCOME
On behalf of the staff and students of Wartburg, I would like to welcome the Turner Family back to Wartburg SS and our preps:

Joel, Theo, Brayden, Dakota, Kiara, Michael, Lakarri, and Ryder
CLASSES AND STAFFING:
At this stage we are operating with three classes; P-1, 2-4, 5-7 and currently 48 students are enrolled. Unfortunately, due to declining enrolment, numbers at this stage do not support resourcing three classes; therefore, there is a possibility that classes may be combined to two after finalisation of Day 8 figures. If you know of any families who are new to the area and have not yet enrolled their children please encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

STUDENT LEADERS
During Tuesday’s assembly, our four leaders for 2014 were officially inducted into their leadership roles and were presented with their badges. They are:

Bella and Ana (School leaders)
Matt and Blake (Sports leaders)

Responsibilities of the School Leaders include, but are not limited to:
- meeting and greeting dignitaries or other important people who may visit our school
- supporting students within the playground
- making short speeches during official ceremonies, including acknowledging past and present traditional owners of the school land.

Responsibilities of the Sports Leaders include, but are not limited to:
- distributing and collecting sports equipment in the sports shed at the beginning and end of each break
- ensuring the sports shed stays neat and tidy
- assisting with equipment and events during sports days.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES
Each Thursday, the Student Council and I will meet to discuss issues and ideas for how to make our great little school even greater. The Student Council consists of the two student leaders (Bella and Ana) as well as two representatives from each class. The representatives fulfil their role for half a term, and then new representatives are chosen. In that way, sixteen children from each class are given the opportunity to voice students’ opinions and ideas throughout the year. The first group of student representatives consists of:
- Dane and Ricky (Senior class)
- Oliver and Arianna (Middle class)
- Anna and Lilly (Junior class).

These students received their badges during Tuesday’s assembly. It is their responsibility to wear it to school each day, until Monday Week 5 (24th February) when they will pass it on to their class’s next elected representative.

ART COMPETITION
Congratulations to Ricky Handford (Year 6), who received first prize and Bella Wellsteed (Year 6) and Mason Neill-Ballantine (Year 3) who received highly commended in the Gladstone Regional Council’s Celebrate Australia competition for Australia Day. Congratulations and well done to all participants!

Left to right
Bella Wellsteed (Bushfire) - Highly Commended
Mason Neill-Ballantine (Flood Rescue) - Highly Commended
Ricky Handford (Ned Kelly) - First Prize
ASSEMBLY
Assembly will continue to be every second Monday at 2:30pm.

BUSES
As you would be aware some bus timetables have changed slightly and are arriving earlier and departing later. Please continue to notify the school office or your child’s teacher as soon as possible if there are any variations to your child’s transport arrangements.

DEPARTING PROCEDURE
In the afternoon a procedure is in place to ensure students are where they need to be for buses etc. Students are checked off as they leave the school grounds, whether it is by bus, car or walking to ensure safety. When you collect your child or children please be sure to notify the teacher on duty that they are leaving the school grounds.

PREP PHOTOS IN GLADSTONE OBSERVER
Prep students will have their photos taken on Monday 3rd February by the Gladstone Observer newspaper. Can prep parents please sign the attached consent forms and return by Monday if you wish your child’s photo to be in the paper. Without a consent form, your child’s photo will not be in the Observer. We will endeavour to let you know the date that the photos will be published.

PREP YEAR 1 NEWS
The P/1 class will have library borrowing on Mondays. Can you help your child to remember their library books on Mondays.

We will also endeavour to only paint on Fridays. Whilst we use paint smocks, sometimes paint does get onto clothing. You might like to send your child to school on Fridays in their older/paint stained uniform.

### Dates to Remember

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### Media Release

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

January 23, 2014

Works force Eueilih Creek Bridge to only open 10 minutes on the hour

Repair work to Eueilih Creek Bridge on hills Road, Eueilih will cause traffic disruptions starting Monday, February 3.

Gladstone Regional Mayor Gail Seniors said the necessary restoration work would be carried out from 6am to 6pm for about seven weeks. The bridge will be open all day on Sundays.

"Road closure warning signs will be installed but motorists should be aware that during works, with exceptions for the school bus and emergency services, the bridge will only open to motorists for 10 minutes on the hour," Councillor Sellers said.

The 96m long concrete bridge is aging, and as part of regular bridge maintenance inspections, was identified as requiring deck and structural work.

"Unfortunately, although inconvenient to motorists, the repair work requires closure of the bridge for the majority of time," Cr Sellers said.

"Eueilih Creek Bridge is a vital infrastructure asset in the southern part of the Region and completion of restoration work now will help sustain the bridge’s life-span."

Motorists are encouraged to plan their travel for the bridge opening times accordingly, and to be aware of traffic control measures, reduced speed zones and a greater presence of workers in the bridge vicinity.

Eueilih Creek Bridge work information will be available on Council’s website at www.gladstone.qld.gov.au