Dear Parents, Carers and community members,

Welcome to the 2015 school year. I hope your year has been off to a good start.

**School and Sport Captains**

This year students in both years 5 and 6 are eligible to run for captaincy. Students who have nominated themselves for a leadership role will be giving speeches on Monday 9 February 2015 at 8:45 am. After speeches, both staff and students will vote and captains will be announced. A special parade will then be held to acknowledge captains and badges will be presented.

Elected captains will attend the GRIP leadership conference, in Bundaberg on Tuesday 17th February. We wish all students who have nominated, confidence and the best of luck!

**Attendance**

Wartburg SS Attendance Goal – 93%
Current attendance rate – 98.6%

Students whose attendance falls below 85% need to have reasonable excuses. It is the schools’ obligation to report any unexplained or chronic absenteeism (15 days), which will result in a formal process to be undertaken: failure to ensure attendance, which may result in legal action.

**P&C – WE NEED YOU!!!**

Next Thursday, 12th February, we will hold a special general P&C meeting. We are unable to have our AGM (Annual General Meeting) at this stage as we have to wait until the accounting books are returned from being audited. **All more than welcome at P&C Meeting – please come along.**

**21st March** – Wartburg State School has been invited to hold **BUNNINGS sausage sizzle.** This is a very good fundraiser. It runs from **8am – 4pm** on a Saturday and we need volunteers. Even if you don't want to be part of the P&C your help would be appreciated. **If you can donate any of your time to help out please let the school know and we will create a bit of a roster.**
WSS Expectations Matrix
Expectations Matrix now included 4 areas:
**Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful & Be a Learner**
These expectations will be explicitly taught over the year. Students following expectations will be rewarded with Kook Cards. Consequences for not following the school expectations

**Verbal Warning → Time out (5mins reflection) → Removal (from activity – Parent notified) → Principal**
Consequence will match choice - depending on the severity of an incident. For example a verbal warning may not be suffice and student may be asked to complete time out.

Tennis Court Resurfaced
Our tennis court has been resurfaced and should be soon ready to use. The weather delayed completion; however, by this afternoon the ‘new’ play area should be ready for use!
Smoking ban extended to 5m around school grounds from 1 January 2015.
The use of cigarettes, other tobacco products and electronic cigarettes within five metres of school land will be banned from 1 January 2015. This applies before, during and after school hours, and on school holidays and weekends. The ban doesn’t extend over neighbouring residences or businesses.

Preventing heat disorders
Summer is upon us and so are the hot and steamy days, babies and children under 4, older people and people with chronic conditions are susceptible.

Drink water even if you are not thirsty; avoid the use of ice as it can cause cramps. Babies can have cool boiled water between feeds and if you are breastfeeding drink more water yourself and feed more often. You can fill bottles of water at the beginning of the day and ensure that you or your child has finished it by the end of the day.

Seniors should avoid drinks that cause dehydration particularly alcohol, caffeine and a lot of sugar. Urine should be clear and light in colour; dark urine may be a sign of dehydration.

Heat disorders are:
- Sunburn
- Heat rash prickly heat
- Heat exhaustion
- Heat stroke – remember heat stroke is a medical emergency – call triple zero (000).

There is nothing like prevention.

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- **BUS**
  - Line up in order in correct bus lane expectations.
  - Follow bus and school expectations.

- **Toilets**
  - Respect privacy of others.
  - Use toilets in a clean manner.
  - Leave toilets as soon as possible.

- **Playground/oval**
  - Play cooperatively.
  - Take turns.
  - Follow game rules.

- **Healthy lunch**
  - Eat your healthy lunch on time.
  - Keep track of your belongings.

- **Playgroup**
  - Return equipment to appropriate place at the bell.
  - Participate in school approved games.
  - Wear shoes and socks at all times.

- **Wear safe, warm brimmed hat**
  - Be sun safe, wear a broad brimmed hat.
  - Be water wise - turn off the taps.

- **Classroom**
  - Complete set tasks.
  - Complete your work space tidy.
  - Use technology safely.

- **Respectful**
  - Be on time.
  - Be in the right place at the right time.
  - Follow instructions.

- **Report issues**
  - Use headsets, listen to instructions.
  - Use your headsets, listen to instructions.

- **Responsible**
  - Use your headsets, listen to instructions.
  - Use your headsets, listen to instructions.

- **Safe**
  - Take care of your belongings.
  - Use your headsets, listen to instructions.

- **Learner**
  - Talk in turns.
  - Write hands with soap.
  - Be a good listener.

- **Be a Learner**
  - Stay on task.
  - Do your best work.
  - Be a problem solver.

- **Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, Be a Learner**
  - Respectful.
  - Responsible.
  - Safe.
  - Learner.