



# The Wartburg Wire

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1<sup>st</sup> February 2024

## Explicit Improvement Agenda (EIA) - Writing. GOAL: 100% students achieving A-C in English

Dear Parents, Families and Community Members,  
 It has been a fantastic start to the Term. The children are a lovely bunch and I am looking forward to working with them over the coming weeks. The weather events have been concerning up north and we are continuing to keep our eye on the news. I have just heard from my Lead Principal that the Essendean Bridge has a chance of going under at midnight tonight (Thurs 1st Feb). Please stay safe if travelling. We have a drama performance on the 9th Feb, Teach your Dinosaurs Science. We are excited to see it and a big thank you to Mrs Sherwood for organising the performances for 2024. They will be enjoyed. It is my pleasure to support Wartburg SS whilst Mrs Sherwood is on leave. Thanks for your patience as I settle into the school. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you at parade next Friday at 2:30pm.

*Shontelle Lewis*  
 Acting Principal

### Wartburg State School P&C Assoc.

### Annual General Meeting

2024 – date to be advised  
 at 3:30pm



### 2024 Diary Dates

FEBRUARY 2024	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Gladstone Library
9 <sup>th</sup>	School Performance Tours – <b>Dinosaurs</b>
19 <sup>th</sup>	Gladstone Library
20 <sup>th</sup>	School Photos
MARCH 2024	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Gladstone Library
18 <sup>th</sup>	Gladstone Library
29 <sup>th</sup>	Public Holiday (Easter Good Friday)
APRIL 2024	
1 <sup>st</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	School Holidays
25 <sup>th</sup>	Anzac Day

### Absence notification options



Phone - 41 566 134  
 Text message - 0459 886 552  
 Email - [principal@wartburgss.eq.edu.au](mailto:principal@wartburgss.eq.edu.au)

Please make contact in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly.

**Attendance 75.6%    GOAL: 94%**

# Teach your Dinosaurs Science



Having dinosaurs as your best friends should be really cool. However that's not the case for poor Simon. His dinosaur friends are not happy that the world they once roamed no longer exists and they are forever questioning Simon about the science he is studying.

These dinosaurs have both an almost out of control inquisitive nature and an overwhelming desire to help which will have your students laughing out loud as they become engrossed in the scientific experiences Simon is trying to work through.

While Simon works through experiments mainly covering robotics, circuitry, energy and sustainability, there is also a brief history of science, that has the dinosaurs not knowing whether to be pleased or appalled that the fauna and flora from their world created the coal and oil that produce much of our power today.

Students see how the huge engines that sped up everything from travel to manufacturing during the Industrial Revolution have been transformed and refined over the years into the complex robots that are used today. In farming, manufacturing, micro surgery, our homes and the satellites that orbit the earth, robotics is used in almost every area of modern life.

Whether it's participating or predicting the outcome of cool experiments, [some that students can do again at home] or learning fun facts from Simon and his dinosaur friends, Teach Your Dinosaurs Science is designed to pique student's interest in Science while educating through humour and theatre.

[https://www.schoolperformancetours.com.au/2021/shows/primary/teach\\_your\\_dinosaurs\\_science.php](https://www.schoolperformancetours.com.au/2021/shows/primary/teach_your_dinosaurs_science.php)



*Happy Birthday...*



To those students who celebrated  
their birthdays in January

Lilliana  
Savannah

Dear Parents and Carers

Our school currently holds a service approval under the Education and Care Services National Law (National Law) to deliver a kindergarten program. This is required when kindergarten is provided to **more than 4 children**.

In 2024, our kindergarten program has fewer than 5 kindy children registered. This means that our kindy no longer requires a service approval under the National Law and as such, the approval will be voluntarily suspended and we will revert to operating under Qld laws.

Please come and see the Principal if you have any questions or concerns.

## Have you registered your child in kindy for 2024?

Registrations are open for this year! Now is a great time to ensure kindy is the next step in your child's early learning journey.

Kindergarten is where children continue their love of learning. A place where your little one will make friends, explore new environments, build confidence and have fun learning. Kindy offers meaningful experiences and interactions that support your child's early learning, wellbeing and development, now and into the future.

Our State Delivered Kindergarten program is a place where children can explore new environments and have fun learning with friends, take part in play-based learning, expand their physical abilities, build their confidence and enhance their social skills.

Kindy also builds lifelong skills that will benefit your child well into their future.

Talk to our school about our kindy program and register your child now.

Kindy counts for a lifetime.



# P&C News

## Parents & Caregivers

Are you available and have some free time? Wartburg P&C are seeking a Volunteer Tuckshop Convenor for 1 day a week for a maximum of 3.5 hours. The Convenor's role includes ordering stock, preparing lunch and tidying the kitchen on completion of the morning. Lunch prep can start from 9am for first break at 11am.

Please contact Jess - 0488700006

## Easter Raffle

Wartburg P&C are seeking donations towards this year's Easter Raffle. If you would like to donate, please leave all donations at the office at Wartburg School,

Thank you for your support. It is greatly appreciated.



## School Photos – Tuesday 20th February 2024

School photos are a little earlier this year!

You will find your photo order envelope attached to the newsletter for you to complete and return to school. Please ensure you have the correct cash amount enclosed in your envelope as no change is given on the day. Orders are due back no later 20<sup>th</sup> Feb as envelopes are given directly to the photographer.

Students are required to wear full school uniform.

Thank you



Almost there with our new sign!



## 2024 Out and About Library

### Wartburg, Lowmead & Rosedale

**Wartburg State School**  
585 Coast Road, Baffle Creek  
Time: 10.30am-11am

**Lowmead State School**  
Lowmead Road, Lowmead  
Time: 11.45am-noon

**Rosedale Memorial Park\***  
James Street, Rosedale  
Time: 12.30pm - 1pm  
\* Rosedale visits on alternating fortnights

Mondays	
January	8th & 22nd
February	5th & 19th
March	4th & 18th
April	15th & 29th
May	13th & 27th
June	10th & 24th
July	8th & 22nd
August	5th & 19th
September	2nd, 16th & 30th
October	14th & 28th
November	11th & 25th
December	9th




CREATE CHANGE

### ARE YOU THE PARENT OF AN AUTISTIC CHILD?

Researchers at UQ are looking for parents of autistic children who would like to

- strengthen their relationship with their child
- understand autism from autistic people
- develop personalised strategies for self-care

#### WHAT IS THIS STUDY ABOUT?

This study seeks to test the effectiveness of a new innovative online parenting group program for parents of autistic children, designed to improve parent-child relationships and wellbeing of autistic families.



#### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Adults fulfilling a parental role (e.g. biological, adoptive, foster parents or legal guardians) of autistic children (10 years and younger)
- Able to commit to 3 sets of assessments and a 5-week online program (zoom), across 4 months
- All parents will receive free access to the full program



**I want to participate!**  
For expressions of interest or more information, please contact Sarah Lee at [lee.jy.sarah@uq.net.au](mailto:lee.jy.sarah@uq.net.au) or scan the QR code to find out more!

# Does my child start kindy or school in 2024?

**Born in blue, school is for you.**  
**Born in red, it's kindy instead.**



**School Watch**  
YOU CAN HELP!  
Your Eyes and Ears are Our Security  
• LOOK • LISTEN • REPORT  
**Phone 13 17 88**

