



Warrill View Wrap

TERM 3 WEEK 7

29 AUGUST 2025

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

As you may have noticed, we have reduced the frequency of our newsletters this year owing to the increase in communication via text messages, emails, and posts of student activity on Facebook. To streamline information, we will now aim to produce a newsletter in Week 5 and Week 10 of each term, containing updates that are too detailed for other forms of communication.

Here is a snapshot of our term so far:

In **Week 4**, our Year 6 students and I visited **Parliament House** in Brisbane alongside students from other schools. Rosie and Kate proudly delivered their prepared speeches from the chamber where ministers usually sit. This was an invaluable opportunity to connect their learning to a real-world context. We were also treated to a delicious morning tea, with scones, jam, and cream being a highlight.

That same week, our students joined the Harrisville community to celebrate 35 years of the **Neighbourhood Watch program**. Congratulations to Okah, one of our Prep students, who won the colouring-in competition and came home with some wonderful prizes. Thank you to the Harrisville Police who organised this lovely community event.

Week 6 saw our students dress in creative costumes for **Book Week**. This year's theme was **Book an Adventure**. We had a range from Ned Kelly, Mario, cowboys, a ninja and other amazing characters. Thank you, parents, for supporting our parade with your child's costume. Your efforts are always greatly appreciated.

Reading continues to be our school's key priority this year, our book week parade was a joyful celebration of literacy. Reading underpins all areas of learning, providing children with the foundation to succeed in every subject. In this newsletter, I have included some information about the **Science of Reading** and strategies you can use at home to support your child's reading journey.

In Term 4, we will be extending an invitation to parents/carers/grandparents to join us on 2 days of the week for a whole school reading session from 10:30 - 11:00. I will provide you with further details early in term 4.

This week, the children enjoyed a woodwork workshop with **Mr Andy from Little Green Thumbs**, creating unique gifts for Father's Day using repurposed timber.

2025

**COMING
EVENTS**

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 4

Mutdapilly Disco

Friday 5

Student Free
Day

Monday 15

Curriculum
Corner
2:30pm

OCTOBER

Friday 17

Movie Night



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Government

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We look forward to celebrating our fathers and father figures at our special ***Father's Day parade*** on ***Monday 1st September from 2:15pm***, followed by a sausage sizzle kindly organised by our P&C. Thank you to our P&C for their ongoing support in creating memorable events for our community.

On Thursday 4th September, Mutdapilly will be holding their ***school disco***. Our students are invited and encouraged to dress in their ***favourite animal-themed*** costumes for what promises to be a fun night of connection with our neighbouring schools. A reminder has already been texted to families. Please also note that ***Friday 5th September is a Pupil Free Day***, Which will give students a chance to rest after the disco.

Looking ahead, our P&C is planning a Movie Night for Friday 17th October (Week 2, Term 4). More details will follow closer to the date. In Week 10 (Monday 15th September), I will be holding another Curriculum Corner session at 2:30pm to share progress on our Annual Implementation Plan and school priorities. If you cannot attend, I will ensure the information is emailed to families.

Our end-of-year excursion to ***Sea World*** is now confirmed for Thursday 11th December. While this will be an early start to the day, we are excited to provide this wonderful opportunity for our students. The reward system supporting this excursion has already been shared in detail; please continue to check in with your child on their progress with their “ticket” to Sea World.

This term, our students have been focusing on ***persuasive writing*** in English. I am delighted to include a few samples of their work in this newsletter. The children have excelled in exploring this genre, developing new vocabulary, and applying their learning in purposeful ways. They wrote with passion about a variety of Australian endangered species and the role we each play in protecting them from extinction. Their writing demonstrates both creativity and critical thinking, and I am very proud of their achievements. Our upcoming trip to Sea World will provide a valuable real-life connection to this learning, reinforcing the importance of supporting vulnerable species and highlighting how each of us can contribute to making a difference.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the many parents who consistently support our school's decisions with positivity and respect. While we may not always get everything right, we are committed to listening and improving. Respectful dialogue strengthens our school community and models the values we want our children to adopt. By approaching matters respectfully and openly, we ensure that our school remains a positive and supportive place for every child and family.

Have a great week everyone.

Warm regards,
Mrs Mauro
Principal

Reading is our Priority *Why?* **Helping Your Child with Reading at Home**



Parents play a powerful role in building their child's reading skills.

Here are some simple ways you can help every day:

Top Tips for Parents:

- 😊 Read together every day – even 10 minutes makes a difference.
- 😊 Talk about stories – ask your child what they think might happen next.
- 😊 Point out new words – explain their meaning in simple language.
- 😊 Encourage writing – shopping lists, letters, or diary entries.
- 😊 Play with sounds –
rhymes, songs, and clapping syllables build reading skills.
- 😊 Show how reading is everywhere
– recipes, signs, menus, and instructions.
- 😊 Reading at home builds confidence, strengthens school learning,
and creates a love of books that lasts

Why is handwriting so important?

Handwriting is the building block of writing .

Learning to write places heavy demands on our working memory.

*If students need to pay attention to letter formation,
it means they can 'devote little attention
to monitor and evaluate what is written'.*

~Steven Graham (researcher in the field of writing)



Why Reading is Important For Your Child

Reading is the key to your child's success at school and in life. In the Australian Curriculum v9, reading is prioritised to give every child the best chance to learn and grow.

How Reading Helps Your Child:

- 😊 Reading is needed in every subject – from maths problems to science experiments.
- 😊 Strong reading builds writing and communication skills.
- 😊 Reading helps children understand words, stories, and the world around them.
- 😊 Good reading skills make learning fairer for all children.
- 😊 Reading prepares children for the future – books, computers, and everyday life.
- 😊 When you read with your child every day, you help them succeed at school and develop a love of learning.

Can you be persuaded?

Protect the Turtles. Protect the Ecosystem
The Irwin's Turtle is Queensland's most unique freshwater turtle. Sadly, this amazing reptile is at risk of extinction. We must protect it because of the dangerous predators, the threat of habitat loss and human interference.

Firstly, we must save poor Irwin's Turtle's habitat. Clearing land, building dams, and pollution are demolishing the clean rivers this animal needs to survive. So stop all of this madness and save the turtle's habitat!

Secondly, human interference is causing baby turtle's chaos. At night, the hatchlings get confused by city and car lights. Instead of following moonlight, they follow the other lights to the danger of the road.

Finally, predators such as foxes, cats, wild pigs and large birds prey on unhatched eggs and juvenile turtles. With hardly any surviving, the species can't grow on.

If we don't do anything now, Irwin's Turtle could vanish from Queensland's fresh waters permanently. Protecting it is not just about saving one species, it's about saving Australia's wildlife future.

For these very reasons, I strongly recommend protecting this beautiful animal through conservation, education and biome preservation.

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SAVE IRWIN'S TURTLE
We must save Irwin's Turtle from habitat loss and predators.

Firstly, Irwin's Turtle is a very rare animal that lives in a small part of Queensland.

Secondly, this Turtle is important for rivers. It helps keep the water clean by eating plants and small animals.

Finally, Irwin's Turtle is a part of Australia's special wildlife. It was discovered by the Irwin family who worked hard to care for animals.







STUDENT DROP-OFF

Just a reminder that the safest and recommended place for student drop-off and pick-up is in Ipswich Street, kerbside and adjacent to the pedestrian entrance and path.

The carpark and driveway entrance

are spaces shared by vehicles of staff, visitors and service providers.

Student access to this area
is not recommended.

What sort of start is your child getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

*Did you know your child's best learning time
is the start of the school day?*

That's when every minute counts the most!!

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

CALLING ALL PARTY ANIMALS!



Mutdapilly S S Disco

DRESS AS YOUR FAVOURITE ANIMAL

FACE

PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED , DANCE OFF
& MORE

PAINTING

THURSDAY

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SEPTEMBER

MUTDAPILLY P & C
RAFFLES
FOOD AND DRINKS
MENU TO COME

5 PM
UNTIL
730 PM