I’d like to take this opportunity to welcome our students, parents / carers and staff back to the 2016 school year; especially any new families joining our school community including those transferring from St Patrick’s Catholic School and other schools within the Central Downs area. I hope that all students have settled into their new classes and that routines are being established to make life easier for all concerned.

2016 marks the second year where Year 7 forms part of Junior Secondary Education. Mr Chris Ralph is our Year 7 Form Teacher and is very keen to work alongside parents and fellow staff members to ensure that this is a very positive experience for Year 7 students.

Term one is a nine week term (Wednesday, 27 January – Thursday, 24 March 2016). It is important for all students to focus their attention on their school work, behaviour, school uniform, participation in sport, attendance and all of those other important things which will lead to success. Before you know it, the term will be over!

2016 also marks the second year of implementation of ‘Positive Behaviours for Learning’ (PBL). As you are aware, this approach focuses on positive behaviours; on what students can do, as opposed to what they can’t. Please take some time to familiarise yourself with PBL (attached to the back of this School Link) and if you have any questions, please direct them to your child’s teacher or form teacher.

I’d like to announce and congratulate our student leaders for 2016:

- School Captains: Austin Lack and Mary Higgins
- Vice Captains: Ailish Wallace and Jessica Chisnell
- House Captain (Deacon): Kaitlyn Bott
- House Captains (Gwynne): Ella Gartery and Shae Erhardt

We are well and truly into the school swimming season, with our own Interhouse Carnival held last Friday. Congratulations to our Age Champions and well done to all students for having a go! Congratulations to the House of Deacon for their success at the carnival. A great day had by all!

Parents / carers are most welcome to attend Monday’s assemblies, which are held in our Performing Arts Hall, commencing at 9:00am. This is a great way to stay informed about school events.

The Allora Show is on again this year Friday, 5 February to Sunday 7 February. Friday is our school’s show holiday.

Just a reminder, school hours start at 8:30am and conclude at 3:00pm. Students are not permitted in the grounds prior to 8:30am in the mornings, unless special arrangements have been made. You are reminded that it is a requirement for student absences to be explained. For your convenience, you can call the Student Absence Line on 4666 7266 at any time.

Prior to sending your child to school, students and parents / carers are encouraged to discuss any changes to pick-up arrangements after school, especially if they differ from the normal routine. This will assist to reduce the relaying of messages throughout the day, which causes interruptions to student learning. Also, students are less likely to be distressed, miss their bus, etc. or parents / carers being inconvenienced.

From time to time this school year, concerns may crop up regarding your child or a school matter. I invite parents / carers to make early contact and an appointment with your child’s teacher to clarify any concerns and come to an early resolution. School + Home = every student learning and succeeding!

Yours sincerely

SHAUN KANOWSKI
Principal
**Calendar**  
(correct as at time of printing)

**FEBRUARY**
- 5 Allora Show Public Holiday
- 6 Allora Show
- 8 Central Downs Swimming Carnival, Clifton
- 9 Border District Swimming Carnival, Stanthorpe
- 11 Border District Summer Trials

Primary Information Sessions: 3:15pm
- 15 Warwick All Schools Swimming Carnival, Allora Pool
- Darling Downs Tennis Trials
- 16 P&C Meeting, 7pm, school library
- 17 Southern Downs Swimming Trials, Allora Pool
- 19 Central Downs Tennis Trials, Clifton
- 22 Southern Downs Basketball & Hockey Trials, Warwick
- Border District Winter Trials, Warwick
- 24 Southern Downs AFL Trials, Redbacks Oval, Warwick
- 25 School Photos
- Southern Downs Softball Trials, Warwick
- Year 7 & Year 8 Immunisations

**MARCH**
- 3 P-6 - Deadly Australian Performance
- Southern Downs Tennis Trials
- 4 Central Downs Netball Trials - St Patricks School
- Central Downs Rugby League & Soccer Trials, Clifton
- 6 P&C Car Boot Sale
- 11 Central Downs Triathlon
- 15 Southern Downs Netball, Rugby League & Soccer Trials, Warwick
- 21 Interhouse Cross Country, Allora Golf Course
- 23 Easter Church Services
- 25 Good Friday Public Holiday
- 28 Easter Monday Public Holiday
- 29 School Holidays commence

**APRIL**
- 11 School Resumes for Term 2
- 15 Central Downs Cross Country, Pilton

**Swimming Timetable**
The school swimming program for Health and Physical Education (HPE) is as follows:

- Term 1: Years 1, 3, 5 and 7.
- Term 4: Years 2, 4, 6 and 8.

These classes are in addition to HPE swimming electives for some secondary students.

**Student of the Week**
The following students were awarded with certificates on assembly for demonstrating our school motto, “Always our Best!”. Congratulations!

**Monday 1 February 2016**

Prep: Emily O’Brien - Neat bookwork  
Year 4: Ben Lester - Great efforts in class  
Lillijana Burrows - Outstanding efforts at the Swimming Carnival  
Year 5: Nicholas Steinberger - Excellent efforts at the Swimming Carnival  
Year 10: Ella Gartery, Shae Erhardt, Kaitlyn Bott, Jessica Chisnell, Mary Higgins, Alihah Wallace - Excellent leadership at the Swimming Carnival  
Kaleb Braddock - Excellent participation  
Kaleb Lever - Excellent leadership and participation

**Mobile Phone / Internet Enabled Device Policy**

You may have heard that we have altered the way in which we manage student’s mobile phones at school. It should be noted that our students have always been able to bring their mobile phones to school, but in the past, they have submitted them on arrival and then retrieved them in the afternoon prior to leaving for home.

In line with the majority of other schools in Queensland, we now permit students to carry their mobile phones with them during the school day, as we recognize that they are useful devices in the learning process, as well as helping with students and parents/carers communication when unforeseen circumstances occur. Naturally, this is conditional, with both the students and their parents / carers agreeing to follow strict guidelines for mobile phone usage whilst on school premises. The accountability for the mobile phone and its appropriate usage, now lies in the hands of the students – in line with our school value of ‘Always Responsible’.

I will be discussing the management of mobile phones at our Parents and Citizens Association meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 16 February 2016. This is a great opportunity to discuss or clarify any questions you may have. Copies of our Student Mobile Phone / Internet Enabled Device Policy are available from administration.

SHAUN KANOWSKI  
Principal

**Tuckshop**

Narelle and her tuckshop volunteers welcome you all back to another school year. If you are able to assist in the tuckshop, even for a couple of hours a month, please contact Barb Erhardt 4666 3745 (home) or Narelle Moore 4666 7222 (tuckshop - Monday, Wednesday and Friday). If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please arrange a replacement and let either of these ladies know.

Volunteers needed - can you help?

**Roster**

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**SCHOOL PHOTOS - Thursday 25 February**

Please assist by having your child in their correct school uniform
The first week back at school was a busy one, with students starting back on Wednesday, and our annual Interhouse Swimming Carnival being held on Friday.

Unfortunately a couple of errors were found after the announcement on assembly. Our apologies to Lewis May who should have been awarded third place in the 9 Years Boys age group. Lewis will receive his medal shortly. To those who tied for Age Champion, Runner-Up or third place, the extra medallions will be engraved and given to these students as soon as we receive them.

Students are to be congratulated on their participation and have been awarded “Sunny Stamps” in recognition of this. This year has seen a ‘changing of the guard’ with Deacon House coming out winners on 660 points and Gwynne House receiving 427 points for their efforts. Well done to the School Leaders and others who helped out on the day.

Training has certainly paid off for many of our swimmers, with some coming close to the records, four students breaking a swag of records and one student equalling a long standing record! Congratulations to the students who broke records, with the new and old records listed as follows:

9 Yrs Boys 50m Freestyle - Kai Hill, 43.30 (James Gilmore, 2008, 45.43)
9 Yrs Boys 25m Breaststroke - Darcy Pitstock, 28.14 (Cooper Harm, 2015, 29.08)
9 Yrs Girls 50m Freestyle - Danni Griffin, 49.76 (Macey Hill, 2014, 55.34)
9 Yrs Girls 25m Backstroke - Danni Griffin, 23.29 (Elia Gartery, 2010 & Macey Hill, 2014, 28.68)
9 Yrs Girls 25m Breaststroke - Danni Griffin, 28.75 (Sarah Atkinson, 2007, 32.27)
10 Yrs Boys 50m Freestyle - Cooper Harm, 36.19 (Stephen Evans, 1992, 40.5)
10 Yrs Boys 25m Backstroke - Cooper Harm, 20.08 (Justin Van Der Poel, 2000, 22.80)
10 Yrs Boys 25m Butterfly - Cooper Harm, 19.24 (Justin Van Der Poel, 2000, 22.00)
10 Yrs Boys 25m Breaststroke - Cooper Harm equalled Keelan Whitaker’s 2002 record of 23.20 seconds
11 Yrs Boys 50m Freestyle - Jackson Pitstock, 37.25 (Drew Wilson, 1996, 38.7)
11 Yrs Boys 25m Butterfly - Jackson Pitstock, 18.97 (Drew Wilson, 1996, 20.00)
11 Yrs Boys 25m Breaststroke - Jackson Pitstock, 22.14 (Keelan Whitaker, 2003, 23.47)

Congratulations to our Age Champions, Runners-Up and Third Place to Age Champion as listed below, with points received and their House in brackets.

Age Champions - 9 Yrs Kai Hill (D) 22, Danni Griffin (G) 24; 10Yrs Cooper Harm (G) 24, Reagan McMillan (D) 18; 11 Yrs Jackson Pitstock (D) 24, Maddison Griffin (G) and Macey Hill (D) 18; 12 Yrs Max Peters (D) 22, Nicola Westerman (D) 18; 13 Yrs Jack Hill (D) 28, Lacey Maguire (D) 28; 14 Yrs Ethan Oloman (G) 24, Ebony Seibel (D) 30; 15/16 Yrs Kaleb Lever (D) 24, Mary Higgins (D) 30.

Runners-Up - 9 Yrs Darcy Pitstock (D) 14, Ava Lester (D) 12; 10 Yrs Hamish Gartery (G) 13, Lillijana Burrows (G) 12; 11 Yrs Ashley Perry (D) 12, girls not awarded due to tie in first place; 12 Yrs Lachlan Ford-Thompson (D) 14, Xavia Oloman (G) 13; 13 Yrs Ryley Lever (D) & Jacob Meddleton (D) 15, Xanthe Esson (D) 20; 14 Yrs Pacey Dredge (G) 10, Paige Bain (G) 20; 15/16 Yrs Joshua Cocks (D) 18, Shae Erhardt (G) 17.

Third place to age champions is listed in the next column.
**School Immunisations**

Immunisations forms have been sent home with both Year 7 and Year 8 students. Forms are due back on Monday, 8 February. If you wish for your child to be immunised, please ensure that all forms are signed in the appropriate place and returned to the school.

**Heritage Weekend Drinks Stall**

As you may know, our local schools have the responsibility of running the drinks stall at the annual Heritage Weekend, held on 23/24 January. This year was a BUMPER year for sales and both Allora P-10 State School and St Patrick’s School will kick off the year with a healthy start to fundraising.

Thanks to our new school captains, Mary and Austin for organising the roster of wonderful Year 10 workers and giving Mrs Westerman her first-ever year off the job!! The students were an absolute credit to our school. Well done Shae, Ailish, Ella, Jess, Katie, Jack, Mary and Austin.

Thanks also to Tom Higgins, Lee Harrison, Barb Erhardt, Melissa Gartery, Jo Stevens and Mr Bowman who helped in various ways to support the event. Details of profits and constructive feedback will be discussed at our first P&C meeting (Tuesday, 16 February).

A special mention must go to Charlie Thorne of Warwick Ice Supplies who donated ALL of the ice over the very hot weekend.

**Mr Hay’s Classes - 2016**

I would like to extend a warm welcome to new students in my classes and a “welcome back” to familiar faces! I welcome parental contact and encourage you to contact me, either by phone or email, if you have any questions or simply wish to know how your child is progressing in my classes. My email address is: bhay87@eq.edu.au Due dates for assessment are yet to be advised.

7 English - “Persuasion”. In this unit, students are investigating the techniques used by advertisers. Assessment will be a written deconstruction of a print advertisement.

8 English - “Media Representation”. In this unit, students are investigating how groups such as teenagers are projected in the media. The assessment will be the deconstruction of a print article.

10 English - “Satire”. In this unit, students are looking at techniques of satire as utilised in political cartoons. Assessment will be the written analysis of a cartoon of their choosing.

9 History - “Making a Better World” is the title of this first Depth Study, with a focus upon slavery in the 1800s. Thus far, we have looked at some of the “hidden aspects” of history, both in our state and our school in order to get a feel for this subject. Assessment will be a document examination.

10 History - The 20th Century is the focus for Year 10 History, with three Depth Studies being explored throughout the year; World War Two, The Civil Rights Movement and Popular Culture. Pop Culture will bookend the year, with a look in first term at how sport is immersed in Australian culture and history.

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**School Link**

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**Primary classes – Parent information sessions**

Next Thursday, Feb 11, teachers in our Prep to Year 6 classes are hosting short information sessions in their classrooms. Important information will be shared regarding a range of topics including, routines, expectations and teaching and learning initiatives for the year. Each teacher will be sending home a class letter giving further details. See below for the times for each class session.

We look forward to a productive and positive school community partnership to the benefit of all students and an information sharing session such as this is a great way to start off our school year.

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**Family Day Care**

Family Day Care - contact Warwick & District Family Day Care on 4661 1336

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**Regards**

LEVANNE KANOWSKI
Head of Curriculum Primary
Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Our School Values, always respectful, always responsible, always safe, always learning, combined with our school motto, form the core of our schoolwide behaviour system, Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL).

PBL is a process for teaching expected social and behavioural skills so the focus can be on teaching and learning.

All behaviours expected from everybody within our school are listed on our BEHAVIOUR MATRIX. Copies of our Behaviour Matrix are on display in every teaching space in our school and in the Administration.

Students are explicitly taught the expectations around each behaviour. That behaviour is targeted for the week. If staff see students exhibiting the expected behaviour, students will receive a stamp on their Sunny Card.

Completed Sunny Cards are handed to the class or form teacher and another card is issued.

“Rewards” in various forms will be offered to students who have completed 5, 10, 15 and 20 Sunny Cards. These range from congratulatory postcards sent to parents/carers outlining positive behaviours and various “surprise events”.

The philosophy of our system is to explicitly teach behaviours and rewards kids who exhibit those behaviours.

Rewards are balanced against a system of Consequences, where three minor breaches of our expectations will constitute a major breach. Minor behaviours will be dealt with by class teachers. Persistent minor behaviours will result in parents being contacted. If the behaviour continues, the class teacher will refer the student to a member of our Administration, where more serious consequences may result.

The focus in our system is on the POSITIVE aspects of behaviour. These positive behaviours are those that we wish to see all students exhibiting all of the time.

Please contact the school if you have inquiries regarding Positive Behaviour for Learning.

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