Dear Parents and Guardians

‘IT’S A SIGN! Yes, it is literally a ‘sign’. You may have seen the latest addition to our infrastructure in the school. The new electronic sign will be used to provide up-to-date information on school events and messages. Messages will be more frequent as it removes the need to physically put notices up and down, as was the case with the old sign. It is a lot safer too!

School Focus, Priorities and NAPLAN targets

This year our focus will be measurement and geometry in numeracy. In literacy, we will continue the focus on reading but also include grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Our school will also be revising out ‘Student Behaviour Policy’ in order to reflect the philosophy of the ‘Positive Behaviour Support’ framework that we have been working through over the last couple of year.

At the end of the year, the School Council examined our targets for the next few years. In each newsletter, I will outline the targets that will assist us in our planning to continue improve student learning.

By 2018, we hope to achieve the following targets for our school. These targets have been linked to our NAPLAN results. Our main goal is to achieve comparable results to schools that are similar to our school using socio-economic data. These schools are called “Like Schools”.

In order to determine achievement, each student is measured against a common assessment scale which begins in year three and continues to year 9. This scale has been divided in 10 bands. A national minimum standard has been set in each of the NAPLAN years tested. Our goal is always to reduce the number of students in the lower bands - which are below the national minimum standard and to increase the students in the high bands.

I hope the above explanation provides some context to the targets which have been set.

NAPLAN TARGETS - 2016 to 2018

NAPLAN achievement at or above like schools in all test areas in Year 3 and 5

Increase the percentage of students in the top two proficiency bands to better than like schools in all test areas for Year 3 & 5 students.

Decrease the percentage of students in the bottom two proficiency bands in Numeracy and Reading to below like schools.

Achieve the high progress and high achievement quadrant in Numeracy and Reading from Year 3 to Year 5
Class Introductory Meeting
Thank you to parents who attended the class introductory meeting this week. From the feedback that I received, it was very successful. Parents appreciated the opportunity to meet the class teacher and gain some information about the class processes and procedures.

Community Picnic & Social Event. (Friday 19 February 2016 at 5.30-7pm)
Preparations are underway for the free sausage sizzle and community picnic. Thank you to the parents who have indicated their intentions to come along.

There will be tennis and four square competitions and other games as well. It provides an opportunity to meet other parents and talk socially to staff.

As this is a social event, we do ask your cooperation in not speaking to your class teachers about specific information relating to your child. There will be other opportunities for parental interviews. It is also a smoking and alcohol free event as it is a school function.

I look forward to meeting as many parents as possible to start off the year in a positive way.

P&C Meeting AGM – 29 February 2016 (7pm) in Staffroom
Last year the P&C raised more than $10,000 for the school and this was put towards the carpets - which were installed during the holidays. While there will be some fundraising this year, the purpose of the P&C is to create opportunities to engage parents with the school.

Please come along to the first P&C meeting of the year in order to support the forum which supports our students.

Great News!

Technology Grant
Our school has been given an $18,000 grant to improve the technology in the school. We will add to these funds so that we can make a real impact in this area. Our School Improvement Committee met and decided that we would increase the number of Ipads that our students will have access to. We will also purchase additional resources which will assist in storing and synching our Ipads so that the apps are consistent across the board.

Breakfast Club- Every Thursday Commencing 25 February (Outside the Canteen)
Our School Chaplain – Sylvia Spatara and Indigenous Worker – Nicole Fuselier will be hosting a breakfast every Thursday. Our school is now part of ‘Food Bank’ which means we can provide a free breakfast to students in the morning. More information will be forthcoming shortly.

Thank you to everyone for the positive start to the year. It is a privilege to be the principal of such a wonderful school and providing an opportunity for our students to engage in life-long learning.
NEW PHONE APP - UPDAT-ED

We are very pleased to inform you that our school has implemented a phone app called “Updat-ed” that will make connecting with you so much more convenient. This app will replace our current phone App - Tiqbiz.

To download the app just visit the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Android's. Search for "Updat-ed" and from the menu select our school.

For Android users, you could click on the Google Play button below to upload the App from our website. When we receive your registration’s request; we will activate you before your app is up and running.

So what will the app do? The app is great for sending out alerts and reminders with one of its best features being the ability to save events directly into your phone’s calendar.

NOTE: We have found some quirks with some devices, but it would not be all android devices. If it does not work properly, please do the following:

Step 1: delete the app and re-download
Step 2: We will reactivate the app. If the problem persist, please contact Sue at the office and supply us with your phone Model and Software Version. We will try to resolve the issue for you.
WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

We would like everyone to welcome to our school community the following students and their families:

‘Welcome to Eddystone Primary School’

Ghazal Ahmadi-Simab L1 Red
Fares Al Jabery L1 Red
Lizetienne Burke-Hardy L1 Red
Dylan Christie L1 Red
Seth Evans L1 Red
Billy Gamble L1 Red
Anita Lim L1 Red
Deborah Mbfumoja L1 Red
Reid McLoughlin L1 Red
Rory Mezger L1 Red
Xavier Middleton L1 Red
Spencer O’Brien-Smith L1 Red
Keron Picherit L1 Red
Marc Pintea L1 Red
Te Reina Rang-Ruawai L1 Red
Ela Sahan L1 Red
Shia Schofield L1 Red
Zara Schofield L1 Red
Quinn Taylor L1 Red
Mikayla Thompson L1 Red
Sahara Vukomanovic L1 Red
Lakiah Woods L1 Red
Junha Kim N11
Med Arun N12
Nan Borisut N12
Kylia Picherit N12
Jordyn Cummins PP L2
Callum Trivedi PP L2
Liliana Cummins R10
Prapti Aadvarekar R5
Wadah Adam Idries R5
Yuvreet Gill R5
Ella Jiang R5
Yooha Kim R5
Sofia Nguyen R5
Edwin Shibu R5
Tianne Hibbird R6
Mijak Jok R6
Zoya Khapra R6
Matilda Shen R6
Daksh Sogra R6
Jasmine Webber R6
Kourash Farabi R9
Nika Markovic R9
Jason Garcia L3
Lana Markovic L4
Nagisa Nakazawa L4
David Nguyen L4
Kacy Picherit L4
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INFORMATION EVENING  

All parents of Year 5 and 6 students are welcome to attend. 

WHEN:   Wednesday 9 March 2016  
TIME:   7.00 pm  
(Tour of school available at 6.30 pm)  
WHERE: Warwick Senior High School Performing Arts Centre (in the Gym complex). 

Please park in the car park at the front of the school (Erindale Road entrance).  

RSVP to WSHS on 6240 4400 by Monday 7/3/16.

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2016 SCHOOL OPEN DAY  

Parents are invited to attend an Open Day at Warwick Senior High School to learn about our outstanding educational programs and view our facilities. Guided tours will be conducted on the following day at the stated times.  

Friday 18 March  
355 Erindale Rd WARWICK WA 6024  
Tours commence at 9:00 am and 2:00 pm  
Our school conducts programs in the following:  

PROGRAMS:  
ACADEMIC EXTENSION  
ENDORSED SPECIALIST NETBALL  
ENDORSED SPECIALIST FOOTBALL  
DANCE ELITE  
MUSIC  

Please call the school administration reception on 62404400 to book your tour.  
We look forward to meeting you.