From the Principal’s Pen

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to another great year! I hope you all had a relaxing and fun holiday. A special welcome to the new families to our school. We hope that you feel welcome and we are very pleased to have you join the Winfield community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome two new staff members. Mr Michael Henson is our new music specialist and Mrs Peta Swan our new Languages Other Than English (LOTE) teacher. I know they will enjoy their association with our lovely school.

I am pleased to announce that our school website has been upgraded so jump online and have a look! This is just the start as more information will follow. I would also like to initiate a group mailing list so that newsletters, notes, events, etc. can be electronically posted. Paper copies will be sent home to those families who do not have a computer or reliable internet. Please complete the appropriate form if you would like to receive letters electronically. I look forward to a happy, exciting, mutually rewarding and fruitful year.

Kind regards,
Rob

NEW STUDENTS FOR 2014
- Bonny Jollow
- Rama Martyn
- Owen Frater
A Day without Laughter is a Day Wasted!

2013 SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

Last year, parents were asked to think back over the school year and indicate the extend in which they agreed or disagreed about a list of statements about Winfield State School. It is extremely pleasing to note that there was 100% total agreement in 25 out of 35 statements. Whilst there were 0 instances of parents strongly disagreeing, there were 10 areas in which parents somewhat disagreed. These are the areas in which I am hoping to improve this year. Please share your thoughts on the attached survey about ways in which we can improve as a school in these areas.

2014 GOALS

Our primary goal at Winfield is to be united in our pursuit of excellence. Our specific goals for 2014 are as follows:

- Improvement in spelling.
- All children reaching national benchmarks.
- All students meeting National minimum standards.
- More children achieving in Upper 2 bands in NAPLAN.
- Improvement in handwriting, bookwork and general presentation.

We believe that these goals are attainable and parents can assist us by ensuring that children do their set homework and assignments.

CURRICULUM MATTERS: GEOGRAPHY

Geography will be included as a stand alone subject in primary schools starting this year. An example of the content studied in the first unit of Years 5-6 curriculum is as follows. In Unit 1 students:

- draw on studies at the national scale, including the geographical contexts of Australia, Asia, Europe and North America.
- recognise the purpose and types of geographical questions.
- recognise the geographical and cultural diversity within places, including that of its indigenous people.
- collect and record geographical information and data to identify the influence of people on the environmental characteristics of Australia and other countries.
- interpret information and data to identify the influence of the environment on the human characteristics of a place.
- compare geographical information and data to identify patterns, trends and relationships between demographic and social characteristics between countries around the world.
- construct large-scale and small-scale maps conforming to cartographic conventions to locate places and their characteristics.
- evaluate information for its reliability and usefulness in explaining how.
STUDENT SECTION: WHY I LIKE WINFIELD

Dakota
I like Winfield because there are good kids here. We are all good at Maths, History and Art. I think this is the best school!

C.J.
I like Winfield because we get to go on the computers and the teachers are awesome.

Lisla
I like Winfield because there are so many nice people here. I get a good education and the teachers are the best teachers ever !!!!

Callum
I like Winfield because sometimes we get to do Art and History and all the other stuff too.

TERM CALENDARS
Please find attached 4 term calendars. They may be useful placing on your fridge and adding dates as they become known.

YANDARAN PUB RAFFLES
Yandaran Pub supports our school by allowing schools and community groups to host Friday Night Raffles. Winfield School will be selling raffle tickets on Friday 7th March and 25th April. Please support this fundraiser by purchasing tickets or offering to sell tickets on the night.

CLASSROOM INVITATION
Parents are invited to our classroom on Monday 17th of February at 2:00pm to discuss programs, policies and procedures for the 2014 school year.
P & C NEWS
The Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) will be holding their first meeting next Tuesday, 11th February at 3:00pm. If you would like the opportunity to be involved in supporting our school, please join us. The P&C plays an extremely important role in supporting the students on their educational journey.

TUCKSHOP DAY IS FRIDAY.

MENU

MUESLI BARS $0:50
TUNA TO GO $1:00
CHEESE AND BISCUITS $1:00
FRUIT CUP $0:50
SPAGHETTI OR BAKED BEANS $1:00
DRY NOODLES $0:50
CHOC TEDDY BISCUITS $0:50
STRAWBERRY / CHOCOLATE MILK $1:00
POPPERS ORANGE & APPLE $0:50
SUPER DOOPERS & SUNNYBOYS $0:50

An Apple for the teacher...
Is really nothing new.
Except when you remember,
Parents are teachers too.

Reading Strategy Focus
Week 1-2:
Activating Prior Knowledge
Week 3: Predicting
Week 4: Questioning
Week 5: Making Connections

Term Dates for 2014

Term 1:
January 28—April 4

Term 2:
April 22—June 27

Term 3:
July 14—September 19

Term 4:
October 7—December 12