From the Principal’s Pen

NAPLAN
The Year 3 & 5 students are currently taking part in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Please find included in this newsletter information detailing the NAPLAN Program. I would like to take this opportunity to wish the students good luck in NAPLAN and to thank parents for their additional support at home in preparing for the 2014 tests.

P&C MEETING.
Parents and Citizens are invited to our next P&C Meeting to be held on Wednesday 21st May at 3:00pm. Hoping to see everyone at the meeting. ALL WELCOME!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The annual Athletics Carnival will be held at Rosedale State School on 19th July 2014. Details to follow.

MRS NEUBECKER
Mrs Neubecker is currently completing a contract at St Luke’s College as their art teacher. Jenny has a passion for art and I am sure she will enjoy this experience. She will return to Winfield next term.

Highlights for the end of this term include a ‘Thank You to Our P&C’ Morning Tea & ‘Billy Carts & Billy Tea’ Day. Information included in this newsletter.

Rob

DATES TO REMEMBER
- May 13-15 NAPLAN
- May 21 P&C Meeting
- May 23 P&C Day Morning Tea 10am
- May 29 Show Holiday
- June 5 Billy Carts & Billy Tea Day
- June 9 Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- June 11 Mobile Education Trailer
- July 19 Athletics Day
‘NATIONAL TESTING FOR YEAR 3 and 5 - NAPLAN

On 13th, 14th and 15th May students across Queensland will take part in the national literacy and numeracy tests. The tests will see all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sitting the same tests as their interstate counterparts.

The test results will provide information about how all state and non-state school students are performing in literacy and numeracy at their year level in comparison to their peers across Australia.

The literacy assessment will focus on areas of reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar while the numeracy testing will cover measurement, chance and data, space, working mathematically and pattern.

Parent Tips for preparing your child for NAPLAN:

While it’s important that students perform at their best, it’s also important that students are not unduly stressed. Here are some general tips for your child’s preparation:

- Get at least eight hours sleep prior to each day of testing.
- It is extremely important for your child to have a balanced breakfast on each testing day.
- It is also important that your child have access to healthy food for morning tea each day of testing.

Results from the tests will be used for reports to parents, school reporting to their communities, and reporting by states and territories to form a national overview. The tests will also help teachers identify key areas for learning during the rest of the school year. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is part of a larger bank of information we use to help your child in their educational journey.

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Reporting of Results

All tests will be externally marked by ACARA under strict quality assurance procedures. Individual student reports are provided to parents/carers in September each year. Each report shows the student’s results on NAPLAN tests against the national average and the middle 60 per cent of students nationally. These reports contain a description of what was assessed in each of the tests and provide information about what students can typically do. NAPLAN results are reported to schools nationally through a summary report in September and later a full national report.
STUDENT SECTION: I LIKE WINFIELD SCHOOL BECAUSE:

**Bonny**
I like Winfield because everyone is nice. We get to play fun games and to paint. My teachers help me with my reading.

**Roy**
I like Winfield because it has a good playground, big ovals and everyone is nice.

JOLLY GRAMMAR
Jolly Grammar introduces the rudiments of Grammar, vocabulary and comprehension.

CSIRO
An excursion to Avondale has been planned for July 30th. Students will participate in the CSIRO Science Day. CSIRO’s vision is to inspire students about science, technology and engineering.

PROGRAMS RECENTLY ADDED TO OUR CURRICULUM

EMM & JEMM
Elementary Math Mastery (EMM) and Junior Elementary Math Mastery (JEMM) are highly innovative mental math programs specifically designed to embrace the Australian National Mathematics Curriculum.
CLUSTER ATHLETICS EVENTS

- 100m
- 200m
- 800m
- Relays
- Shot Put
- Discus
- Long Jump
- Tunnel Ball
- Leader Ball

Under 9's will compete in some events and then rotate through different activities.

BILLY TEA & BILLY CARTS

AS PART OF OUR CURRENT HISTORY UNIT, THE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN STUDYING GAMES AND ACTIVITIES FROM AUSTRALIA’S PAST. TO HELP STUDENTS GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING ABOUT OUR PAST, AN ACTIVITY DAY HAS BEEN PLANNED.

WHAT: HISTORY DAY

WHEN: JUNE 5TH AT 9:00AM

WHY: TO LEARN ABOUT OUR HISTORY

WHERE: WINFIELD STATE SCHOOL

WHAT TO WEAR: A COSTUME FROM OUR PAST (EXPLORER, MARINE, CONVICT, GOLDMINER, DROVER, DIGGER, ETC)

WHAT WE WILL DO: MARBLES, HOPSCOTH, HOOPS, QUOITS, BUSHDANCING, BILLY CARTS, BILLY TEA, DAMPER, SONGS, SHOW & TELL, STORIES, ETC.

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

The Premier's Reading Challenge is an annual statewide event for students from Prep to Year 7. I have registered our school to take Part. The reading period is between 20 May and 5 September. Students will receive a reading log in their homework folder detailing information about the challenge. It will not mean extra homework. Students will simply have to write their home readers down to receive an award from our premier.

Handyman Needed

2 Billy carts need servicing. If you are able to help out, please phone the school.

ALLWelcome!!

All members of the Winfield community are welcome to join us at our History Day. Perhaps you have something to share; old artefacts, whip cracking, musical instrument, story telling, etc. Ring and let us know !!!!