From the Principal’s Pen

WINFIELD STATE SCHOOL’S COMBINED TEACHING, LEARNING AND DISCIPLINE AUDIT

Stewart Jones, Auditor, will visit Winfield next Thursday. Stewart will view our current four-year strategic plan, our Annual Implementation Plan, the Whole School Curriculum Plan, Assessment Plans, Data Target Plans, Professional Learning Plans, and Responsible Behaviour Plans for students as well as individual student relative gain graphs. To gain an understanding of details relating to the operation and strategic direction of our school, Stewart will interview staff members, students, our P&C President and may phone other parents. We will be provided with an audit profile documenting Commendations, Affirmations and Recommendations.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

A HUGE thank you to Heinz and Lorraine for making the beautiful stained-glass windows for our school. Following the removal of two air conditioners, two ghastly holes were left in our lovely school building. Thanks to the efforts of Lorraine and Heinz, we now have a turtle scene symbolising Baffle Creek and 2 lorikeets which reflect our lovely environment. As a way of saying thank you, we have organised an Art Showcase to firstly acknowledge their work as well as showcase the student’s writing and art. An invitation is included in this newsletter. Please join us for this event. It promises to be an exciting term!

Rob

DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 30th School Audit
- November 6th Art Showcase
- November 7th Principal’s Forum
- November 19th P&C Meeting
- November 28th Fame Theatre & Bundy Bowl Trip
- December 10th Awards Night
- Dec 12th Last Day
ART & WRITING SHOWCASE

Winfield State School Awards Night
Our annual Awards Night will be held on Wednesday 10th December. Please set aside this date in your calendar.

STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS
As part of the school’s responsible behaviour plan, Winfield students have the opportunity to be promoted through different levels as they continue to strive for excellence in learning and behaviour.

An Invitation
Please come to the unveiling of Lorraine & Heinz’s beautiful Stained Glass Windows & Winfield State School Student’s Art & Writing Showcase

When: Thursday 6th November
Where: Winfield State School
Time: 3:00pm
Lisla’s Narrative

I wake up to a charming sun shining through my curtains. It’s as beautiful as a red rose. I walk down the old, creaking staircase to the sounds of Mum and Nanna crying their hearts out. I ask, ‘What’s wrong?’ Mum replies, ‘Your sister is gone.’ I feel eaten from the inside. ‘I must find her’, I say, trembling with fear. ‘I’ll ask Otta-Wan’, I say to Mum. ‘I’ll set off today, in ten minutes.’ ‘I must evolve’ she replied. I told Mum I would grab some food and then be off faster than ever before. ‘Otta-Wan’, I say, ‘What do I do?. ‘Where do I go?’

to the end of the world and across the clouds

TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS NEXT, READ LISLA’S NARRATIVE AT OUR ART AND WRITING SHOWCASE

Charlie’s Narrative

I woke up to the sound of fierce scratching at the door. I opened the door to discover a male dragon standing there with a package. I went back inside and opened the package. Inside was a golden sword with a shining ruby in the handle. “This is where the portal is I guess.’ As I took a step closer, the portal lit up. I stepped in and felt very nauseous. As I arrived in the shadow realm, I could hear screams echoing around me. The Shadow Catcher’s swords were as sharp as a plasma cutter. Their leader had gold skin with purple armour. I saw his throne and beside it was Arisu, my sister, all tied up.

TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS NEXT, READ CHARLIE’S NARRATIVE AT OUR ART AND WRITING SHOWCASE

Roy’s Narrative

When I knew Arisu was missing, all I knew was I had to get her back. Then it hit me! I would turn into a dragon and rescue her from the despicable Shadow Catchers. When I asked Tomado for help, he simply replied that the Shadow catchers kingdom was a place of pure terror.

When Tomado and I left for the shadow kingdom, I was extremely frightened, even with Tomado with me. It was dark and screams echoed like the wind on the river but I didn’t give up. I was willing to rescue her even if it took my life.

TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS NEXT, READ ROY’S NARRATIVE AT OUR ART AND WRITING SHOWCASE

TROPHY DONATION

LOCAL RESIDENT, LIONEL RASMUSSEN HAS KINDLY DONATED A TROPHY TO BE INCLUDED IN OUR ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT. A BURSARY WILL BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE PRIZE. WE THANK LIONEL FOR THIS KIND GESTURE.

GRANDPARENT’S DAY

THIS SUNDAY IS GRANDPARENTS DAY!!

HAVE A LOVELY DAY AND SPOIL YOUR GRANDPARENTS
Bundy Bowl & Leisure

To celebrate a successful year and to thank the students for their excellent behaviour, an excursion has been organised to Bundy Bowl and Leisure Centre.

Teaching
Reading
Comprehension
Strategies

Reading comprehension is important because, without it, the student is not truly reading. Proficient readers actively engage with the text using a number of strategies to gain meaning from it. At Winfield, we teach these strategies to students. Research tells us that explicit teaching techniques are particularly effective for comprehension strategy instruction. Explicit teaching requires teachers to tell the readers what the strategies are, why and when they should use them, and how to apply them.

What Good Readers Do?

Before Reading

- Activate Prior Knowledge
- Predict / Make Inferences
- Question

During Reading

- Make Connections
- Visualise
- Make Inferences (Last Week)
- Question (This Week)
- Revise and adjust predictions

After reading

- Retell / summarise
- Synthesise
- Revisit Predictions
- Question
- Evaluate predictions

EACH WEEK AT WINFIELD, WE FOCUS ON A DIFFERENT STRATEGY

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