From the Principal’s Pen

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

Our school recently had a combined Teaching, Learning and Discipline Audit. The results have shown an improvement in all eight domains when compared to the previous Teaching and Learning audit in 2011. I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of staff, parents, students and community members who contributed to this excellent outcome. Thank you for continually supporting our school.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

I was recently sent the results of the 2014 School Opinion Survey. The School Opinion Survey is undertaken each year to obtain information from parents/caregivers, students and school staff to help schools identify what they do well, and how they can improve. I am happy to announce that parents and students responded with 100% support in every area.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

A HUGE thank to those who were able to attend the Art Showcase and to recognise and thank Heinz and Lorraine for making our beautiful stained glass windows. They wrote a lovely thank you note which I have included in this newsletter. An invitation is extended to all community members to join us at the Awards Night and Concert. Have a lovely Christmas spent with loved ones. Rob
Winfield State School Opinion Survey
Exceptional results were received from the 2014 School Opinion Survey.
It is excellent to know the education we provide is valued so highly. Thank you for your support!

An Invitation
Winfield State School
Awards Night and Concert

When: Wednesday 10th December
Where: Winfield State School
Time: 5:00pm

BBQ, Raffles, Carols, Concert & A special visit from Santa

ALL MEMBERS OF THE WINFIELD COMMUNITY ARE VERY WELCOME

Art Writing Showcase
A ‘THANK YOU’ NOTE FROM HEINZ & LORRAINE

To Rob, Kathy P&C and Students

Heinz and I were really thrilled at your response to the stained glass windows. We love the hamper and particularly the English and German touches as well as the ‘Heinz’ soup. It was a delight to have our artwork displayed alongside that of the very talented Winfield students. We are so lucky to be part of this great community.

Thank you
Lorraine & Heinz

The Hinkler Hall of Aviation is holding a FREE community event to celebrate the birthday of Bundaberg’s famous pioneer solo aviator, Bert Hinkler. Bert Hinkler’s Birthday

Sunday, December 7, 9am to 12noon at the Bundaberg Botanic Gardens

Dress 1920’s theme – prizes for best dressed, Pack a picnic, Jazz band ‘the Hinkler Hustlers’, Veteran Car Club Display, Kids activities (Kite making/flying and crafts), Face painting and balloons, Birthday cake to share For more information call 4130 4400 or visit the Hinkler Hall of Aviation on Facebook /HinklerAviation.

THANK YOU TO HANCOCK FARMS

A BIG THANK YOU TO HANCOCK FARMS FOR MOVING OUR SCHOOL SIGN. IT IS DEFINITELY MORE VISIBLE FACING SIDE ON. IT'S GREAT TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES.

Thank You

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE TALENTED RICHARD GORTER WHO IS TEACHING OUR STUDENTS GUITAR AND UKULELE
Bundy Bowl & Leisure

Our excursion to Fame Theatre and Bundy Bowl and Leisure Centre is this Friday. Please be at school by 8:20 am.

Please return permission slips asap!!!

Winfield State School Audit

Commendations:

- The Principal is working across a number of fronts to ensure the quality delivery of teaching and learning that is generating real improvements in student outcomes. This work has resulted in improvement in all eight domains when compared to the previous Teaching and Learning audit in 2011.
- There is an impressive range of classroom resources, for this small school setting. These resources are in direct alignment with the school’s improvement agenda.
- There is a significant focus on enhancing student engagement through the use of technology software and hardware resources. Devices such as iPads, laptops and desktops are supported by a suite of web-based learning packages including Mathletics, Literacy Planets and Reading Eggs.
- The Principal and school team are to be commended for establishing such a high level of engagement from a broad cross-section of the community. This engagement has been particularly fruitful in providing additional volunteers to support the reading program.
- The regular use of student performance data is being used to review and refine teaching and learning strategies. Students are very aware of their own data and are encouraged to set and pursue learning targets.
- There is a very strong and positive school tone, evidenced by interactions between staff members and students. These relationships provide the foundation for effective teaching and learning.
- The Principal employs a highly structured before-school routine that provides a settling influence that ensures students are ready to transition to the formal start of the school day.
- The school has a genuine open door policy for the community as shown by the many retired locals that support the school in a variety of ways.
- Parents and other community members frequently attend school functions and join to share in the acknowledgement of student performances. These interactions assist in raising the students’ perception of their own school and this is positively impacting on classroom behaviour.

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