From the Principal’s Pen

WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER WONDERFUL YEAR OF LEARNING

Welcome to the 2015 academic school year. I trust you all had an excellent summer holiday. The students are off to a great start and have settled back into a busy routine. A special welcome to Kyle Leyland who begins his educational journey in Prep this year.

RECENT WET WEATHER

We were fortunate to have escaped any real damage during the recent weather events. It was pleasing to see the communication channels open as I was able to quickly make contact with staff and parents.

ACADEMIC TRIATHLON

This year we will be joining our cluster schools in a series of academic triathlons. The first round of the Academic Triathlon will be held on the 2 April 2015 at Agnes Water State School. (Last day of term). The first round will be Mathematics. The session will consist of fast facts, mental computations, problem solving and general mathematics knowledge. Debating has been organised for next term.

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

The community flood recovery team in Bundaberg are organising a community fun day to be held at Winfield School during the school holidays. The day would have amusements for the family such as jumping castles, face painting, displays and activities. (Information attached.)

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 24 P&C Annual General Meeting
- March 31 School Captain (Brodie) Leader’s Lunch-eon with the Mayor.
- April 2 Academic Triathlon: Agnes Waters State School
- April 3 Good Friday. Term 1 concludes
- April 13 Community Fun Day
- April 20 School resumes for Term 2
- April 25 ANZAC DAY
- May 7 History Day / Colonial Show: Wartburg State School
Welcome Kyle
Welcome to our new prep student: Kyle Leyland. We hope you have a wonderful time at Winfield State School. Happy Birthday to You!

Annual Maintenance and Repairs
The following improvements will take place over the next few months: exterior painting of our classroom, removal of 2 old tanks to be replaced by a new poly tank, removal of old pavers, terracotta concreting to existing paved area, new fence panels and gates to front of school. These maintenance projects will keep our school in tip top condition.

Wacky Wednesday Wet and Wild Water Day
The students enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon in our mini water park. Thanks to Mrs Dreise for organising this ‘cool’ activity.

Red Cross Visit
Our school was fortunate enough to have had a visit by the Red Cross. Jaimee and her team delivered the very enjoyable and informative ‘Get Ready-Emergency Preparedness’ Program. The interactive workshop informed the students about preparing for emergencies.

Congratulations to the 2014 Recipients
To our talented students (the stars of the show)
Thank you for entertaining us at the end of year concert.
What a wonderful performance!

World Cooking Championship

TECHNOLOGY AND DESIGN
CHALLENGE: CONSTRUCT AN ALFOIL BOAT AND TEST ITS CAPACITY.
Smoking ban extended to 5m around school grounds from 1 January 2015

The use of cigarettes, other tobacco products and electronic cigarettes within five metres of school land will be banned from 1 January 2015. This applies before, during and after school hours, and on school holidays and weekends. The ban doesn’t extend over neighbouring residences or businesses.

A Message from Evie Adler

“I’m part of the flood recovery team here in Bundaberg. As part of our role, we try to ensure the community has events that allow members to connect with one another and gain and understand and awareness of natural disasters and how to ensure individuals are as prepared for these events as possible.

We would like to hold a Community Fun Day in Winfield during the school holidays with the aim of encouraging people to come along and have access to this information.

The day would have amusements for the families such as jumping castles and face painting as well as a community services display, disaster preparedness information, mental health and wellbeing displays and activities (such as massage, yoga etc.)”

Following the recent election and subsequent change of government, The Department of Education, Training and Employment will now be The Department of Education and Training.

Winfield students will visit Wartburg to take part in a whole day interactive History show. The show is through Iconic Performances. The show will be on 7th May, 2015 – 9:30 – 2:30pm. Parents are invited to attend. There is a cost of $19/student which will be funded by the school.

The COLONIAL SHOW school incursion is a complete interactive educational show that allows children to experience what life was like back in the Colonial Times, during the Colonisation of Australia. With authentic equipment, real-life anecdotes, songs and events from the past, the Colonial Show is not only a must for all students learning about Australia History, it is a must - see performance based on the audience interactive entertainment component that just completes the learning outcomes of this unit for teachers. The whole day event is a perfect performance and resource which gives students an opportunity to interact with characters and experience life in Sydney Town in the early Colony of New South

Term Dates for 2015

Term 1: January 27—April 2

Term 2: April 20—June 26

Term 3: July 13—September 18

Term 4: October 6—December 11