FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Yesterday we had an interesting and enjoyable presentation from SU Qld. Every year young people from the Sunshine Coast do a tour of this region and present a puppet show and play about Christmas.

Testing for reports will be over this week, then it is practice for our awards/concert night next week. Students still need to be practicing their play as this will be presented on the night, along with our Australian songs learnt last term, some Christmas songs and some boomwhacker tunes.

Don’t forget to sell the tickets and also to donate an item for our grocery hamper, which is one of the prizes with our multi-draw raffle. We will be spending the last day at school. Even though this is the last day for the year, students are still required to attend. There will be lots of activities planned, such as water fun activities (bring togs and towel), Christmas craft and a movie.

 Regards

Judy Angel

SECRET SANTA
The students will be having Secret Santa this year and the guidelines are as below:
Names will be drawn out of a hat.
One Gift to the value of $10 maximum.
Students need to leave 3 clues (not obvious) as to who they are.
If you do not wish your child to participate, please let the school know as soon as possible.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Student of the Week has been awarded to .

Our school rule awards are:
- Respect –
- Being Safe –

SIGHT WORDS CERTIFICATES

P&C MEETING
The date for AGM: 6 February, 2017 at 6.00pm.

DONATION OF ASSETS
Last week we received a generous donation of assets from Origin Energy. Among the assets were filing cabinets, desks, chairs, whiteboard, pie warmers and a projector screen. We will be allocating these to various
rooms, with the rest to be offered for expression of interest. This will be early in 2017.

**TENNIS**

Any outstanding debts for Tennis need to be paid as soon as possible.

We can offer a payment plan for those who are finding it difficult to pay.

Due to the amount of bad debts, it was decided at the P&C meeting that next year, payment will be required **BEFORE** students start tennis lessons. This does not mean that any outstanding fees will be written off. Tennis for your child/ren will not commence until fees are paid.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

School banking is again on Tuesdays this year. Please ensure the bank books are at the school on this day.

**PREP ENROLMENTS**

Warra State School is now taking enrolments for Prep 2017. If your child turns 5 by June 30th, 2017, they are eligible to commence Prep next year.

If your child is born between 1st July 2011 and 30th June 2012, please drop into our office to collect an enrolment pack. Also, please contact the school for an interview time. Enrolment forms need to be completed and given to the school plus the interview needs to be conducted **BEFORE** your child can commence Prep.

**ATTENDANCE**

Let’s work on attendance this term. The target for attendance in our school priorities as mentioned above, is > 96% (greater than 96%). Unfortunately our attendance rate is at 94% at the moment. Remember, every day does count. We did not meet our target for this term, but overall for the Semester, our attendance rate was 96.4%.

**EVERY DAY COUNTS**

Parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year.

Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.


**ACCESS TO SCHOOL GROUNDS**

If you see anyone on school grounds after hours or on the weekends, please ring the School Watch number – 13 17 88 or the police - 000.

**RESPECT OUR STAFF, RESPECT OUR SCHOOL**

Being intimidated or harassed at work is not part of our job. The department has launched a new campaign to raise awareness that violent or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated in Queensland state schools [http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/respectourstaff/index.html](http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/respectourstaff/index.html)

Violent or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated at this school. It's not just a courtesy, it's the law. Visit the website for more information.

**BRING HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER AND BRING FRENCH CULTURE TO LIFE!**

Why not volunteer to host an international student from France next year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our High schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. All the French students are around 15 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses and we arrange all aspects of their program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term. It’s fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you’d like to know more, please email your interest to Rob at Inter Cultural Management on rob.lindsay@icm-education.com.au

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EARNING THE RIGHT

By Michael Grose

Earning the right and not assuming a sense of entitlement is a life lesson parents, teachers and coaches must instil in children.

On talk-back radio recently I heard a caller tell a timely story about how as a child she was lucky enough to receive riding lessons from a renowned horse expert. He had one condition. She had to earn the right to be taught to ride a horse. That meant she had to muck out the stables; brush and feed the horse; look after the gear and do everything else required to look after a horse. Only when she'd proved herself could she earn the right to ride a horse under his tutelage.

This caller said this powerful lesson shaped her entire life. It taught that there were no entitlements in life; to work hard and value her achievements. She never took anything for granted.

Contrast this with the extraordinary sense of entitlement of Australian tennis players Nick Kyrgios and Bernard Tomic who routinely treat the public, players and the game that serves them well, with utter disdain. Their attitude of entitlement is mind-boggling, not to say embarrassing to reasonable-minded, hard-working people.

Our kids should earn the right

The talk-back caller's earning the right story is a fabulous lesson for all parents and teachers. If we want to raise a generation to appreciate what they have, then we shouldn't give children or young people everything on a platter. In an era of small families, child pester power and relative affluence it's tempting to simply give kids what they want.

"Dad, can I have a...?"

"Sure!"

The Rolling Stones were right four decades ago when they sang, "You can't always get what you want!" Those words form a great child-rearing lesson. That is, just because you can provide something for your kids, doesn’t mean that you do.

They need to earn the right to have something by saving, working for or simply waiting until they are old enough to appreciate it.

Similarly, kids don’t automatically have a right to greater freedoms such as going out at night; those rights need to be earned by proving they are trustworthy.

Also, kids who think they are entitled to use a part of the house such as a living room without cleaning up mess are acting with a false sense of entitlement.

In fact, there are no entitlements, only rights. And rights are earned by being responsible.

A child has a right to use the living room but they also have a responsibility to clean up a rather than leave it a pigsty. A night banished to their room is a reminder that spending time in the living room is not an entitlement. It’s a right that comes with conditions.
**Jingle all the way to the Library**

Tis the season to get crafty! Join Santa's helpers and get your hands on some fun Christmas activities at Western Downs Libraries these school holidays.

*Bookings are essential, so contact your library to secure your child's spot!*

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**Chinchilla** (bookings essential)

- **Wednesday 14 December, 10.30–11.30am**
  - Decorations (5+)
- **Wednesday 14 December, 2.30–3.30pm**
  - Decorations (12+)
- **Thursday 15 December, 2.30pm–3.30pm**
  - Gift-making (5+)
- **Wednesday 21 December, 10.30–11.30am**
  - Decorations (5+)
- **Wednesday 21 December, 2.30–3.30pm**
  - Decorations (12+)
- **Thursday 22 December, 2.30–3.30pm**
  - Gift-making (5+)

Don't forget our Storytime sessions will continue throughout the holidays!

- **Bubs (0-12months)** – Tuesday, 9am
- **Toddlers (1-3yrs)** – Friday, 10.15am
- **Kids (3-5yrs)** – Tuesday, 10.30am

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**Dalby** (bookings essential)

- **Monday 12 December, 2.30–3.30pm**
  - Xmas Trees and Scratch It Cards (7+)
- **Tuesday 13 December, 2.30–3.30pm**
  - Maker Space (5+)
- **Thursday 15 December, 10.30–11.30am**
  - Biscuit Icing (7+)

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**Gallery 107 @ Dalby** (bookings essential)

- **Monday 12 December, 10.30–11.30am**
  - Christmas Decorations (5+)
- **Tuesday 13 December, 10.00–11.30am**
  - Christmas Baubles (8+)*
- **Thursday 15 December, 2.30–3.30pm**
  - Pop Up Christmas Cards (5+)

*Please note: a fee of $5 per person is required for this Gallery activity.

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**Jandowae** (no need to book)

A make-and-take table will be available all holidays during opening hours. Call in any time. Check out Storytime, Wednesday 14 December at 10am!