FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back for Term 3.

A big thank you to Ms Siddins for organising our school Sports Day on the last Thursday of Term 2. It was great to see everyone participating.

Also, thank you to the parents, grandparents, relatives and friends who came to our Movie Premiere on the last day of term. Your support is very much appreciated.

As mentioned in the newsletter before the holidays, this term will include the following curriculum and activities:

Maths: Two 5 week units – covering the maths strands of number, patterns and algebra, fractions and decimals, time and location and transformations.

English will cover recounts, autobiographies and biographies; stories, traditional stories and literary texts.

Science: Weather, Earth and Space.

SOSE: Focussing on the Olympics

The Arts (Media) will be combined with Technology and we hope to produce our own class magazine by the end of the term.

Next week we have our shade sail being erected over the small playground. The money for this was kindly donated by Peabody Wilkie Creek Coal Mine.

Our Small Schools Sports Carnival is on the Wednesday after that, with more information following further on in the newsletter.

I have been informed that Warra SS Teaching and Learning Audit will be held on the 8th August. We will be discussing this at the P & C meeting on the 23rd July.

Another thing happening this term is a Quadrennial School Review, which will require input from our school community and more information will be out after our P & C meeting.

A big thank you to all parents who were understanding in the implementation of the Australian Curriculum across English, Maths and Science. With the support of parents and the community, a small school Principal’s job is made a lot easier.

Judy Angel

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Student of the Week has been awarded to Cody Perkins.

Our school rule awards are:
- Respect for Yourself – Jacque Cox
- Respect for Other Students and Staff – Annabelle Taylor
- Respect for School Property – George Hayward

Congratulations to Cody, Jacque, Annabelle and George on receiving their awards.

P&C

The next general meeting will be held on Monday 23 July at 8.45am. Please note the date change.

SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS

On Wednesday 25 July 2012, it is our small schools cluster Athletics Day.

Venue: Chinchilla State High School
Time: 8:45 am – 2:30 pm
Chief Judge: Lachlan McKensey
Program: Organised by Burra Burri State School

Your own transport is required for this sports day. We should receive more information about this next week, with the order of events and tuckshop.

TUCKSHOP

There will be no tuckshop this Friday, due to excursions happening this week. Tuckshop will resume as normal, as per timetable given out.

TENNIS

Tennis will commence next week. The students will have 9 lessons; due to our small schools cluster Athletics Day occurring on Wednesday, 25th July.

BOOK CLUB

Order forms for Issue 5 are attached. Please return orders with payment by Monday 23 July.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

As well as the Woolworth’s Earn and Learn program, we are participating in the Coles Sports for Schools. Please bring your vouchers in. We have received quite a few already. This concludes on the 14 August, so happy shopping!

Another thank you is going out to the Perkins family who brought in a huge amount of Woolworth’s cards. This is very much appreciated by all and will benefit the school greatly.
The following flood-related roadworks are in progress in the Darling Downs Region

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WARREGO HIGHWAY RECONSTRUCTION WORKS
Within the Darling Downs works on the Warrego Highway are progressing well at the Macalister to Warra and Drillham to Dulacca sites. Due to wet weather delays, work on the Macalister to Warra project is now expected to be completed by early 2013.

The pavement rehabilitation over 18.5 km west of Dalby on the Yaralla Deviation is expected to begin in the week commencing 16 July, weather permitting.

These works will involve a detour via Dalby-Kogan Road and the Old Warrego Highway, with minimal delays anticipated. Maintenance work will occur on the detour prior to the project starting on the Warrego Highway.

Work including road reconstruction and asphalt overlay is due to begin on 16 July 2012 on the Warrego Highway between Helidon and Withcott, in the Metropolitan Region to our east. For these works a temporary asphalt plant will be established on Roches Road, Withcott.

The plant will operate from Monday to Friday between 6 am and 6 pm, with occasional night and weekend works. There will be an increase in the number of vehicles using this intersection on the Warrego Highway.

A contra-flow system will operate during the work on the Warrego Highway, enabling traffic to flow via single lanes on opposite sides of the carriageway. This will involve reduced speed limits, which will add to travel time between Helidon and Withcott, but will avoid the need for longer delays if traffic were under stop-go arrangements.

The maintenance activities, rescaling and strengthening of the pavement between Jackson and Roma in the South West Region are also progressing well and are expected to finish by the end of 2012.

If you require further information about flood-related roadworks in the Darling Downs Region, please contact the Reconstruction Communications Team by email: reconstruct_darlingdowns@tmr.qld.gov.au or free call 1800 063 397 (during business hours).

Regards,
Tony Platz
Regional Director (Darling Downs)

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS – DRIVING LOCAL DECISION MAKING AND INNOVATION
As you may be aware, the Minister for Education, Training and Employment recently announced the Queensland Government’s Independent Public Schools initiative. This initiative aims to increase autonomy in decision making, cut red tape and remove layers of management to improve outcomes for students.
All Queensland state schools have been invited to apply to become one of the first 30 Independent Public Schools to commence in 2013.

Key features of the Independent Public Schools initiative will include:

- enhanced local governance
- opportunities for innovation
- locally tailored workforce
- increased financial flexibility.

The expression of interest process is open to all Queensland state schools, with interested schools required to submit a short written application.

To become an Independent Public School, a school council must already exist, or there must be an explicit commitment to establish one and schools are required to demonstrate they have the support of their school community in submitting an application. If you would like to know more information about the Independent Public Schools initiative visit the website www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/independent-public-schools

COMMUNITY NOTICES
Markets will be held at the Warra Memorial Hall this Saturday 14 July from 8am.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Maclagan Windermere Kindergarten

Annual Cent Sale.

When: Saturday 6th October 2012
Where: Maclagan Hall
For more information contact:
Leisa 0428 634702

DALBY STATE HIGH SCHOOL
BUNYA CAMPUS
463 Bunya Highway Dalby QLD 4405

OPEN DAY SUNDAY 5TH AUGUST 2012
FROM 10:30AM

Join us for a tour of the Residential Campus and view the facilities upgrades. Hear about the vision for a dual-campus Dalby SHS and the academic and vocational education opportunities available to both local and geographically-isolated students.

BBQ lunch will be provided