FROM THE PRINCIPAL
The week past has been a very busy one, jam packed full of great learning activities and other events. As mentioned in last week’s newsletter I did not attend the Principal’s Conference due to our Curriculum Audit, which occurred today. The summary of our audit will be discussed at our P&C meeting on the 27th August, to coincide with QSR discussion. This will also be published on our website.

The students set goals every week, as do I and my goal, which is longer term, encompasses explicit instruction. I will be working on the 16 elements of Explicit Instruction:

1. Focus instruction on critical content.
2. Sequence skills logically.
3. Break down complex skills and strategies into smaller instructional units.
4. Design organized and focused lessons.
5. Begin lessons with a clear statement of the lesson goals and your expectations.
6. Review prior skills and knowledge before beginning instruction.
8. Use clear and concise language.
9. Provide an adequate range of examples and non-examples.
10. Provide guided and supported practice.
13. Provide immediate affirmative and corrective feedback.
14. Deliver the lesson at a brisk pace.
15. Help students organize knowledge.
16. Provide distributed and cumulative practice.

This will not only benefit my development as a teacher (even though I have been teaching for 25 years – we can all still learn!), but your children as learners.

Judy Angel

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

Our school rule awards are:
- Respect for Yourself – Annabelle Taylor
- Respect for Other Students and Staff – Cody Perkins

Congratulations to Kati, Annabelle and Cody on receiving their awards.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEYS
The School Opinion Surveys (Parent/Caregiver, Student, Staff and Principal Surveys) will occur in the week beginning 13 August 2012 (next week).

We ask that you return the surveys either by the 17 August or the 20 August.

Each year, Education Queensland undertakes a survey of parents/caregivers, students and staff to gauge their satisfaction with important aspects of schooling. You have been selected to participate in this survey, and I hope you will take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire either online or using the paper form provided.

Later in the year, the school will receive a report outlining the results of the survey for our school. The results will help the school to evaluate and to reflect on how well the school is going, and to identify areas for future development. The survey results are also an important part of the school's annual report. For these reasons, I hope you will complete the questionnaire and help make the school a better place for your child(ren).

Your response is completely confidential. When you complete the paper form, the confidentiality envelope will remain sealed and forwarded to an external contractor where your responses will be scanned and the school’s data forwarded to the central office of the Department of Education, Training and Employment for analysis. The information that you provide will not be reported in ways that would allow you to be identified.

The barcode on your survey or the online access details have not been assigned to you individually. The barcode or online access details are only used to ensure that forms are distributed to the correct school and to allow the information to be analysed for the school.

Please complete the online survey or seal your completed questionnaire in the envelope provided and return it to the school by 17/20 August Alternatively the survey can be sent directly to the external scanning contractor using the below reply paid address:

Salmat
C/- Manager
REPLY PAID 85396
62 Sandstone Place
PARKINSON QLD 4115

If you have any questions or concerns about the survey, please contact Judy Angel, Principal. Thank you in advance for your participation in the survey.

BER (LIBRARY OPENING)
I have nominated 3 days for our opening of our new library – 6 Sept; 14 Sept and 21 Sept. I have not received any confirmation of one of the above dates.

BOOK CLUB
Please return orders with payment by Monday 20 August.
P&C
The P&C is holding a family film night at the Warra Memorial Hall on Saturday 1 September. All families and members of the community are invited to come along - bring a comfy cushion and blanket and enjoy a night at the movies. Sausage sizzle, popcorn, drinks and lollies available. Further details are attached.

The P&C is also raffling a signed and framed Broncos Jersey. Your assistance in selling tickets would be appreciated and a book of tickets has been issued to each family. Further books of tickets are available from the office.

The next general meeting will be held on Monday 27th August.

WOOLWORTH’S EARN AND LEARN
Woolworth’s Earn and Learn program has been extended to the 12th August. We still have plenty of cards if you need them.

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!

TENNIS FEES
Just a reminder that some tennis fees are still outstanding.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, Canada and the U.S.A. will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaugt@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

COMMUNITY NOTICES
Markets will be held at the Warra Memorial Hall this Saturday 11 August from 8am to 12 noon.

Warra races are also being held this Saturday. The 5 race program starts at 12.30pm.

The Dalby Choral Festival is featuring a concert at Jimbour House on Sunday 23 September from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. Bring your chair, hat and sunscreen. $10 adults/children free (includes afternoon tea). Tickets available at the gate or FSD Pharmacy.

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DARLING DOWNS FLOOD RELATED ROADWORKS
Reconstruction works have begun on the Warrego Highway, west of Dalby, over the 18.5km section known as the Yaralla Deviation. Westbound traffic will be detoured via Dalby-Kogan Road and the Old Warrego Highway. Vehicles travelling east will remain on the highway with reduced speed limits during the roadworks.

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South West Region:

| Warrego Highway | Jackson-Roma | Reconstruction at various locations over a 90km section | Up to 20 minutes | Early 2013 |

Education and Training information now live on Queensland Government website

Information about the state’s education and training services has now been added to the revamped Queensland Government website. The website is a ‘one-stop shop’ making it easier to find information about Queensland Government services.

While our existing school and TAFE websites will continue to provide individual and specific content, the Queensland Government website provides a single access point for broader education and training information.

Research has been undertaken to find out what information Queenslanders need most and how to provide that information in a way that it is easier for people to understand and use.