FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Another great week full of learning!

Unfortunately, our dance instructor could not attend last week, but she will be here tomorrow! This unit on dance is through the Activated Group, who have fully qualified dance instructors.

The students participated in a talk on Monday by Qld Rail, regarding rail safety. The presenter was impressed at how much the students knew on safety and different aspects of the railway.

Tennis started today and all the students were keen to see Steve Farrell, our tennis coach. This will continue up to and including the last Wednesday of the term.

Swimming will commence in Week 5 (Nov 5) and students will be travelling to the pool on Monday mornings.

School Photos date is yet to be confirmed, so will let you know when it is decided on.

Don’t forget that Monday 22nd October is a Pupil Free Day – the only one we now have during the year which is held during the school term. Students do not attend school on this day.

Judy Angel

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Student of the Week has been awarded to Hayden Taylor.

Our school rule awards are:
- Respect for Yourself – George Hayward
- Respect for Other Students and Staff – Kati Wright.

Congratulations to Hayden, Kati and George on receiving their awards.

P&C

The next P&C meeting is on the 3 December, at 8.45 am.

At the P&C meeting discussion ensued around:
- My school shop
- A mango drive – will order from Bowenville’s drive
- QCPCA has changed their name to P&C Qld
- Due to our numbers, we will combine with Brigalow for fundraising in 2013

Principal’s Report

*Curriculum information – English – poetry, then narratives; Maths – 5 week units; Science – Physics and Forces; SOSE & The Arts – Dance; Technology – combined with Science and The Arts.
*Rail safety visit today
*Small Schools Country Swim team trials – 21 November
*Cluster meeting – 15th November – Monogorilby
*No Principal’s meeting this term
*Work at school – louvres replaced in office, staffroom, and aides room
*BER Opening – 6 Dec
*Advertise in Chinchilla newspaper
*End of Year Awards Night – 13 Dec
*Tennis – will go ahead for 2013
*Jump Rope for Heart – 2013

NAPLAN

Our school has achieved the national minimum standards with Yr 3, 5, 7 NAPLAN testing. Individual reports were sent home with students who sat the tests before the spring break.

TUCKSHOP

This Friday will be sausages on bread.

BER (LIBRARY OPENING)

Our library opening will go ahead in Term 4 on Thursday 6th December at 11.00am. All are welcome to attend. I have invited our other schools in the cluster and so far Brigalow and Kogan are keen to attend. We will be organising curriculum/sport rotations, plus have morning tea and lunch catered for by the P&C. More information to come!

PREP ENROLMENTS

Warra State School is now taking enrolments for Prep 2013. If your child turns 5 by June 30th, 2013, they are eligible to commence prep next year.

If your child is born between 1st July 2007 and 30th June 2008, please drop into our office to collect an enrolment pack. Please contact the school for an interview time.

DAY FOR DANIEL

On Friday 26 October, we will be showing our support during the National Day of Action being held by the Daniel Morcombe Foundation which promotes children’s personal safety.

We ask that students wear a red T Shirt for this occasion and we will have something red for morning tea (red drink, watermelon, etc).

BOOK CLUB

Please return order forms with payment by Thursday 18 October. (tomorrow)
DEPARTMENT OF MAIN ROADS FLOOD REPAIR REPORT

Macalister-Warra
All of the shoulder widening has been completed on this 13km section, with works continuing on the installation of culverts. Good progress has been made with resealing this section. Six kilometres of full-width resealing has been completed. Works are expected to be finished by early 2013.

Harvest and Excess Dimension Vehicles
As the harvest season draws near, TMR recently provided an update on reconstruction works across the Darling Downs and South West regions. Attached are the maps of current work sites provided with this update.

Due to the high volume of roadworks in the region, oversized vehicle operators are reminded to check the Conditions of Operation Database (www.tmr.qld.gov.au; search for ‘Conditions of Operation Database’) and the 13 19 40 website (www.131940.qld.gov.au) to make travel arrangements before starting their journey.

Contractors working on the Warrego Highway between Dalby and Macalister (Yaralla Deviation) need to be notified at least 48 hours before arrival, and on the day of arrival, to enable them to manage wide loads on the detour westbound (via Dalby-Kogan Road and the Old Warrego Highway) and eastbound on the Warrego Highway (Yaralla Deviation) where they are working.

Contractors working on the Warrego Highway between Helidon and Withcott also require notice at least 48 hours before arrival, and on the day of arrival, so the wide load can be managed on arrival. For assistance with permits in the Darling Downs Region call 4661 6356 or, in the Metropolitan Region, call 3066 5511.

For information about flood-related roadworks in the South West Region, contact the team by email: reconstruct_southwest@tmr.qld.gov.au or by free call 1800 177 641 (during business hours).

Weather conditions are an important factor for all roadworks. We will keep you informed if there are weather-related delays.

Regards,
Tony Platz
Regional Director (Darling Downs)

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| Metropolitan Region |
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| Warrego Highway | Helidon-Withcott | Reconstruction over a 8km section | Contra-flow arrangements | Early 2013 |
| Warrego Highway | Seminary Road | Embankment works near the intersection with Seminary Road | Reduced to one lane | Late 2012 |
| Warrego Highway | Helidon Overpass | Reconstruction of embankment and associated works | Reduced to one lane | November 2012 |

| South West Region |
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| Warrego Highway | Jackson-Roma | Reconstruction at various locations over a 90km section | Up to 20 minutes | 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 by free call 1800 063 397 (during business hours).

For information about flood-related roadworks in the Metropolitan Region, contact the team by email: reconstruct_metropolitan@tmr.qld.gov.au or by free call 1800 063 397 (during business hours).

SUN SAFETY IN OUR SCHOOL
Sun safety is important for our school because our students are here during peak times for ultraviolet radiation (UVR), which is 10 am to 3 pm. Cancer Council Queensland says childhood sun exposure contributes significantly to a person’s risk of developing skin cancer in their lifetime, so our school encourages sun safe behaviours.

Wearing wide brim hats, sun protective clothing, sunscreen and keeping in the shade as much as possible are good habits to get into and we encourage parents and staff to set a good example for our students.

Parents and guardians can check out Cancer Council Queensland’s website (http://www.cancerqld.org.au/page/prevention/skin_cancer) for more information on being SunSmart.

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Arrow Energy has opened a new Community Information Centre at 42 Cunningham St (next to Hedges sports store). This new and purposely designed centre will provide information to the public on the CSG industry and in particular Arrow Energy’s activities.

On behalf of the local community team I invite you and your students to call into the centre, share a cup of tea, and browse the information that is on hand.

Regards,
Sally
Community Information Centre Receptionist
THANKS TO THE TUCKSHOP TEAM!
Tuckshop Day is on Friday 2 November and our school gives a big thank you to all of our tuckshop volunteers who have put in a great effort this year.

The role of our tuckshop and the people who provide nutritious food and drinks for students and staff is very important to our school community. I hope our tuckshop helpers feel their contribution has been appreciated by the students and the school.

The volunteers who put their hands up to help out have been wonderful and it is great to have them involved in the school’s daily operations.

Thank you all!

NO TEACHER STRIKES
Parents and teachers should be aware that there will be no teacher strikes despite some confusion surrounding a recent media report.

The Department of Education, Training and Employment and the Queensland Teachers’ Union (QTU) recently reached in-principle agreement for a replacement state school teachers’ certified agreement.

As a result of this agreement, all industrial action planned by the QTU has been suspended.

This means that it’s business as usual for our school.

Our school will keep all parents and carers informed should more information come to light which may affect the education of our students.

QUOTE OF THE DAY
“Accept the things you cannot change, change the things you can and have the wisdom to know the difference.”

COMMUNITY NOTICES
Markets will be held at the Warra Memorial Hall on Saturday 10 November from 8am to 12 noon.

YOU ARE INVITED TO
WARRA STATE SCHOOL’S OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW LIBRARY
DATE: 6 December 2012
TIME: 11.00 am
OPENED BY: Senator John Hogg
Please join us afterwards for morning tea

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