
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Audits – Last Monday and Tuesday we had two external Principals visit our school to complete a school audit around curriculum and discipline. The feedback we received was extremely positive. Special mention was made about how our student performed in the classroom as well as how well they could explain what they were learning. The auditors also were very impressed with the depth of professional knowledge and experience our staff displayed during the audit. What really great feedback for our school.

Congratulations to Kyidan Vea Vea and Tanika Hockings, Kyidan placed 1st in High Jump, Tanika competed in the 800m race and placed 1st and both are now going on to represent Rockhampton in Emerald on the 18th August 2014 in their respective events.

The school disco on Friday night was a great success; all students had a great time, as did the parents. Lots of people came in the pjama theme, music was great and once again the food was well received. Thank you to everyone for supporting their children and the school in this great social event.

LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS

A credit of $10 per student has been placed on the students account for those that paid and participated in term 1 swimming. A refund will not be available; this credit will be applied for future payments.

A pre-recorded voice mail message is now available for student absences. Phone 49317860 and leave the students name, class, date/s and reason for absence. Student absence records will be updated from these messages.

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ROS ZISCHKE – BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER

Crackin’ Curriculum Catch Up

Yes, we are. We can now add the Science Program to the list of completed whole school curriculum programs. What fantastic progress!!

Teachers are implementing the Geography program this term and feedback is positive. I have seen Chris Volker engaging her students in the year 6 inquiry task and Leah McGrath has found planning much smoother being able to refer to the school program. I will be catching up with other teachers in the coming weeks.

History and Science professional development for teachers will occur in the coming weeks.

My next major task is to review the current Mathematics program and update it. I am pleased to say I am on the right track and the program is coming along nicely.
CONGRATULATIONS to the winner of the Crackin’ Curriculum Challenge – Kate Preston (Prep A).

ATTENTION STUDENTS - Don’t forget to check out the Crackin’ Curriculum Challenge at the end of the newsletter. If more than one WSS student in your family wants to enter, write it on a separate piece of paper of similar size with your name and class. Answers are due next Wednesday morning in the office by 8:45am. No late entries accepted. Post your answers in the appropriate entry box. Winners will be drawn at random but it must have your name and class completed and the correct answer of course! Good luck!!!

Miss Tracey Vine
Head of Curriculum

Regular school attendance
Parents and caregivers must send children to school every school day under Queensland law unless there is an acceptable reason such as:

- Illness
- Doing work experience
- Competing in school sporting events.

If your child is going to be absent from school you must let the school know why the absence has occurred within two school days of their return. If possible, it is best to advise the school beforehand.

Phone on 49317860
Avoid keeping your child away from school for reasons such as:

- Birthdays
- Shopping
- Visiting family and friends

If they sleep in
Looking after other children
Minor check-ups or care, such as haircuts.

Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

Establishing good routines around school can assist with regular school attendance.

These include:

- Have a set time to go to bed.
- Have a set time to get out of bed.
- Have uniform, lunch and school bag ready the night before.
- Have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast.
- Have a set time for daily homework activities.
- Set a time for school positively.
- Send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term.

If you are experiencing difficulty in sending your child to school, contact the school for advice and support.

DI KAHL – ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Focus on Learning and Respect for Self & Others
This week we are focussing on Book Work. All students will be revisiting the expectations around presenting their work. Ensuring all pages are set-out neatly and all work is the best they can do. Students must have necessary equipment for bookwork, sharpened pencils, appropriate clean ruler and an eraser. Please check your child has everything they need.

Next week we will be focusing on toilet hygiene. We will be discussing showing respect when door is shut; no food; appropriate volume/no screaming; appropriate amount of toilet paper; washing hands; using soap correctly.
At 11 p.m. on August 4, 1914, Britain declared war after Germany's forces invaded Belgium. Last Monday was the launch of the World War 1 Centenary celebrations at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra which will run for four years. Commemorating the war, students from Waraburra State School have joined with other students from around Australia to work with the ABC and Google to create an audio installation reading through the names of those on the Honour Roll.

Some of these students have written about their experiences ...

On the 16th of June I got a letter to take home. I had a read through and when I had finished I had a huge smile on my face. I was so excited. On the 15th of June I got picked up at 1.30 p.m. in the afternoon to go to the ABC studios. When I got there I sat and waited. We all said our names and I went red as a tomato. I was glad to do it and I will keep this memory locked up. Sydney 5

On the 19th of June 19 other people and myself went to the ABC radio network in Rockhampton. I was a little bit shy. When I got there only two other people were there. So off we go. I started to say the names of the soldiers but I blanked out a little bit. It was a good opportunity for me because I wanted to know more about the ANZACs. We had to stay in the same room at the studio. The names that I had to read were... Fredrick Charles Gordon age unknown; Henry John Williams age 24; Bertie Lawrence Prater age 36; Reginald Norman Waite age 26. Case y 5

On the 19th of June I got the opportunity to go to the ABC Capricornia Centre with ten other people. It was a great experience for me to go and record the names of the World War 1 soldiers at the radio centre. Gracie 5

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