Principal's News

Principal Update
This week we welcome back Mrs Melissa Graham, who is returning from leave. She will attend the Principals’ meetings in Roma this week and will be back in the Principal role at school from next week. I am pleased that Regional Office have advised that I can continue to provide support at Wallumbilla until the end of the term as a transitional strategy.

Football Results
Last Saturday our students competed in the Grand Final of the Under 12 Schoolboys Rugby League competition. They were playing against St Johns/Injune and all team members played well and displayed admirable team skills. It was unfortunate that they were defeated by such a small margin in the last 10 minutes, but I am sure that it created a very worthy level of Final fever. Well done to all of our Wallumbilla players on reaching this milestone.

Under 8's footballers also played their final match for the season as an exhibition game, which enabled our students to demonstrate their skills and commitment. Great improvement has been shown throughout the year and I am sure that this will set them up for success in the coming year. Under 14 players also concluded their football year with a game player with Roma State College on Saturday. All of our footballers’ efforts reflected well on each individual as well as our school.

2017 Football Update
A meeting was held last night at Wallumbilla State School with a large number of community representatives attending from Surat, Yuleba and Wallumbilla. The intention was to discuss possible options for 2017 junior football competition. There were very positive contributions from all and a firm commitment made to ensure that our young people would be included in Roma and District competition from 2017. An Expression of Interest will be included in coming newsletters and we anticipate that we will be able to form a QRL endorsed Junior Football Club. The suggestion was made also that we consider student involvement in the choice of this proposed football club. It was heartening to see the energy and enthusiasm being displayed by parents/community members with regards to “stepping up” to be part of this new process.

Year 10 Subject Selection
Last week year 10 students were given invitations to attend the Subject Selection evening timetabled for Tuesday 23rd August 2016. Any year 10 students who are intending to enrol at the Roma State College are especially encouraged to attend this evening which will commence at 7.00pm at Jubilee Hall in Roma and will also host subject display stalls.

School Values
This week on parade I spoke to students about being able to demonstrate their commitment to learning by identifying their learning goals. I spoke of the need to then “backward” map these desired outcomes with planning and organisation of the necessary steps to achieve these goals. I emphasised that the successful use of their student diaries is one way that this can be undertaken. I encourage parents to periodically ask to see student books and to be able to review work undertaken, as well as commend your children for the efforts at school. Each week, I endeavour to collect 2 books from each class to read and provide feedback on successes/opportunities to improve for educational progress.

Curriculum Plan
Our HOD (Curriculum) has being undertaking the compilation of our Whole School Curriculum Plan. This document contains all of the year levels and the units being undertaken against each of the Key Learning Areas. A copy of this document will be uploaded to our school’s website. Hard copies will be made available to interested parents and can be viewed/collected from the school office. Thank you to Mrs Geanine Richardson for her hard work in compiling this document. It will be reviewed again in Term 4 in readiness for the 2017 school year.

School Grounds
On parade this week, I have reminded students that they should not be in the school grounds over the weekend. Any request to use school facilities out-of-hours requires Principal approval, and obviously students in the school grounds for any pre-approved purpose require adult supervision as a requisite duty of care consideration.

Instrumental Music
No lessons will be held by Rikki Bensley this week as she attends the DDSW Advanced Primary Music camp.

Semester Planner
Please find attached a draft of activities that we have pencilled into our semester planner from now until the end of the year. Please note that details may change and we will endeavour to share any changes as soon as we know.

Year 10 Jerseys
Our recent order for the year 9/10 jerseys has arrived and it is very pleasing to see both Year 10 students and staff wearing
the very distinctive navy blue jerseys. For the Year 9 students who have ordered a jersey, they will be given out later and then able to worn next year. The rationale behind ordering earlier than required was to enable a competitive price to be obtained with the bulk order. A reminder to all students that the hood is to be worn down at school.

Enjoy your week
Regards
Julie

Wallumbilla SS 2016 Improvement Priorities:
Strong Curriculum and Pedagogy
Coaching and Feedback
Literacy and Numeracy

Students of the Week: Dallas Price, Liam Clifford, Jake Williams, Lachlan Cooper.


Bronze Speller: Allie Rogers, Beyonce Cormack, Brooke Maher, Lara York, Lachlan Cooper.

Book Week 2016

The theme of Book Week 2016 is “Australia-Story Country” and will be held next week 22nd-26th of August.
At Wallumbilla State School, students will participate in a variety of educational and exciting activities and readings. They will also have the chance to enter a variety of competitions, including a photography competition for older students and colouring for the younger students. We will be welcoming into the school some of the “Local Blokes” from our community, to read some of their favourite stories or bush yarns to our students.
As a culminating activity for the week, on the Friday the 26th-the last day of Book Week, students can wear their best country gear. This can be any costume from Australia’s past or you can dust off your boots, jeans and hats and go ‘country’. We look forward to a fantastic week celebrating the wonderful world of storytelling and encourage everyone to stay tuned for more information!

Classroom Music News

Congratulations to all students who continue to work very hard in classroom music each week. The award winners for week 5/6 are;
Prep; Billy Dooley, Year 1/2; Dan Latham, Year 3/4; Reggie Klein, Year 5/6; Kathryn Dooley, Bianca Caston and Liam Jackson.

We are very excited about the visit from Michael Bradshaw in Week 7, Tuesday 23rd August. Michael will be doing workshops at ten schools in the district. We will be working on an adjusted classroom music timetable and it will be as follows in the classroom music room.
Prep; 8.45–9am, Year 3/4; Block 1, Year 1/2; Block 2, Year 5/6; Block 3
Michael will then travel to Surat at 11.30am. This is such an exciting opportunity as Zoltan Kodaly’s Philosophies (Hungarian Educator and Philosopher) are;
• everyone should have access to quality music education
• musical literacy is the right of everyone and that through this they can participate in music their whole lives

Michael Bradshaw has studied at the Kodaly Institute in Kecskemet, Hungary and this will be a wonderful learning experience for students and teachers.

Annie McArthur
Classroom Music Teacher
University of Queensland Emmanuel College Music Scholar Michael Bradshaw began playing piano at the tender age of seven while living with his family in Japan. His parents played instruments and filled the house with music, creating an environment where both Michael and his sister, Holly, developed a deep love for music.

Throughout his school years, Michael's love for music was matched by his love for Science, and he completed two years of university Mathematics before deciding to focus on Music.

In 2011 he gained his Bachelor of Music with 1st class honours in Performance and Musicology from The University of Queensland's School of Music.

For his honours thesis, which looked at the music of Beethoven, Michael was awarded the inaugural Donald Tugby Musicology Prize for the music thesis gaining the highest overall mark in 2011.

Michael completed the MA in Music Education at the Kodály Institute, Kecskemét, and remained there for another year to gain teaching experience as assistant to Dr. László Norbert Nemes.

Michael is currently lecturer/tutor at The University of Queensland teaching Renaissance and Baroque Counterpoint.

P & C News

Please note that as of the start of Term 4 the cost of the Wallumbilla State School polo shirt will increase to $27.

Date Claimer
Saturday 29th October 2016
Wallumbilla State School
** TRIVIA NIGHT **
Wallumbilla Memorial Hall
Theme - 'Your generation'
(fundraising for school camps)

Tennis Coaching

Due to a large number of primary students wishing to participate in tennis we have had to change the split for lessons. Year 5 and above will be on Thursday whilst prep to year 4 will remain on Wednesday. This still leaves more students in the Wednesday session which is unfortunately unavoidable at the moment. Therefore, if there are any Year 3/4 students capable of playing with the older students, I may approach you to consider changing days as it will give them a greater opportunity to improve. I do apologise for any inconvenience this causes and if you have any issues please feel free to contact me.

Miss Mason
HPE Teacher

Thank You

I would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of the students and teachers at Wallumbilla State School to our P&C for their substantial contribution towards the purchase of new reading books for our Primary home reader collection. This was greatly appreciated. It is wonderful to see how valued reading is in our community.

A great deal of time was spent researching to source quality and high interest readers. These books are beautifully presented and are not part of a series, so give the children access at an early age to ‘real’ books written by quality authors with excellent illustrations.

I would also like to personally thank Dell and all the Teacher Aides who helped with the mammoth task of covering all of these amazing books. They really do look awesome.

We are currently looking at sourcing additional readers for early secondary and have some great texts which we will be ordering in the next week or so.

CONGRATULATIONS Year 1/2 and Year 3/4

I know all classes have been working really hard using THRASS to improve their handwriting, reading and spelling skills, but I have had the privilege of working with the Yr1/2 and Yr3/4 classes and have been impressed with their commitment to improve their spelling choices. They have shown a noticeable improvement in their ability to select the appropriate phonemes and graphemes, and should be super proud of their efforts. Miss Slattery and Mrs Singe have been doing an amazing job explicitly teaching the strategies needed to apply their skills to their daily writing and reading. I would also like to thank the parents and caregivers who have worked with their children at home each night, reinforcing these skills. This consistent approach has supported children to continue to develop the skills needed to become independent spellers and readers.

Geanine Richardson
(HOD-Curriculum)

South West Carnival

Congratulations and good luck to the eleven Wallumbilla and Yuleba State School students who were selected in the Roma and Districts athletics team to compete at the South West trials. The students are as follows: Thomas York, Matt York, Lara York, Ben York, Matt Williams, Jordan Tyson, Lockie Jounquay, Liam Jackson, Billy Jackson, Billy Harland and Lachlan Cooper. These students will compete over two days in September (1st and 2nd), in a variety of different events. A great achievement, and good luck to all.
Rugby League

Last Saturday the 13th of August, Wallumbilla had three teams compete on finals day. The U8s, U12s and the U14s. All teams competed well and did their schools very proud. It was amazing to see the progressive improvement of the U8 team, who can now play successfully without a coach on the field. Their skill level is also fantastic, which is promising looking forward into the 2017 season.

Our Under 12 side made the Grand Final and played St Johns Injune. Our boys played valiantly, but ended as runners up on the day, by only a try. The Under 12s were also named as ‘Minor Premiers’ this season and remained at or close to the top of the table all season. A special mention needs to be made of Lachlan Jounquay, who was named ‘Player of the Game’ in the Grand Final, well done Lachlan. Matt York was also named Roma and Districts Schoolboys Rugby League Under 12 Player of the Year (Joe Flynn Memorial Trophy), which is an extraordinary achievement. Well done, Matt.

The Wallumbilla Under 14 side also played an exhibition match to finish off their season, going down to St Johns in the last game. All of our Wallumbilla boys played well and displayed great sportsmanship. I look forward to seeing what the 2017 season has in store.

Representative Success

Congratulations also needs to go to Dylan Ogden and Clancy Williams, who have been playing representative football, throughout the season in the Outback Rugby League Competition. Last Saturday, Clancy and Dylan along with the rest of their team, played in St George and came out as victors in the competitions’ Grand Final. A great effort in even making the team, let alone winning a Grand Final. Well done boys.

Wallumbilla Presentations

Wallumbilla will hold its presentation afternoon on Thursday the 25th of August (Wk. 7). The afternoon will consist of parent/student Netball and Rugby League games, presentations and a BBQ. All Rugby League and Netball students and their parents are invited to attend, to celebrate the achievements of our teams and students and the end of the season.

2017 Rugby League

A meeting was held on Tuesday the 16th of August, to discuss the moving forward to the formation of a combined Surat, Yuleba and Wallumbilla Junior Rugby League club for 2017. It was a successful meeting. If you would like a copy of the minutes of the meeting, please let the school know.

Athletics Training

Athletics training will continue on Wednesday afternoons for students preparing to compete at the South West carnival.

Mr Mathewson HPE Teacher

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Community News

Date Claimer:
Saturday 27 August 2016 – Bush Dance for School Chaplaincy
Saturday 27 August 2016 – Bingo at Yuleba Hall
Friday 23rd September, 2016 – Wallumbilla Disco
Saturday 1st October, 2016 - Car Wash at Yuleba Fire Shed

To Give Away
Red Kelpie Cattle Dogs
One Male and one female
3 months old
Already starting to work
Phone Peter Nimmo on 2623 4331 or 0428 199 062 for more information

Expression of Interest
All interested persons are invited to attend a special meeting which will be held at Surat State School on 30 August 2016 at 5.00pm. The purpose of this meeting to consider the requirements of setting up a combined Wallumbilla/Surat/Yuleba Junior Rugby League Club. It is planned to also elect office bearers and to establish a committee to oversee the establishment of this club during term 4, in readiness for the 2017 Roma and District Junior Rugby League competition. This is a wonderful opportunity to be involved for community people interested in promoting football for our youth in our local area. More information is available by contacting Principals of Surat, Yuleba or Wallumbilla State Schools.

IT’S TIME TO SING & PLAY!
This year the Roma and District Eisteddfod is giving you the chance to sing and play a musical instrument. The Eisteddfod will be held on October 12, 13, 14.

All class groups at Wallumbilla will be taking part in a music workshop in Week 7 in preparation for a choral performance on the stage at the Cultural Centre in October.

The Year Three Guitar group are also preparing to perform at the Eisteddfod.

Now is the time to plan for solo and partner performances as well! If you have any queries, or it you would like to receive a copy of this year’s syllabus email romaeisteddfod@gmail.com or amcar25@eq.edu.au

Entries close on Sept 1.