It is wonderful to be back this week and I look forward to working with Julie Guthrie until the end of this term to undertake a range of additional projects for the benefit of the school. This week Mrs Guthrie, Mrs Richardson, Mrs York, Mr Tomlinson and I have engaged in professional development in the application of Oneschool, a database that is used in schools. The purpose of this training is to assist staff to engage in analysis of student data to enhance tracking of student progress and learning over time.

School Values
This week on parade I spoke to students about the 4Bs in relation to ‘Being committed to Learning’ and highlighted an example of this within our school. I explained to students that collectively the Year Three class scored the highest result in NAPLAN as a class in the history of NAPLAN (since 2008) in the strands of Reading, Writing, Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation. The students were very close to reaching the highest level in NAPLAN. This is an indication that the class have been committed to learning and working together to achieve these great results. Well done Year Three!

School Plan
Every four years schools develop a School Plan which then drives the explicit improvement agenda and school priorities. We are currently in review phase and I will work with key stakeholders including students, staff, community members, industry and expert education reviewers to develop the plan for our school. Our first step in this process is undertaking a school review which is occurring this term. I am very much looking forward to leading this process over coming months.

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

Rugby League and Netball Presentations
Presentations will go ahead this Thursday as planned with trophy presentations and sausage sizzle provided by the P&C. At this stage the football oval and netball courts may be too wet for sport to be undertaken, which is disappointing as I am sure the staff have been in training! However, we always welcome the rain no matter what time of year. The sports captains will host the presentations this year. Mrs Guthrie will be attending, as I will be in Roma at training.

Arts Council
‘Spirit of the Mask’ for Year 7-10 has been rescheduled to Wednesday 31 August 2016 at 1.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

Michael Bradshaw Workshop
Our students enjoyed a day of outstanding music tuition with Michael Bradshaw. Congratulations to all students for excellent behaviour and willingness to learn during this workshop. Thanks to Mrs McArthur for arranging this opportunity.

Road Safety Week
This week we celebrated safety on the roads at our school and Senior Constable Shane Gillett joined us on Parade and provided a general overview to all students. This was then followed by Shane reinforcing the safety message to each primary class, which we sincerely thank him for.
Students are engaged in bookweek activities this week and we look forward to Mr Maunder and Mr Beissell spinning a yarn with our students today and tomorrow. A reminder that this Friday is free dress and students can dress in their country gear or as their favourite book character.

A reminder to parents that book-club orders can be paid for online and a “cheat sheet” is available from the school office. We are able to assist parents who require assistance in placing orders and who wish to pay using credit facilities online. Please do not send cash to school for book club orders.

In Term 4, we are planning to hold a pre-prep program to enable our new students to enjoy a transition program. Enrolment packs are available at the school office and birth certificates are required as proof of age for enrolling at school. We encourage any community person with age appropriate children to join us each Friday. Please register your interest by sending an email to mgra5@eq.edu.au or alternatively contact the school office on 4629 8888.

This Saturday night a Barn Dance will be held at the Wallumbilla Memorial hall as a Chaplaincy fundraising venture. I am sure that many of our students will look forward to attending and displaying their dancing skills.

Have a great week
Melissa Graham

Silver Speller: Brooke Maher, Bianca Caston, Lachlan Cooper, Charlie Maunder.

This week is National Book Week and the theme for 2016 is; “Australia-Story County”. It is going to be a wonderful week of celebrating the world of books, storytelling and Australia. We encourage everyone to look out for the exciting activities held each day and to join in on the fun.

“AUSSIE PHOTO DISPLAY” – We are asking families to send in a photo they have taken, celebrating the theme of “Australia”. Some ideas include - a visit to an Australian icon, participating in an Australian event or an Australian scene. Please send these in an envelope with your family’s name and state on the envelope if you require the photo to be returned.

TUESDAY – Colouring-in Competition
Come to the library at lunch time to participate in a colouring-in competition or to look through the Australian books on display.

WEDNESDAY – Stories by the Campfire
Come to the library at lunchtime to hear stories from special guest of the day, Mr Neville Maunder.

THURSDAY – Stories by the Campfire
Come to the library at lunchtime to hear stories from special guest of the day, Mr Graham Beissel.

FRIDAY – Thong Throwing and Free Dress Day
Come dressed in your best country clothing or as a character from your favourite story.

Year 7-10 Students are invited to participate in the highly competitive Australian sport – “Thong-Throwing”. All students invited to come and watch the fun.

LIBRARY DISPLAY – On display in the library all week will be a collection of books from Australian authors and a celebration of Australia’s history, Come and enjoy!

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)
Queensland Touch Carnival
Well done to Matt York and Lachlan Jounquay, who participated in the Under 12 Queensland touch football carnival last weekend. They played three games per day (over 4 days) and won their game over North West. By all reports Matt and Lockie both played very well and came home with the Outback trophy. Well done boys.

Rugby League and Netball Presentations
This Thursday the 25th of August, will be our presentation afternoon. 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. We will certainly be looking for parents for both the Netball and Rugby League games. The afternoon will commence at approximately 3:15pm and be concluded just after 4:45pm. Rugby League will be played first, followed by netball and then conclude with presentations, photos and a BBQ.

Red Bulls Success
Congratulations to Ben York and Billy Jackson, who over the weekend played for the Under 16 Wallumbilla/Surat Red Bulls team. The boys contributed to making the Grand Final against Chinchilla this coming weekend. Good Luck boys.

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

Netball 2017 – Important Community Meeting
An important meeting to structure Junior Netball in the Maranoa will be held on Saturday September 3rd at 12.30pm at the White Bull Tavern. It is essential that all possible parents attend this meeting if you want Netball to be offered to your children in the future. A single representative from our town is not sufficient. Every one of us can add value to the discussions and organisation of our children’s future in Netball.

Kirsten York

Footy Colours Day
Footy Colours Day will be held Friday 2/9/16 to raise money for much needed cancer research. If you wish to wear a football shirt, please bring a gold coin donation towards cancer research and prevention. The footy coloured shirt or jersey must be sun safe and appropriate for school. Lunchtime Footy will be on both breaks: Primary at first break and Secondary at second break. (Weather permitting) Student Councillors will come to your classrooms in form time, at the beginning of the day, to collect the donations from each class.

Pie Drive
Thank you to every family who has supported our Pie Drive. A delivery date will be published in next week’s newsletter.

Tuckshop

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Teddy Bears Picnic
The Roma Apex Club is holding a park opening at the Roma Apex Park on Sunday the 29th of August. The Gold Coin entry will be donated $100 to a young Yuleba boy, Matthew Russell, who has suffered burns due to boiling water.

Regards
Tyson Campbell

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

Yuleba Tennis Club
The raffle has been drawn. The winners are:
1st prize $1,000 – Will Officer, Yelarbon. Will has kindly donated $500 of his winnings back to the tennis club! He will be donating the other $500 to Variety Bash.
2nd prize $500 – Lexie Gee, Brisbane
3rd prize $250 – Katrina Cleland, Yuleba
4th prize $150 – Golden Pastoral Holdings, Yuleba.
The Goldens/Wathens have kindly donated their winnings back to the club!
Thank you to everyone who supported this great cause. It is hoped that the repairs will take place in the next 4-6 weeks.
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 is 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.
Kick up your heels at the Wallumbilla Bush Dance

Music by Michael Carroll and entertainment by Melody Carroll
Where: Wallumbilla Memorial Hall
When: Saturday 27th August 2016
Time: 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start
Entry: $5.00, $15.00 a family

Put on your jeans and comfortable shoes, for an enjoyable night of bush dancing.

Please bring a plate of eats for supper

Drinks for Sale throughout the night

Prizes for most enthusiastic dancers

Organised by the Maranoa School Chaplaincy Committee
To raise funds for our local school chaplain

28/08/16
APEX ROMA’S PARK OPENING
TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

Apex Park
3st, Camden Highway
Contact Tess on 4655 3543
28/08/16
START TIME