School Values
On parade this week I commended students for demonstrating “respect” recently in so many ways. At our recent athletics day we had students participating in events but also very evident was the fantastic “tone” and “atmosphere” on the day with students encouraging each other and respectfully assisting younger students. I often spend time in the school grounds and classes, and pay particular attention to student speech and behaviour, it’s always pleasing to see examples of respect being shown. Respectful behaviour costs nothing but reflects well upon the person exhibiting the actions/speech.

You Choose Program
In the past three weeks, we have been visited by Helen Dingle from SW Youth Justice Services and Conferencing who has offered this fantastic program with students in Year 5/6. She has emailed me to provide commendations of our student engagement in this program and I would like to share her comments: “I would like to thank you for supporting the delivery of the You Choose Program at your school. It has been an absolute pleasure and a privilege to work with such wonderful students. It has restored my faith in our younger generation. The students are a credit to their parents/carers and the school as a whole”. It is gratifying to know that our students have such a positive profile in the wide geographic area, and I am sure that this program can be offered in 2017.

Roma & District Athletics
Next Monday, we will have 42 students who have been invited to attend the district sports in Roma. Because of the large number of participating students, we will have 4 staff members attend to assist with the program and supervise our students. Mr Mathewson, Ms Mason, Mrs York and Ms Sainty will attend and a letter has been sent home to parents with information on the actual day’s program. For students in years 7-10 not attending the Athletics, we will combine the 2 classes and students will be working on subject related work. Best wishes to our athletes!

NAPLAN
This week we received individual student reports for those student who participated in the 2016 NAPLAN testing. I was very pleased to review individual results and to appreciate how well our students performed generally. I am confident that most parents will also be proud of their child’s outcomes. In the coming week, we will be able to access our school reports and be able to analyse trends over recent years and to determine areas that students collectively do well in, as well as areas that teachers might provide explicit and consolidated teaching in to promote further student learning. Overall, a very pleasing result for 2016, and the individual student reports will go home today for parent consideration.

School Opinion Surveys
Thank you everyone who took the time and efforts to complete our recent online survey. Anyone who wishes to provide feedback on the survey itself or the process undertaken are encouraged to access- https://websurvey.eq.edu.au/efm/surveys/SOSfeedback. We will receive our survey results later in Semester 2 and will provide opportunities for parents to view and discuss results during a P&C meeting.

School Improvement Audit
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter we will be involved in a school audit in Week 9 this term. Staff have been slowly working through the Audit tool to enable them to better understand the process and scope of the audit. At the next P&C meeting, I will likewise share an overview of the process and the 9 domains, because the auditors will be very keen to talk to a wide range of parents to determine the “reality” of schooling here in Wallumbilla and parent perceptions of how we effectively provide quality education within our community.

Newsletter Preferences
Thank you to all parents who returned the preference slips back to the office. The overwhelming request is that newsletter be collated and distributed on a Tuesday instead of a Wednesday. Therefore starting in Term 4, newsletters will be prepared by Ms Sainty, each Tuesday therefore any community person wishing to include articles in each week’s newsletter are required to have them at school by Monday afternoon.

National Data Collection
As mentioned previously, the National Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability is now open (from 6-12 August) and schools are required to provide enrolment details so the Federal Government can determine numbers of students, before calculating targeted support and resources to individual States. Please advise the school office if you do not want your child’s details included in this census.
Absence Notifications
We have refined our roll marking procedures with the office following up "same day unexplained absences". Next week, a letter will be sent home to any students who have "unexplained" absences during the past 4 weeks. I would request that parents review your child’s absences and please contact us so we can ensure that our records are accurate. Enjoy your week,
Regards
Julie Guthrie

Students of the Week

Students of the Week:  Reece Gillett, Toby Werner, Allie Rogers, Sam Collier.

Other Awards:  Lydia Graham, Keonie Proud, William Seawright, Mac West, Renni Smith, Rubie Emery, Dan Latham, Pennie Rogers, Jake Williams, Elizabeth Rogers, Sam Collier.

Bronze Speller:  Sophie Emery, Bianca Caston, Charlie Mauderer, Matthew Williams.

HPE News

Roma and Districts Athletics Carnival
Good luck to all students who are heading away for the Roma and Districts Athletics Carnival next Monday (8th August). Currently, we have over forty students who will be competing for Wallumbilla and Yuleba. Athletics training will continue in the afternoons until the South West Athletics carnival.

Rugby League 2017
Attached in this newsletter is an article pertaining to the 2017 Rugby League and Netball arrangements. This article is from the governing body of school sport in our district; Roma and Districts School Sport.

P & C News

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16th August 2016 at 5pm till 6.30pm at the school library. One of the agenda items to be discussed will be school camps. Discussions will involve camp locations, dates, overall costs, financial contribution from P&C and costs to parents. I would like to highlight the importance of this agenda item and encourage as many parents to attend as it will affect how camps will be organised and funded in the future. Discussion to take place at this meeting (16-08-2016) with voting to take place at the next meeting.

Cheers
Mark Foster
President
Rugby League Presentations

At the conclusion of the Rugby League season, there will be a presentation afternoon after school. A date for this afternoon will be released in the near future – most likely being a Thursday afternoon after school.

Jack Mathewson
HPE Teacher

Saturday School Sport (Rugby League & Netball) 2017

The following will provide a background to the current situation with the Saturday School Netball and Rugby League Competitions.

At the Maranoa Alliance of State School (MASS) Principals Meeting held 06 February 2015, the following conjoint agreement was tabled:

All principals are supportive of providing a range of quality sporting opportunities for students through the delivery of the following model: From 01 January 2016, Roma & District Schools will deliver an increased number of sports aligned with the Australian Curriculum, maximizing opportunities for students to participate in a broader range of sporting opportunities. Roma and District State Schools will collaborate with MRC & community groups to transition Saturday Rugby League and Netball into a non-school managed model. This will allow community based sporting organisations to specialize in the delivery of quality Rugby League and Netball competitions to all age groups in line with the prospective charters of a newly formed Roma and District Junior Rugby League and Junior Netball Associations and other sporting associations.

The following reflects that MASS Principals:

- **Highly value and respect the traditions of Saturday School Sport in the Roma District.**
- **Recognise the longevity of the practice and honour those educators and community members, past & present, who have contributed to ensure that students have had access to participation within Rugby League & Netball.**
- **Identify that past practices of teachers managing Saturday School Sport can no longer be sustained due to industrial and union mandates.**
- **Fully support school sport and are committed to ensuring that every student is provided access to a quality sporting program including a wider range of sport than what is currently on offer.**
- **Ensure that school sport is aligned with the Australian Curriculum.**
- **Ensure that teachers’ rights and wellbeing are respected and Industrial Relations reflected.**
- **Fully support and are prepared to work in consultation & collaboration with community groups to develop future models of Saturday Sport delivery (Rugby League & Netball) in preparation for the 2017 season.**

Netball

The great news is that at this stage, schools have collaborated with Maranoa Netball Association and have established a plan for a Saturday Junior Netball Program to commence in 2017. Maranoa Netball Association are committed to ensuring that all junior netball players are provided with the opportunity to participate in a quality netball and development program. The only condition is that a strong and committed sub-committee needs to be formed to ensure the 2017 Junior Netball Program is run effectively. Positions to be filled to ensure the Junior Netball Program will commence in 2017 are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Fixtures Convenor, Canteen Coordinator, Coach and Umpire Coordinator.

At this stage, the program will differ in the way players will participate. For example, teams or clubs will not need to be formed and nominated, players will register under Maranoa Netball Association and teams will be formed to participate in the program in a central location which will be Roma, and in time be making full use of the proposed new Netball Complex at Bassett Park. The program will be open to any player within Roma and District and may extend to players outside of our district who don’t have access to regular Netball programs eg, Wandoan, Taroom, Miles etc.

On Saturday 3 September, a meeting will be held at the White Bull Tavern from 12:30pm to form a Sub-Committee to operate under Maranoa Netball Association. If you are interested in being involved with Junior Netball or would simply like more information, please attend this meeting or make contact with your local School Principal or the Maranoa Netball Executive.

Rugby League

Negotiations around how Saturday Junior Rugby League will be run from the beginning of 2017 are currently underway. State schools are currently working with key people within their respective communities to ensure all children will have the opportunity to continue to play rugby league in 2017 and beyond.

At this stage, Mitchell Magpies as a club and St John’s as a school will be part of the 2017 competition. Wallumbilla, Surat and Yuleba will be forming a combined Junior Rugby League Club with the possibility of Injune joining as well. Roma State College have indicated that a club will be formed to participate in the 2017 competition.

Interested parents are strongly encouraged to make contact with their local School Principal to find out how to be involved to support.

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Dear Parents and Carers

Please find below a list of students who have won an award in classroom Music for perseverance and commitment to learning. Congratulations to all students who continue to work hard in classroom Music each week.

Week 3
Prep: Reece Gillett
Year 1/2: Marnie Collier, Holly Partridge
Year 3/4: Benson Graham
Year 5/6: Matthew York, Annie Zellers

Week 4
Prep: William Seawright, Mac West
Year 1/2: Renni Smith
Year 3/4: Jake Williams
Year 5/6: Sam Collier

Eisteddfod News

The Roma and District Eisteddfod is on again this year on 12th, 13th and 14th October.

If you would like a copy of the syllabus for this year please email send me an email to amcar25@eq.edu.au

The focus for this year’s eisteddfod is vocal and instrumental. I have finalised repertoire choices for most grades and we will now continue to work on two songs which are contrasting in style.

Some very exciting news regarding the eisteddfod is that through funding the eisteddfod committee has employed an accompanist who will also travel to all the schools in the lead up to the eisteddfod to conduct choral workshops with our students.

Michael Bradshaw will work with our students and it is hoped he will do two workshops in the lead up to the eisteddfod. He will then accompany our students for the duration of the eisteddfod.

It is anticipated that Michel will work with our students in their classroom Music time in Week 7.

Some classes will move their times forward to allow Michael to travel back to Roma to conduct another half day workshop at St John’s School.

I have provided some information about Michael below and to have secured a person of his calibre is such a wonderful opportunity for all our students in the region.

We look forward to welcoming Michael to our community.

Best Wishes
Annie McArthur
Classroom Music Teacher

All families will have received a Pie Drive order form. We are excited to be working with Western Bakeries (Bake Aroma) for this important Fund Raiser. Funds raised will be put towards excursions and camps within our school over the next few years, so all students can benefit from our efforts.

Please ask your family and friends to support you by purchasing some delicious goodies.

Orders are due to be returned to the school office with payment by Friday August 20, 2016. Delivery will be on a Thursday or Friday 2-3 weeks following this.

Cash, cheque or internet payments are welcome. Please make cheques out to Wallumbilla State School P&C Assoc. Bank details are as follows:
Account Name Wallumbilla State School P&C Assoc
BSB 064428
Ac no. 00905829.

Date Claimer: Saturday 27 August 2016 – Bush Dance for School Chaplaincy

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