Principal's News

Teaching Intern
We welcome Leigh-Anne Wright, an Education Intern from University of Southern Queensland (USQ) to our year 1/2 classroom for the next 2 weeks. I am sure that she will find her time at our school very enjoyable and informative.

Past Students
Yesterday we were privileged to have two past students return to school. Bailey Draper is a School Based Electrical apprentice working one day per week with Ian Humphrey’s Electrician Services. Garth Carli also returned yesterday as a Year 11 School of Distance Education student undertaking Term 3 assessment. We are always very pleased to follow the post-school educational journeys of our students.

SANTOS Excursion
Secondary students have been invited to attend the Santos Water Monitoring Program which will occur next Monday 5 September. Students were given permission forms and asked to return them so that arrangements can be made. Students are reminded to wear long sleeved shirts and pants, closed in shoes and a broad brimmed hat as mandated WH&S site requirements. Students will be off-site all day and so will require their own water, morning tea and lunch. We thank Mrs Maxine Thomas for organising this educational opportunity and Santos staff, who will be also attending.

Football/Netball Break-Up
It was wonderful to see the number of students and parents who attended our Presentation ceremony last Thursday afternoon. We have had a big year to date and it is always so pleasing to be able to congratulate players on their achievements and to publicly thank everyone associated with these competitions. Thank you also to our P & C for providing the sausage sizzle at the end of the presentation.

Wallumbilla State School Improvement Priorities

Strong Curriculum and Pedagogy
Coaching and Feedback
Literacy and Numeracy
Coaches and Managers of our football/netball teams also received a gift of appreciation

**Football Meeting**
Thank you to our Wallumbilla/Yuleba parents who attended the Inaugural Wallumbilla/Yuleba/Surat Junior Rugby League Club meeting last night at Surat State School. Very positive discussions took place and a new Constitution was adopted/endorsed to enable our students to play in the Roma & District competition in 2017. Congratulations to our elected office-bearers: Stuart Maunder – President; Grant Harland – V/President; Justin Washington – Treasurer; and, Libby McLean – Secretary. We look forward to an exciting new phase in schoolboy football.

**Arts Council**
Our secondary students attended the postponed production of “Spirit of the Mask” today. This production received great feedback from other schools that had already attended it.

**Barn Dance**
Our Local Chaplaincy Committee held a great fundraiser last Saturday night to support our school chaplaincy program. Thank you to everyone who attended and enjoyed the evening’s entertainment. We value the role that Yanto undertakes in the school and his support for our students.

**Netball Meeting**
A reminder that a similar meeting will be held in Roma this Saturday to determine Netball arrangements for 2017. I encourage any interested community persons to attend the Maranoa Netball Association meeting which will be held at 12.30pm, at the White Bull Tavern.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**
Parents are invited to attend our Term 3 interviews which will be held on Wednesday 7 September. A letter has been sent home and parents are asked to request the teachers and times that best suit them so Mrs Cox can arrange the timetables. Tennis and athletics will still take place on Wednesday afternoon and anyone wishing to access Ms Mason, Mr Tomlinson or Mr Mathewson can negotiate to either meet after tennis and athletics finish or seek an alternative time/day. Interviews will be held in the library and light refreshments will be available.

**Unexplained Absences**
A letter will be sent home on Friday, following up on students who may have been absent in the last month and for whom we have not received parental contact. We would ask that parents return the “tear off” section and return to school so we can fulfil our attendance responsibilities.

**TYME Excursion**
Once again our music students will be invited to attend the TYME excursion in Toowoomba from 14-16 September. Students have already received their permission letters and associated information about this trip and asked to return permission forms back to the school office. Students will be accompanied by Ms R. Bensley and our Chaplain Mr Y. Hall.

**Music Fest**
Family, friends and community members are invited to attend Music Fest at Jubilee Hall in Roma on Saturday 10 September commencing at 6.00pm. We have a number of our students attending and I am sure that this will be a wonderful evening of entertainment. Entry is free of charge.

**School Expectations**
At parade on Monday, I reminded students of the need to always act responsibly and to remain in designated areas of the school. I reminded students that a section under the secondary building would have items being placed there this week in readiness for the Garage Sale and asked that they keep away from this area.

**School Improvement Review**
Next week our school community will participate in a review process over three days. Reviewers will be interviewing a selection of students during school time. Our staff and wider community may also be invited to participate. The data collected from this review will inform our Quadrennial School review and provide valuable information for the development of our four year school plan.

**Garage Sale**
We are currently undergoing a school spring clean to remove school resources no longer in use. Our P&C have been assisting in furniture replacement and we are appreciative of these donations to further improve our school. We have new computer chairs in place and the Technology Centre is taking shape. Our Garage Sale will be held on Sunday 11 September at 8.00am. I have been working with the Student Council to determine how these extra funds will be allocated. A list of items will be advertised in the next newsletter.

**Staff Update**
Mrs S. Maunder is undertaking Sick Leave for the last 3 weeks of term and will be replaced internally with school staff.

Enjoy your week,
Regards
Melissa Graham
South West Athletics Carnival
Good luck to the eleven Wallumbilla State School Students participating in the South West Districts Athletics Carnival this Thursday and Friday. Students will be competing in a variety of different events and have worked very hard to get there. I look forward to hearing the results of the day.

Roma and Districts Cricket trials
Matt York, Lachlan Cooper and Matthew Williams will be heading away to the Roma and District U12 Cricket trials on Wednesday afternoon. Good luck boys.

Jack Mathewson
HPE Teacher

Students of the Week

Bronze Speller: Zachary Latham, Ella York, Zoe Partridge, Matt York.

Lachlan Cooper and Sam Collier in fine form at the Advanced Music Camp in Toowoomba last week.

Book Week 2016: Australia – Story Country

Graham Beissel telling students a "yarn"

Story Telling by Neville Mauder
Prep students in their Aussie gear

Year 10’s in their Aussie gear

Wallumbilla students participating in Book week

Students demonstrating “thong” throwing for Book Week

**Netball 2017 – Important Community Meeting**

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 for 2017 or would simply like more information, please attend this meeting or make contact with your local School Principal or the Maranoa Netball Executive.

Maranoa Netball Association is 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.

It is anticipated that 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. In future time 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.

**Pie Drive Pick-Up Date**

Congratulations to all who have supported our pie drive. We have been successful in raising over $1500 towards future camps and excursions.

The delivery date for the pie drive is **Friday September 9**.

They will be sorted and available for pick up by 3pm from the school library. Please organise yourself to be able to pick up your orders at this time.

Any helpers to sort the pie orders, from 12pm on the day, would be gratefully welcomed.

Once again, thank you for making this fundraiser so successful.

Kirsten York
Date | Convener and Volunteer | Cupcakes
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1st Sept | Tash and Jackie | Shanene
8th Sept | Tash and | Petrina
15th Sept | Tash and | Ang L

Classroom Music News

Congratulations to all students who participated so well in the music workshops with Michael Bradshaw in Week 7. It was a great learning experience and all students are to be congratulated for their excellent manners and commitment to learning.

Michael will be back in Week 10 to conduct another workshop at our school in the lead up to the Eisteddfod. Thank you to all the teachers for being very flexible with the adjusted timetable last week. Many thanks also to Mrs Guthrie who allowed me to travel with Michael to Surat last Tuesday after the workshop at Wallumbilla.

I will send a note regarding the Eisteddfod out in the next week, so that all is ready for our participation in the Eisteddfod in Week 2 of Term 4. Please return this note to your child’s classroom teacher at your earliest convenience so that transportation may be organised before the end of Term 3.

Well done to the following students who received an award for classroom Music this week.
- Prep: Keonie Proud
- Year 1/2: Zac Latham
- Year 3/4: William Emery
- Year 5/6: Scott Ellis

Annie McArthur
Classroom Music Teacher

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.

Community News

Date Claimer: Friday 23rd September, 2016 – Wallumbilla Disco
Saturday 1st October, 2016 - Car Wash at Yuleba Fire Shed