Welcome Back
On behalf of our school community, I welcome back both continuing as well as newly enrolled students. It was very exciting to hold our first school parade last Wednesday and to see students genuinely excited to return to the new school year, wearing their school uniforms and well prepared with school requirements. We also welcomed new (and returning) staff to our school: Irene Slattery, Jess Mason, Matthew Tomlinson and Anita Albeck. I am confident that each of these staff members will bring many skills and areas of expertise that will contribute to our school.

As you may be aware, Mrs Melissa Graham is accessing Leave in Term 1 and it is my pleasure to be relieving in the role of Principal during this time. I look forward to meeting parents (and community members) during Term 1 and establishing school routines and advancing Melissa’s 2016 school priorities.

Swimming Carnival
Last Friday we hosted the Wallumbilla and Yuleba Inter-house Swimming Carnival in very humid and overcast weather conditions. It was wonderful to see the support shown by parents, grandparents and community members, as well as the very active and sustained war cries that were regularly heard. There was huge student participation and most students swum in a number of both preferred (and less preferred) events which resulted in a full day’s program. Congratulations to Bendemere House who were overall house champions on the day. We will hold a special presentation of swimming trophies (both school and regional) at a special parade on Tuesday 9th February at 9am. Parents are invited to attend.

Roma and District Swimming Carnival
Students will be invited to attend the next level of swimming competition which will be held in Roma on Monday 8 February 2016. Information and parent letters will be sent home this week and will need to be returned ASAP.

Mr Jack Mathewson and Mrs Kirsten York will be attending to assist and supervise our Wallumbilla and Yuleba students.

Every Day Counts
Term 1 this year is a particularly short period of time and students are especially encouraged to make each day count towards their learning opportunities. Research very clearly shows that high school attendance has the associated benefit of maximising student achievement and ensure that each child can reach their full potential. Parents are asked to contact the school by phone or by note to provide explanations as to student absence from school.

Student Laptops
Next week, a letter will go home to parents of students in Years 9 & 10 providing information on the issuing of student laptops. We would like to get these out to students ASAP and ask that permission forms be returned on an urgent basis. Families will be invoiced separately for the annual cost of $95.

Day 8 Return
Each year schools are required to submit a student enrolment return to Regional Office of actual numbers of enrolled students as of the 8th day of term 1. I am pleased that our student numbers appear very stable at 104, which will provide continuity for classes that were formed at the end of 2015.

Have a great week!
Julie

Art – Year 7 & 8
This year in Art, the Year 7s and 8s will be engaging in a unit titled Monsters Inc. If I could ask parents and caregivers from Year 7 and 8 to kindly donate their unwanted containers, packets, straws, materials, boxes, bottles etc. We will be using these donated materials as part of our classwork and would appreciate that they be clean and safe for student use. As long as they are sanitary and safe, all items are welcome!

Mr Tomlinson
English/Art Teacher
P & C News

The Wallumbilla P&C have been asked to run the canteen at the Roma and District swimming carnival this year. Could any families attending please donate either some home baking or half an hour of their time to help out on the day.

Thanks in advance,

Tash

Swimming Carnival

Last Friday, the 29th of January, Wallumbilla State School along with Yuleba State School participated in the annual swimming carnival. It was great to see improvements in student swimming across the board. Although no records were broken, it was a successful day for all who were involved. Congratulations to all students selected to represent Wallumbilla at the Roma and District swimming carnival next week; a letter will be going home today. Congratulations also need to go to the students of Bendemere who once again came out on top. Thanks to the P&C members, teachers and other community members who assisted on the day – it wouldn’t have happened without you!

The list of age champions from the day are as follows:

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Congratulations to all athletes who participated on the day!

P & C Tuckshop

Hi All,

A big shout out to the helpers and cooks at the swimming carnival on Friday, although a little hot in the canteen, it was a great day.

Please see the roster for Term 1 for volunteers and cupcake cooks. If dates do not suit, please contact me asap.

Many thanks.

Looking forward to a great year of convening, Tash

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Southside Bus

There will be a Bus Meeting for the Southside Bus Run at the Wallumbilla Pool on Friday 5th February at 3:15pm. All welcome.

School Banking

School Banking has re-commenced and will still be on a Wednesday. Any new students are more than welcome to open a bank account at school simply contact Mrs Leahy.

Pictured below are some of the rewards that children can receive for individual savings.
Swimming Club

Club will commence this Friday.

3:15pm  Stroke Correction
4:15pm  Races Start

Well done to all on your fantastic effort at our carnival last week.

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27.02.16  Get Pinkt Family Fun Day

Thank You

The Graham family would like to extend a huge thank you to the Wallumbilla community for their prayers, warm wishes and support during recent months. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful and caring community.

Kind regards
The Graham Family

Calico Cottage makes donations

At the recent meeting of Calico Cottage, members decided to make donations to the following organisations: Aussie Helpers, Royal Flying Doctor Service, RACQ Careflight, QCWA – Wallumbilla Branch, Wallumbilla Heritage Association Inc. and Wallumbilla Hospital Auxiliary. During the next week or two, each of these organisations will receive a cheque for $1000 to assist in the running of their organisations or aid in the purchase of new equipment.

Calico Cottage receives goods on consignment, charging commission on any goods sold. The support of the community and travelling public in the purchase of these goods enables us to raise money to give these donations. The Members would like to say thank you and look forward to this support again in 2016.

The President, Jean, would like to advise that Calico Cottage opening hours will be changing from 1 February, 2016. The shop will now open Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm while on the weekends the hours will be 10.00am to 3.00pm.

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Roma and District Motorcycle Club will be holding their 2016 "Come and Try" Day on Saturday 6th February. Starts at 2pm.

It is a FREE riding day for anyone who has not held a race licence. It is a great opportunity to come and try motor x racing to see if you like it.

If you attend the day and decide to join you will be entitled to a motorcycling Queensland -Free One Year Mini Licence or Half Price National Licence.

On Sunday 7th Feb we are holding our club membership sign on day and practice. Starting at 830am.

Please contact 0466 111 602 if you have any questions.
Roma Scout Group recommences for 2016 in the first week of February. There are currently vacancies for new members in Cubs age 7-11 and Scouts age 10-15. Cubs meet Wed 6-7:30pm and Scouts 6-8pm Thurs at the Den, 52 Soutter St, Roma (near the Railway Dam). We are also seeking more Adult Leaders, with a view to opening new sections in Roma – Joeys age 6-8 and Venturers age 14-18. (These sections are currently unavailable due to lack of Leaders).

For more information please email romascouts@yahoo.com.au or phone Jonathan on 0437335380.

The 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Roma District Schoolboys Rugby League Association will be held at St John’s Roma on Wednesday 10 February commencing at 6.30pm. Among the items being discussed at the meeting will be a new committee structure proposal. The proposed executive of the new committee will be:

- Chair [must be a registered teacher]
- Deputy Chair x 2
- Registrar
- Secretary

Under this structure the only member of the committee that MUST be a teacher is the president. All other positions may be filled by teachers, parents, community members who have an interest in schoolboy rugby league and are willing to be involved.

Since Schoolboys became fully affiliated with the QRL a couple of years ago the number and complexity of the jobs involved in running the association has increased. It is now too much for one person to take on as has been done in the past. So if you are a teacher at any of the schools in the district or a parent/grandparent/care giver with children playing rugby league from U8 to U14 or a community person who has been involved in the past, the Association needs you to become involved. See you at the AGM!