Dates to Remember

24.03.2016  End of Term

Principal's News

Roma and District Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all students who attended the district swimming carnival in Roma on Monday. The feedback from those who were in attendance was that the behaviour of our students was commendable. Brady Swan has been selected to swim in Freestyle events at the Regional trials which will take place in coming weeks. Thank you also to all of our volunteers who assisted in the canteen, as well as our home cooks who provided so many delicious items for sale.

P&C Meeting
Our first general meeting for this year will be held on Tuesday 16 February 2016 commencing at 3.15pm in the school library. This will be an important meeting as discussions will take place regarding annual school goals for 2016 as well as endorsing EQ accountability documentation and revising the Constitution. The Annual General Meeting will be held in March just prior to the Easter holidays.

Bush Dance
A general invitation is extended to all members of our community to support our School Chaplaincy Committee and their Bush Dance which will be held on Saturday 20 February. The evening will be held at the Wallumbilla Memorial Hall and music will be provided by John Murphy of Wandoan. The entry fee will be $5.00 per person (or $15.00 per family). Put on your jeans and look forward to an enjoyable night of bush dancing. Please bring a plate for supper – drinks will be available for sale on the evening.

Permission Forms
A number of letters have been given to targeted families inviting them to access a range of additional options including year 7/8 immunisations and hearing screening. A reminder to please return permission forms to our office ASAP.

Western Star
Last Friday we were treated with a visit from many female members of the Lingard family who were back in Wallumbilla for a family reunion. They shared insights on parade with primary students as to what schooling was like here many decades ago as well as responded to student questions. It was very pleasing to see the focus on Wallumbilla State School in Tuesday’s Western Star.

District Football Meeting
In last week’s newsletter, members of our school community were invited to attend the AGM of the Roma and District Schoolboys Rugby League which will be held tonight at St John’s School from 6.30pm. Our football and netball season is soon to commence and I encourage all parents to check their football clothing and if black shorts or socks are required to let us know so we can soon be placing a school order, in readiness for the marchpast and games that will commence in the near future.

Community Meeting
On Thursday 11 February (tomorrow night) an Optimal Transition to School Community Workshop will be held at our school library from 5.30-6.30pm. The session will be presented by Mrs Melissa Kidd and staff from DDSW Early Childhood Education and Care and will be furthering possible options in extending 0-5 pathways for children and families in our local area. Refreshments will be available and I encourage any parents with young children to attend to assist us in unpacking options that we may be able to establish to increase child readiness for schooling. Please see the information included in this newsletter.

School Sign
Apologies to everyone but our school sign is currently unable to be used and awaiting repairs.

Have a great week!

Julie
**Students of the Week**

Cooper Matthews, Kyle Howard, Tyrone Clifford, Scott Ellis.

**Other Awards:** Mac West, Matthew Williams, Annie Zellers.

**Year 1/2 Swimming**

For ease of consistency the Year 1/2s will continue to have swimming on Fridays, in lessons 4&5.

**P &C Tuckshop**

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**Swimming Club**

Club is on this Friday.

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

**Community News**

**DATE CLAIMER:**

- 20.02.16 Maranoa School Chaplaincy – Bush Dance
- 27.02.16 Get Pinkt Family Fun Day

Bendemere Pony Club held their first rally on Sunday the 31st, with 7 riders in attendance.

The next rally will be held on 21st of February at the Yuleba Pony Club Grounds, 8am start.

**The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 6th of March at the Yuleba Pony Club Grounds, at 8am. All positions will be vacated.** This meeting will be followed by a General Meeting and then a Rally.

For more information please contact Rachel on 46235 494 (Ah)

**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.