Dates to Remember

01.04.2014 Parent/Teacher Interviews
04.04.2014 Last Day Term 1
22.04.2014 First Day Term 2

Principal’s News

CALLING ALL 2015 PREP STUDENTS:
We are on the lookout for our next Prep class – the Preps of 2015. We are keen to hear from the families of these children as we want to set up a yearlong series of Prep visits – starting in the near future. We are inviting all our intending prep students to come along each second Friday (for a ½ day) over the course of this year to participate in a ‘Ready for Prep’ program.
If you have a child in this group (or know of someone) we want to hear from you – we need the children’s names, their parent’s names and addresses / phone numbers so that we can send a letter to you about this program. Please pass this message along to anyone you know who may be interested. Prep students for 2015 will be those born between July 1st 2009 and June 30th 2010.

ENROLMENT GROWS:
This week we welcomed our 17th student to the current Prep class – Yasmim Proud (and her family) has now joined us at Wallumbilla. This brings our total enrolment up to 115 students.

NO UNDER 6 RUGBY LEAGUE:
At the recent setup meeting for the Roma & District footy / netball season the move to have an Under 6 division in rugby league was defeated. There were not enough schools able to make teams to make this division viable. Therefore, students who turn 6, 7 or 8 this year (ie. born 2008, 2007, 2006) will be eligible to play in the Under 8’s age group. Prep students who are only 5 year old (or turning 5 in the year) are ineligible to play.

POWER PROBLEMS:
We are currently experiencing some power problems in the school tuckshop. This is going to mean that we may have no tuckshop over the next couple of weeks until a permanent solution is found. Please make sure that you have your child’s lunch organised for tomorrow (Wed 26th Feb) as there is definitely no tuckshop on then.

ABSENCES AN ISSUE:
Even though it is only early in the school year we are already having issues with student absences. Last week, on a day that assessment was due the Year 10 class had only 5 of the 10 enrolled students at school. This has become a common occurrence – staying away on the day that assessment is due. Unfortunately the absence changes nothing – the assessment is still due and must be marked at a lower rating for being late. This has been our policy (and is common across most schools) for many years. We have students who have already missed half of the days they should have attended for this year (with no apparent valid excuse or reason). This makes a mockery of the whole point of attending school. I intend to pursue parents whose students are regularly absent without reason to the full extent of the law.

PAINTING DONE:
The painting of the school is just about totally finished. The painters are doing the external paint of the swimming pool amenities at the moment and then they are done. I think most people will agree that the school looks great with the fresh paint and the fact that nearly all our buildings now look alike.

NEW STEPS FOR THE POOL:
Following the raising of an issue about older swimmers being able to enter and exit the pool safely and comfortably, this matter has been rectified. I contacted the Maranoa Council and they have supplied (as of today) a set of plastic steps to be used in the pool for entry / exit to and from the water. These steps which are the normal full width of a house step will make life much more comfortable for some of the older folk accessing the pool in public swimming times. The steps can be easily removed for school and club swimming times.

YEAR 10 CAMP – CARNARVON GORGE:
With today’s newsletter the Year 10 class will receive details of a proposed camp to Carnarvon Gorge. This is planned for Wed 12th > Friday 14th March. The focus of the camp will be leadership and responsibility. At this stage the accompanying staff will be Mr Amery, Mrs Smith and Mr Lynn (also bus driver). We will be accessing the new PCYC bus as part of this camp.
KEEPING IN TOUCH:
We are rapidly approaching the midpoint of this first term of school. That means many classes will be completing their first units of work in English and Mathematics. Have you spoken with your child’s teacher to see how things are going for them? I strongly recommend keeping in touch regularly so that you are aware of how things are progressing during the term / year. Make a time to come in and chat – 5 minutes is enough to get an overview of what is happening in your child’s school life. This also demonstrates to your child that you value their education and that you want them to be successful at school.

I am happy to talk with parents also – if you have concerns about curriculum, behaviour, class activities, playground matters or any other issues please get in touch – I am at school most days between 7.00am and 5.00pm. I cannot help you if I don’t know what your concerns are and I only know your concerns if you bring them to me. Carpark conversations will not solve problems (they usually only make matters more cloudy).

Students of the Week

Bronze Speller: Reggie Klein, Harry West, Sophie Emery, Lara York, Lachlan Cooper, Charlie Maunder, Matthew Williams, Dylan Caston, Josh Turner.
Maths Wiz: Zephlan Allen, Beyonce Cormack, Guy Ellis, Sophie Emery, Ned Keegan, Buddy Williams, Lara York, Nicholas York, Tristan York
Other Awards: Scott Ellis, Sophie Emery, Dylan Caston, Jessie Maunder, Josh Turner, Clancy Williams, Hamish Hennessy, Mitchell Howe.

DUE TO POWER PROBLEMS OVER AT THE TUCKSHOP THERE WILL BE NO TUCKSHOP UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Tuckshop

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COMMUNITY DATE CLAIMER

15.03.2014 Picnic Races
22-23.03.2014 Wallumbilla Campdraft
05.04.14 Get Pinkd Family Fun Day
17-21.04.2014 Easter In The Country
26.04.2014 Yuleba Fun Run

POOL HOURS
6-9AM – Monday to Friday
3-6pm – Tuesday to Friday
Closed Friday afternoon for Swim Club.
8-11am & 3-6pm Saturday
1-6 pm Sunday

PLAYGROUP
Playgroup is held every Thursday morning at the Hall/Park.
Please phone Jackie 0427 226 721 or Melina 0488 965 583 for more information. Come along and join in the fun!

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORY

Hair Salon          Justina 0409 128 807
Family Day Care     Roma Office 46222011
Carpentry           Lyle Brown 0417 644 516

Expressions of Interest
Expressions of interest are called for the Administrative Assistant Position at Yuleba State School
Duration: Approximately 7 months
Commencement date: Wednesday 12 March 2014
Hours: 10 hours per week
How to apply: Please apply in writing to The Principal, Yuleba State School, 15 Perry Street, Yuleba 4427
Applications to include: A brief resume outlining skills and recent experience. Please include a current referee.
Closing date: 5pm Friday 8 March 2014
The club thanks everyone who purchased tickets in the raffle which was drawn at the Australia Day function. The winner was Nola Proud. We are grateful to Sam Senescall and the Federal Hotel for the donation of the bottle of rum.

New office Bearers for 2014
President Joe Cavanough (4623 0241)
Vice Presidents I Aldridge, R Irwin
Secretary/Publicity Officer Annette Cavanough
Treasurer T Bates
Canteen Officer/Uniform coordinator: J Burns
Chief Instructor R Irwin

Annual Membership Fees
$72 Riding membership
$27 Social membership
$120 Family fee for 2 or more children rider memberships

Dates
Rallies (all start at 8.00 am and held at Yuleba)
23 February
9.23 March
8 June Bendemere Shield Wallumbilla Showgrounds
15 Feb Joint Trail Ride with Cobb and Co Trail Riders. Meet at Yuleba Trucking yards. 7.00 am start
(BYO water and morning tea.) Day membership or annual membership to be paid to Cobb and Co Trail Riding group to attend this ride.
Pony Club insurance does not cover this ride but Cobb and Co insurance does. Contact Linda Kadel or Rachel Irwin for further information on 4623 5494

Ash Wednesday, March 5, has been set aside in the Maranoa area as a day to pray for rain. In Wallumbilla all three churches will be open from 9AM to 5PM for people to enter at any time during these hours to pray for rain which is desperately needed as feed runs out, dams and waterways dry up causing hardship for families, communities and animals.

How you pray is up to you. You may recite prayers, meditate, listen to inspirational music or sit quietly in God’s presence. For more information please contact

Lesley Cormack Ph 4623 4278
Viv Lingard Ph 4623 4029
Beverley York Ph 4623 4210

For more information contact your Local Development Officer (Penny Howland) on 1300 007 662 or visit http://www.maranoa.qld.gov.au/
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
"Streams in the desert"

Prepared by WDP Committee Egypt

Friday 7th March 2014

TIME: 9.30 am

PLACE: WALLUMBILLA UNITING CHURCH
HOSTED BY CATHOLIC LADIES
EVERYONE WELCOME

PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF EATS FOR MORNING TEA