**Dates to Remember**

- 30.01.2015  Swimming Carnival
- 05.02.2015  ‘Wallumbilla Our Home’ on ITunes

**Principal’s News**

Welcome back students, staff and families to the 2015 school year. I trust all families have had a wonderful break and students have many stories to share upon returning to school.

I look forward to welcoming our new families to the school this term. We have strong enrolments in our Prep class with 10 new Prep enrolments to date. Welcome to our youngest members of the school.

To new and existing parents please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child’s education throughout the year. I can always be contacted through the school office, via email the.principal@wallumbiss.eq.edu.au or by mobile phone 0429 124 794.

This week you will receive a letter/information sheet from your child’s teacher which will outline the routines for the term.

I will issue a school calendar in the next newsletter. Please forward any community dates to be included via email the.principal@wallumbiss.eq.edu.au.

**Swimming**

This week our Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 30th January. All parents and community members are encouraged to attend to cheer on their teams. Yuleba will also be attending again this year. Best of luck to all swimmers.

Swimming classes will commence in Week 2. Permission notes will be sent home this week.

**Instrumental Music**

Music lessons will commence week 2 for all existing music students. Students who wish to join the program will also be tested and information will then be sent home to parents.

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**Staffing**

This week we welcome Irene Slattery to the school. Miss Slattery will be working with the Year 2 class and teaching Year 4 Physical Education. Miss Slattery has relocated from Nanango and is a keen netballer. Welcome Miss Slattery.

Mrs Geanine Richardson has been appointed as our Mentor for Beginning Teachers and will work closely with Miss Slattery this year. Mrs Richardson will undertake further training in March to assist in her role as a beginning teacher mentor.

**Day 8 Enrolments**

Each year our staffing for the year is confirmed on day 8 (Thursday 5 February 2015) based on student enrolment numbers. At this stage we anticipate we will retain all appointed staff. However, a decrease in enrolments may result in staff being relocated to other centres. Therefore it is essential that we encourage all families new to the community to enrol or to contact the school to register their intention to enrol as soon as possible.

**Laptops for Students**

Laptops will be available as part of the One to One Laptop Program for Year 9/10 students in 2015. Students will be issued information regarding the program this week.

A class set of laptops will be purchased for students in Junior Secondary to use at school and the Library computer lab will continue to be available for all classes and during lunch times.

**Facilities**

**Septic System**

The Department has undertaken test drilling and is in the process of finalising plans for the new septic system.

**Oval**

The main water pump for the oval was damaged in the holidays and is in the process of being replaced. As a result the oval has been looking a little dry. It is anticipated that the pump should be repaired by the end of this week. In the meantime we just need some rain!!

**Yours in Education**

Melissa Graham
Wallumbilla SS Swimming Carnival

Where: Wallumbilla Swimming Pool  
When: Friday 30th January  
Time: Commencing 9.00am sharp – Finishing 2.30pm  
(Warm up from 8.30am – 8.45am)

A permission form has been sent home with students, and we look forward to seeing all students competing on the day. 
Students should be dressed in their house colours with appropriate sun protection (hat, shirt, and sunscreen). 
Parents are encouraged to attend, and there will be a canteen courtesy of the P & C for students to purchase morning tea and lunch. 
(Please return permission form by Thursday the 29th of February).

Kind Regards  
Mr Amery

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone for supporting the Year 3/4 Drama Evening last year. It was an amazing evening.  
I would especially like to thank all the parents who helped their children learn their lines and the entire community for the fantastic turn out on the night. 
I would also like to thank the following businesses and individuals:  
Mitre 10-for donating the timber to make the throne and the spaceship  
Ellembie Photography-for donating their time to video the event  
Mr and Mrs Keegan- for donating the extra lighting system  
Mr York-for setting up the sound system  
Mrs York-for stepping in at the last minute to help with sound  
Mrs Zellers-for all the support during practices and for organising back stage on the evening  
All the parents who helped with make-up and getting the children in to their costumes.

Once again, thank you and I look forward to another fantastic year of Drama.

Regards  
Geanine Richardson

Tuckshop

No tuckshop this week due to Swimming Carnival on Friday.  
You will be advised in next week’s newsletter about when tuckshop will be starting once all the details are sorted.
Swim Club News
No Swim Club this week due to the school carnival on Friday.
Club will commence on Friday 5th February (week 2) with a 3:15pm start for stroke correction. 4:15pm races start.
See you there.
Kirsten York (President)

Bendemere Pony Club Inc
Annual General Meeting
10.30am
Sunday 1st of February 2015
At the Yuleba Pony Club Grounds

The morning will commence at 9am with a working bee.
BYO Morning Tea
A General Meeting will follow the AGM to discuss the calendar for 2015
All Welcome!

Election Day Car Wash!
$10 per car
Sat 31st Jan 8-11am at Wallumbilla State School
Let the Yr 10 students wash your car.

Wallumbilla State School Student Council

Quilt Raffle

Kindly made and donated by Elizabeth Nolan
All proceeds go to the Kirstin Albeck Community Fund

$1 a ticket
Available from school office and local businesses

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORY
Hair Salon Justina 0409 128 807
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WALLUMBILLA MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE
Will be holding an AGM on Wednesday 4 February commencing at 6:00pm in the hall.
All welcome. Any queries please phone 0429 081 182