Principal's News

Yesterday, as part of the Student Free Day agenda, our staff engaged in strategic planning activities to assist with the development of the next four year School Plan. This involved reviewing current data, recent school improvement review feedback and conducting robust conversations about the future direction, and short and long term priorities for the school. During Term 4, I will also be working with groups of students, seeking feedback from community members, industry partners and parents through the P&C.

Staff also engaged in professional learning with regards to differentiated teaching and learning strategies and data collection methods including (PAT Testing online). Our students undertake PATs twice per year to measure distance travelled in the areas of Reading Comprehension, Mathematics, Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation and Spelling. The online testing tool will also assist our students to continue to develop their online testing confidence, as NAPLAN will be an online test from the start of 2019.

The Executive Summary of the recent School Improvement Unit review will be uploaded to the school website this week after the P&C meeting.

Community Netball and Rugby League
Thanks to all parents and community members involved in working with our broader community to ensure that the transition to our 2017 community competitions are well underway. Several meetings to note this week are:

Roma and District Junior Rugby League Meeting
Wednesday 19th October, St Johns College, 5.30pm
For further information please contact Stuart Maunder on Mobile 0428 234 328

Maranoa Netball Juniors AGM followed by General Meeting - Saturday 22 October, White Bull Tavern, 12.30pm Please refer to the Junior Netball section of this newsletter for further information.

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Our results are listed in Mrs McArthur’s Music News.

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School Values
This week on parade I outlined the importance of being committed to learning. The recent Eisteddfod performances required students to step out of their comfort zone and apply new learnings in a performance setting. This was an excellent example of being committed to learning. I also congratulated students for being respectful during Eisteddfod week. Our school received favourable comments about our excellent presentation at Eisteddfod with shirts tucked in and every student paying close attention to their presentation for this event. I noted to students that we also received feedback about our respectful behaviour and excellent manners. Another great example of our school value about being respectful being enacted.

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Year 10 Update

Our Year 10 students attending Roma State College in 2016 will undertake subject selection interviews this Thursday at the School from 9.00am. Appointments have been made for students that have indicated an interest in attending the College in 2017. Please contact Melissa Graham at the School if you would like to make an appointment and have not done so already.

Camp organisation is underway with flights booked and confirmation of attendance at the HALOGEN Leadership event has been received. Students are in the process of making final decisions for the celebration Sunday at camp and a letter with the final details and costs will be sent home this week. Planning is also underway for the Year 10 Dinner which is set for Tuesday 22nd November. Students will be involved in planning all aspects of the dinner and to date have been negotiating times, venues and organisational aspects of the event.

Enjoy your week
Regards
Melissa Graham

P&C Meeting
Tuesday 18th October 2016 at 5.00pm

Students of the Week

Students of the Week:  Mac West, Imogen Ries, Tyrone Clifford and Guy Ellis.
Gold Speller:  Harry West.

Music News

Thank you so much to all the students, teachers, teacher aides, bus drivers and families who made this year’s eisteddfod such a special event.
A special thank you to Mrs Guthrie who helped with many of the logistics of getting all our students to and from Roma last week.
Thanks also to Mrs Graham for her ongoing support of the eisteddfod.

It was great to see Wallumbilla so well represented in so many sections.
There was much positive feedback towards myself regarding the high standard of our performances.
The behaviour, dress standard and manners displayed by our students was noticed by many and our adjudicator, Denise Collins, was very impressed with Wallumbilla State School.

I know that some families travelled to Roma from Wallumbilla and beyond twice in the one day to watch their children perform.

Michael Bradshaw was very touched by the gift given to him from our school. He is keen to come back to the region to conduct more workshops with our students and teachers. He enjoyed his ‘outback’ experience very much.

Next year is a ‘Speech Eisteddfod’ so start getting those poems organised !!!

Below are the results from the sections that our students entered.

Please note that Maranoa Youth Ensemble (Section 44) and Maranoa Wind Symphony (Section 47) were combined to give a great performance.

Kind Regards
Annie McArthur
Classroom Music Teacher
Roma and District Eisteddfod; Vice President

Section 39; Small Schools Ensemble
Wallumbilla State School Guitar Group; Year 3; Second Place.

Section 44 and Section 47; Maranoa Youth Ensemble and Maranoa Wind Symphony
First Place

Section 45; Concert Band-Primary
Wallumbilla State School; First Place

Section 46; Concert Band-Secondary
Wallumbilla State School; First Place

Section 89; Choral-Own Choice-Year 2/3
Wallumbilla State School Year 1/2; Highly Commended

Section 90; Choral- Own Choice Year 4/5
Wallumbilla State School Year 3/4; Highly Commended

Section 91; Choral- Own Choice Year 6
Wallumbilla State School Year 5/6; Highly Commended

Date Claimer: Get Pinkt Day – Saturday 25th February, 2017

Anglican Church Service

The Reverend Dr Graham Warren is the newly appointed Priest-in-Charge of the Anglican Parish of Roma.

His first service in Wallumbilla will be at 7.00am on Sunday 23 October.

All Welcome

RE: AUSTRALIA DAY 2017 NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN – LET’S CELEBRATE WHO AND WHAT MAKES US SPECIAL!

Do you teach, coach, work or volunteer with someone who has ‘made a difference’ to your local community? Is there a person, group or event that you would like the Maranoa Region to acknowledge and celebrate? Nominations for 2017 Australia Day Awards are now open and Maranoa Regional Council is calling on you to tell us about how these people, organisations and events make a difference to us.

Nominating is easy – collect a form from your Customer Service Centre (arriving next week), complete it and attach a short description about why you think this person, group or event deserves recognition. You can also download an electronic form, available at www.maranoa.qld.gov.au if that’s easier for you. Hand the nomination into a Customer Service Centre along with your short description and any other support material (eg photos, reviews, testimonials), or even email it to council@maranoa.qld.gov.au by the closing date, Wednesday, 30 November 2016.

Categories include:

- Citizen of the Year Award
- Young Citizen of the Year Award
- Community Event of the Year Award
- Cultural Award
- Sports Award
- Junior Sports Award
- Member Contribution Award
- Achievement Award
- Andrea Murray Memorial Award.

Let us know about how your community has inspired you throughout 2016. For more information contact your Local Development Officer on 1300 007 662.

DATE CLAIMERS

Sunday 13 November 2016
Catholic Church Parish Picnic
Judd’s Lagoon at 10.00am

Sunday 4 December, 2016
Combined Churches Carol Evening
WSS Undercover Play Area
7.00pm
TRIVIA NIGHT

WHEN: 29th October 2016, 6pm
WHAT: Fancy Dress Trivia Night “Your Era”
WHY: Wallumbilla SS P&C fundraiser

TO BOOK A TABLE: Phone 4629 8888
Prizes, games, bar operating

Free Tabata sessions in Wallumbilla!!

Wallumbilla-Get Out Feel Great
Tabata with Brodie Albeck
Wallumbilla Hall at 7-8 p.m.
Wednesday 26 October, November 2, 9, 16!! (4 weeks)
All ages and fitness levels welcome.
Bring along your towel, water bottle and mat (if you have one).
Contact Kirsten York 0427234037
Please support this council initiative so that it may become a regular thing.

Date Claimer

Wallumbilla Hospital Auxiliary, Staff and CAN Group would like to invite the community members of Wallumbilla, Yuleba, Jackson and Noonga to attend a special Garden Party

When: Saturday 12 November 2016 starting at 10am
Where: Wallumbilla Hospital Grounds
Why: Wallumbilla Hospital is turning 90 years old this year
What: Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea, paid for at the front gate with various entertainment, guaranteed to delight all people of all ages and backgrounds including raffles and prizes.

TOAST: your noticeboards, letterbox and newsletters for more information in coming weeks

Melbourne Cup Lunch 1920’s style – Federal Hotel

Smorgasbord lunch with Dessert
Fashion Categories for Luncheon
Fashions of the Field – Race style
Best Dressed Lady
Best Head Piece
Best Contemporary Outfit
Best Dressed Couple
Best Dressed Male
Best Dressed Child

Fashions of the Field – 1920’s Style
Best Flapper Dress
Best Gangster Outfit
Best Dressed Couple
Best 1920’s Headwear

$5.00 per entry per section

All money raised will be donated to Yuleba P & C

We are currently chasing sponsors for these events for a great cause.