Principal’s Message

After a busy couple of weeks with excursions away from school, it’s now back to busyness as usual. Students are in the midst of assessment as you would expect, and with Spring now upon us, it is hoped that the winter illnesses will soon be behind us and students can show their best form in the coming days.

It has been a very eventful and enjoyable week or so for the students with many exciting excursions away from school. The highlight of course was our visit to Jardiney Homestead and the Jackle Howie Festival. It was a sheer delight to watch our students engage with the historical aspects of the day and see history come to life. I am sure you have enjoyed our photos on Facebook and in this newsletter. Junior students are off to see the world famous Watoto Choir this afternoon as an opportunity came to hand at the last minute for us to attend. Next Wednesday, you are invited to join the Mullfadale and Wooroolin students in a Dance Off. You are more than welcome to watch our students display their dancing talents. Our theme is ‘Rock n Roll Bushdance’. Students are encouraged to dress in theme.

Next term will see the culmination of your student’s learning for the year as we take annual stock of growth, notably in reading. Our region has been collecting reading data now for 3 or 4 years from every school in the Darling Downs South West. As this has been a major focus this year for us, we are trusting our practices and look forward to seeing growth in every student. Currently teachers in the senior room have been collecting and collating data on vocabulary knowledge. Yesterday I spoke at length with a regional curriculum advisor on our work here and have ideas for the next step in your child’s learning in this very important area. Vocabulary knowledge is pivotal in both reading and writing. Over the coming week, I am intending that every student in the senior room will have two learning goals related to vocabulary development. As a parent, please encourage your student to read non-fiction as well as fictional books. Technical and export language is essential when working in areas such as science and technology. Please also encourage your student to expand their oral and written vocabulary: maybe have a family ‘word of the week’.

This term our students have been advancing their knowledge of historical language and translating this into Auslan. We have most recently been building our knowledge of suffixes and prefixes. Students from year 2 upwards have been developing their skills in using and understanding the use of dictionaries and thesaurus.

Many of our reading practices have been made possible with direct-to-school funding through 14S (Investing for Success). This funding has made dramatic improvements to the way schools have been able to operate. It has allowed Wooroolin to recruit and maintain extra teacher aide hours into classrooms allowing ability groups in literacy and numeracy to operate throughout the school. This pedagogical strategy has possibly been the single most effective strategy of improving learning for every student at Wooroolin. We have been able to purchase additional teacher relief days for data analysis and have been able to employ Debbie Ogden to operate our very valuable Playgroup programme. The last year of funding will be in 2017 when the Federal Government’s promise through the Gonski recommendations will no longer release such a large amount to the State. State schools and Principals have been passing the good news of the 14S funding to government and have already begun lobbying ministers in a bid to continue this level of funding to schools. Please use every opportunity you have of getting the good news out there of the 14S funding.

It is almost the time of year when we begin our transition programmes. Students in Year 6 took home a flyer from the high school about enrolment for 2017. Our pre-prep parents will soon engage with the annual information session and our pre-prep will begin transition term 4. Please read the attached information if it might apply to you. We are also asking that you let us know if there are Preps ready for enrolment in 2017. Please make it known that 2017 will be the first compulsory year for Preps. That is, students turning 5 prior to 30 June 2017 must now be enrolled.

As this will be the last newsletter for Term 3, I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. First day back is Tuesday 4 October.

Carol Price, Principal

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Every student succeeding

Reading is exciting and fun!
Let’s engage the community!
Engage every reader.

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Upcoming Events:

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## Term 3 — Weeks 9 & 10 Curriculum Overview:

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### Whole School Spelling Focus Week 9

- Unit 28
- **y, u (yoo)—wyo,** computer

### Whole School Spelling Focus Week 10

- Unit 29
- **oo, ew, ue, u_e, u—boot, screw, glue, flute, ruler**

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**Next WEDNESDAY at the Wooroolin Hall 9.30am—12.30pm**

Parents are welcome to join in the fun.

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**P & C Information**

**P & C Committee**

- **President:** Kristin Lanser
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  - Ph: 41641189
- **Treasurer:** Vanessa Schick
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- **Tuckshop Convenor:** Rita Brown-Grant
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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday 15 September at 3.15pm**

Parents associations bring vitality and strength to the school community.

Please consider being an active member of our P & C Assn by regularly attending our meetings. Remember this is a voluntary organisation and all funds raised go directly to benefit your children. **NEW MEMBERS NEEDED AND MOST WELCOME!!**
..... Around the School—Jackie Howe Festival, Jondaryan Woolshed
NO BREAKFAST?
IS THIS YOU?

- Headaches at School?
- Falling Asleep?
- Can't concentrate?
- Irritable or grumpy?
- Stomach ache?
- Getting into arguments or fights?

Don't skip breakfast

Wednesday 7 September - Liam (7)

Student of the Month
August - Charli

Student of the Week
Week 7 - Jake, Darryl & Layla
Week 8 - Jasper, Mia, Perry, Amber & Charli