From The Principal

By Jason White

QCS Test

I would like to publicly acknowledge Heidi and Tayler for their hard work in preparing for the QCS test. This test is a difficult challenge and I truly wish them every success! Here is an example question:

Algebraic procedures

Question: A simple number game involves asking a person to think of a number, add five and then double the result. If the number chosen is symbolised by x, give an expression which indicates the value after these two steps are performed.

Answer: 2(x + 5) or 2x + 10

Like I stated: Good luck Girls! Please take a moment to boost them when you see them. I am sure they would appreciate it!

From the P&C:

We are a sun safe school

The P&C wanted me to reaffirm our commitment to sun safety. We are a sun safe school and I know that you will support ‘sun safety’. We are hoping to make the wearing of an appropriate hat a habit, which will reduce the chances of skin cancer in later life. Students without an appropriate hat will not be having time in the sun at break times.

Senior Maths A

During the last couple of weeks, students have been working on a data assignment which involves analysing Egyptian skulls. This is due Monday 25th August. The Mid Semester Exam will be Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th September. Ms Smith

Senior Agriculture

Senior Agriculture & Horticulture students are putting the final construction work into the first of a number of gardens which will be placed between the administration block and the front gate. Eventually, a white gravel path will be laid down so that shoes do not get covered in dust or mud on the walk to the classroom. In the photo Ahren is bringing soil to Teonie and Josepahne while Mr Heslin helps coordinate and oversee the activity.

Senior English

Senior English students have been studying the play "Summer of the Seventeenth Doll". They are now working on writing their own monologue to present to the class based upon a character and theme from the play.

Maths Update

My Junior Maths class have an assignment which they have been working on in class and which students can work on at home as well. This is due Monday 25th August. We will be starting a new unit – Real Numbers on Tuesday. Ms Smith
5/6 Science

Our science lab has been in full swing. The new lab coats are the perfect accessory for our budding scientists as they investigate the wonder of volcanoes and the other amazing ways our earth moves. Keep up the great investigating Year 5/6!

Rock Pop Mime Update

The whole cast will be needed for Wednesday lunch, afternoon and Thursday afternoon practices. We will be looking at holding whole cast practices Sunday from 12-1pm starting week 8. We are also seeking volunteers to help out with our Working Bees. Please contact Mrs McGrath if you can help out.

P/1/2 News

This week we are finishing off our information reports and typing them on the computers. We have also started investigating different forms of poetry. We are also continuing our study of the weather and looking at water: where it comes from, what it is used for, and the importance of conserving water. We are excited and looking forward to welcoming the Pre-Prep kids to our open day next Thursday (28/8/2014) at 9.00am.

7-10 Home Economics

Students participated in their first individual prac this week. Students produced batches of custard creams and filo pastry triangles. All of the students worked well and have great results.

Sport Update

North West held their combined U12 & U19 Athletics Carnival in Longreach on Saturday and Sunday. There was over 175 competitors in attendance and it was a great event. This event is held in conjunction with the Longreach Athletics Club Outback Sunset Carnival and I would like to acknowledge the wonderful support the Athletics Club provide to NWSS. Congratulations to our students who trialled for the North West Team:

- Tayler Gale: 2nd Shot Put & 4th Discus
- Kent Tanks: 3rd 100m, 3rd 400m & 5th Long Jump
- Chloe Cain: 2nd 1500m, 2nd Discus, 3rd Shot Put
- Dylan Gale: 2nd Long Jump
- Libby Britton: 3rd High Jump

A great effort by all as we look to next year’s events.

Did you know?

- 11% of people are left handed
- 8% of people have an extra rib

As learners and leaders, we are safe, responsible and respectful. This is ‘The Winton Way.’