Dear Students, Parents and Friends.

Term one is motoring along at a hectic pace and I wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and dedication being shown by so many of our students.

It is wonderful to be able to attend a school where so many students are enthusiastic about their learning. It is particularly pleasing to hear many of our secondary students talking about personal and lifelong goals for themselves. Future dreams and ambitions play an important part in assisting us all to remain engaged and focused on our studies.

When you have the opportunity it would be of great benefit to begin discussing (if you haven’t already) the future dreams and aspirations of your child. Whether they are in Prep or year 12 the importance of having something to strive for is a critical component in the attainment of high levels of academic success.

It has been very pleasing to see a group of our year 4/5/6 students eager to assist with the beautification of our school. A small group has started to form which will become a gardening group. This group is currently working hard to develop a concept plan for the “worn windmill garden” at the bottom of the office stairs. Thank you for identifying this need, and showing pride and commitment to our school.

I need to remind everyone that Winton State School has a zero tolerance for bullying. Our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students outlines clearly the behaviours which are unacceptable and consequences for these behaviours. This document is available on the school website if you would like to view it in more detail. All teachers in the school have been working with students to assist them in understanding the document. I congratulate the majority on your exemplary behaviour, dedication, happy and friendly attitudes. Your bright smiling faces makes attending Winton State School each day a joy!

If I can be of any assistance to you all please don’t hesitate to make contact.

Yours Sincerely

Mick Lawrance
Principal
P&C NEWS

I would like to say a BIG THANKYOU to Amy Holmes, Dianne Heslin, Lisa Howkins, Helen Fogarty, Darlene Scarr, Tammy Gale, Karrin Dooley, Justine Clarke and Mitchell Britton for volunteering to serve or make cakes, slices, icy cups and sandwiches on the day of the school swimming carnival. Each of our volunteers went into a draw to win a prize (bottle of wine) which was won by Dianne Heslin. The children really enjoyed what was on offer as we sold out. The green and yellow icy cups were perhaps the biggest hit. Without your generosity this fundraising stall would not have been as successful.

Also P&C had a hot food and drink stall at the school rugby tryouts last Friday evening. Another BIG THANKYOU goes to Helen Fogarty, Dianne Heslin, Carol Carn, Vicki Bowden, Tammy Ellis and Ebonny Rogers for contributing their time to serve, prepare or donate hot food. The volunteer draw was won by Vicki Bowden.

It is great to see so many parents, grandparents, guardians and teachers helping the P&C to fundraise. Thanks again!!

Don’t forget the P&C meeting this afternoon at 5:00pm in the New Building!!

Hope to see you all there!!

Kylie Britton
P&C President

SCHOOL NEWS

STUDENT LEADERS – STUDENT COUNCIL

On Monday, last week, the school listened to the enthralling speeches of the students who had nominated as representatives. Our year fours and up took part in the democratic process of voting for their student representatives using ballot papers. Votes were tallied and we are pleased to congratulate the following students:

Leah Barnfield – School Captain
Andrea Eliott – Vice School Captain
Emelie Williams – Middle Phase Captain
Jacinda Hona – Vice Middle Phase Captain
Chris Patterson & August Crapp – Paterson Captains
Heidi Laffin & Mitch Fogarty – Flynn Captains
Tayler Gale & Ahren Kypridis – Class Captains 9 & 10
Chirstyn McConville & Mitch Fogarty – Class Captains 7 & 8
Stacie Mitchell & Lexie Mitchell – Class Captains 4, 5 & 6
Andrea Eliott & Leah Barnfield – Class Captains 11 & 12

We are going to have a great year, with lots planned already – our student council is a keen lot! All captains except our sport captains are expected to attend the council meetings on Tuesday in the second part of big lunch. We hope to see you there!

Mrs Collett-Dyer and Mr Girodat

As Learners and Leaders:

- We are Safe
- We are Responsible
- We are Respectful

This is ‘The Winton Way’!
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FOR WEEKS ONE, TWO & THREE OF TERM ONE:

- Maddix Hampton   For great listening whilst on the carpet
- Harley McCalman  For excellent work in maths
- Emelie Williams  For following detailed instructions in technology
- Tahvarnia Woodman For a fantastic start to the school year
- Mason Stanley    For a fantastic start to the school year
- Blair Williams   For putting 100% effort into reading groups
- Kaillem Paterson For fantastic work representing 10,000 with MAB Blocks
- Jaylah Hampton   For writing a great character description

OUR CLASSROOMS!

YEAR PREP/1

News from Prep/1

Whoa! Week 4 already!!!! Time is going so quickly! Lucky the students in Prep/1 are hard at work. In English we are still learning more letters and sounds and learning how we can put these together to make new words! We are also exploring stories to see what makes them interesting for us to read.

In Maths, we are exploring number but have also moved into basic money counting and recognition. Ooooh, money money, money! It’s certainly something the students are enjoying! If only it was real!! We will begin moving on to addition and subtraction soon.

In Science and SOSE, we have gone on our Nature Walk around the school, discovering natural and human-made things, and noting whether they are living or non-living. We have some wonderful scientists who are using all of their senses to explore the school environment and along the way, have made some friends, including Mr Lizard and Mr Goanna!!

Our Friends program has been going along nicely, with the students exploring emotions and the way we react when we are feeling angry or sad. We have also been practising being brave, so if you have some adorable Prep/1s introducing themselves, don’t be alarmed.

Miss Sunny
Prep/1
YEAR 2/3

This week we have been working on our assessment items in English. The year 2’s have been working on a Who am I? Where they have to give a set clues based on stereotypical features, traits or qualities on a fictional character. The year 3’s have been working on a persuasive text based on children do or do not eat enough fruit. The students have formulated fantastic arguments such as “lollies are fruit flavoured anyway so there is no need to eat fruit” and “it’s cheaper to eat fruit because eating fruit keeps your teeth healthy so you don’t have to spend money going to the dentist”.

In mathematics have been looking at the relationship between addition and subtraction and measurement. This week in SOSE we are learning about the production of wheat and how bread is made. Finally, just a friendly reminder that homework is due in every Friday.

Mrs Lisa Howkins
2/3 Teacher

YEAR 4/5/6

In Year 4/5/6 we continue to race ahead with our units of work. We are currently writing a new chapter for Roald Dahl’s novel “The Twits”. We will be sharing the published versions of these at later date. We have some amazing ideas floating around the room at the moment! In maths we have been investigating fractions. We have explored the mathematical language associated with fractions and have started to apply our knowledge of fractions to addition and subtraction situations.

Science and technology were amazing this week. We investigated the effectiveness of different materials as packaging by dropping weights onto biscuits. We focussed on carrying out a fair test. Ask us why we learnt the mnemonic “Cows, Moo, Softly” (It actually has nothing to do with cows!). We would like to thank Mrs Mitchell (Stacie and Lexie’s mum) for her expertise in helping out with our scientific investigations. This is a great step for building relationships between our school and scientists in our community! We would love any other parents who have “Hidden Talents” to visit our class and help the students develop their skills.

Until next time
Mrs C, Mrs Girodat and the 4/5/6 class
EARLY CHILDHOOD
This year in Early Childhood, we will be visiting the Little Swaggies Day Care Centre and the Prep/Year 1 room at our school to observe various procedures and lessons. The students will also be teaching small lessons in these groups from time to time. If you have any concerns about this, please come and see me. The first assignment will be handed out in Week 5.

Mandy Smith

THE ARTS
Below is some artwork from the year 9/10 class when learning about the techniques of shading, cross-hatching, and continuous line drawings. Enjoy!

YEARN 9/10 ENGLISH
In week 5, next week, students will not have spelling as they will be completing assessment tasks.

Pammy Collett-Dyer
SECONDARY SCHOOL HOMEWORK

Just a reminder about the homework students should be completing within the Secondary School. The following are the possible types of tasks students should be doing:

- **Revising** - read through the work they completed in class that day
- **Reading** - whether it’s magazines, newspapers, novels etc
- **Spelling** - practise spelling when assessment isn’t occurring (years 7-10)
- **Assessment** - where taking the task home is appropriate
- **Set tasks** - questions and problems etc
- **Incomplete work**

If a student isn’t able to complete the homework task by the due date they will be given time during lunch to do so.

If access to a computer is required, the computer lab is opened during lunch, before and after school, as is the library.

Thank you with your support in this matter,

High School Teachers

WIDENING PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

Currently there is an initiative from Central Queensland University which aims to widen participation in higher education from regional, remote, and Indigenous students by partnering with primary and high schools to deliver programs that raise aspirations towards higher education, facilitate access into university, and provide support for first year undergraduate students.

Part of this initiative involves tertiary education providers being actively involved in this process in conjunction with the schools. Central Queensland University in Rockhampton has a program that will this year deliver to our current crop of year 10 students a range of packages that will allow students to explore possibilities post school. Part of this program is a camp/ excursion to the university campus in Week 10 of term 1 (26th - 29th March) where students will attend workshops and lectures from staff at the university, TAFE and defence force. This trip is being fully funded by the university and will be accompanied by a member of staff from Winton State School.

Robyn Kleinhans from the university will be coming to Winton State School on the 29th of February and 1st of March to talk to year 10 students the program. Robyn is also eager to speak to parents about the program and has suggested that parents are welcomed at the Thursday morning session at 9am or, alternatively, a time could be organised for the Wednesday evening, depending on which suits best.

Letters have been sent home for parents to indicate their preference as to which time would suit best. If these forms could be signed and sent back to the school as soon as possible as this will allow Robyn to continue to make the necessary arrangements for her visit.

Jai Yong Gee – Senior Coordinator

7/8 STUDIES OF SOCIETY & THE ENVIRONMENT

This term students in 7/8 are learning about the importance of tourism to Australia and the value it brings to Winton. For assessment students will create a business plan for their own business in Winton. Currently students are looking at designing surveys so as to gauge what it is tourists visiting Winton would like in a new business. The next stage is to look at what methods of advertising are the most appropriate for creating awareness of our business around the Central West.

Jai Yong Gee – SOSE Teacher
9/10 STUDIES OF SOCIETY & THE ENVIRONMENT

Law – Crime in Society is the topic of exploration for year 9 & 10 this term and the focus is on MURDER!! Students have been studying the basics of law as well as understanding what it is that goes into solving a murder. As part of the topic, students will try and solve a case during the term using the knowledge and skills they have acquired about police questioning and forensics. They will then create a newspaper article about the crime as part of their final assessment piece.

Jai Yong Gee – SOSE Teacher

UNIFORMS

We would like to thank all the parents and students who have been supportive in wearing school uniform to school so far this term. The students are looking excellent! We will still be phoning the parents of those students who are not wearing full uniform. Below is a reminder of the correct school uniform:

- Blue Shorts/Skorts (Maroon shorts are also acceptable)
- Winton SS Polo Shirt
- Sneakers
- Maroon or Blue bucket hat

If you have any questions or queries regarding uniform, please do not hesitate to see your child’s Phase Leader. Mandy Smith, Ebonny Rogers and Jai Yong-Gee

FRIENDS PROGRAM

Just a reminder that the Friends Program has started and your child/children may be bringing home their Friends Homework Booklet to complete some home activities. This is an important program that has been introduced in our school to help our students with social and emotional learning. If you have any questions about the homework activities, please see your child’s teacher. Mandy Smith, Ebonny Rogers and Jai Yong Gee

LIBRARY LESSONS

Primary school students need to bring a library bag to school if they would like to borrow books from our library. A plastic shopping bag will be fine if they don’t own a library bag. Year 2/3 has library on Tuesday, while P/1 and 4/5/6 have library on Wednesday.

This year I will be taking library lessons for the Primary students once a week. Students will be able to start borrowing this week. Please ensure that all books from last year have been returned and that students have a book bag to put their borrowed books in.

Mandy Smith
MATHEMATICS

Students are getting back into the swing of things in mathematics. All students are applauded for their efforts in mathematics in term 1. Please continue to seek additional help!

In year 7/8, students have completed Compare and order numbers, Number Laws, Fractions Decimals and Percentages and are moving into Chance! What are the chances of winning a million dollars on "Who wants to be a millionaire?" (Ask your student).

In year 9/10, students have completed Rates, Ratios, and Direct Proportion and are moving onto to Analytical Geometry. Students have been using geoboards and elastics to get to know Pythagoras and his theorem. Ask your students what is Pythagoras' theorem?

In Maths A, students are working towards their understanding of Financial Mathematics.

In Maths B, applications of triangles are being explored through 3 dimensions and problem solving.

Upcoming events:

Interested students are invited to contact their maths teacher to enrol in the Australian Mathematics competition. The date of the competition is Thursday 2 August 2012, we must have at least 5 entries.

Entry closing date: Thursday 10 May

The Australian Mathematics Trust (AMT) is also pleased to invite students to participate in 2012 Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians (MCYA). The challenge stage will be run over a three week period between April and June provided students finish by Friday 8 June.

Entry closing date: Friday 24 February 2012.

The Australian Mathematics Trust (AMT) is also please to invite students to participate in the 2012 Australian Informatics Competition (AIC).

Entry closing date: Thursday 5 April 2012.

Please don't hesitate to contact me (Michael Girodat) at Winton State School via phone 0746571910.

~Do not worry about your problems in mathematics, I assure you mine are far greater.

Albert Einstein

Michael Girodat
Subject Teacher

SWIMMING SUCCESS!

On Friday the 3rd February we held our inter-house swimming carnival for 2012. After some gloomy weather throughout the week, the sun shone through for a glorious day and a wicked carnival. We had our Preps in the water right through to our year 12 students leading the way. The carnival was a huge success with Paterson bringing home the trophy for another year! That is at least 4 or 5 years in a row now! Everyone participated well on the day from the novelty events through to the competitive strokes. The following is a list of the age champion winners from the carnival:

7yrs – David Crapp and Tiarra Porter
8yrs – Kaillem Paterson and Jaylah Hampton
9yrs – Kayden Porter and Lexie Mitchell
10yrs – Libby Britton
11yrs – Joe Franciscus and Stacie Mitchell
12yrs – Mitch Fogarty and August Crapp
13yrs – No age champions
14yrs – Daniel Barnfield
15yrs – Tayler Gale
Opens – Carlin Ellis and Andrea Elliot

A huge thank you needs to go to the P&C group who supplied sandwiches and cakes for the day. Also a big thanks to parents, staff and students for their help on the day to make the carnival a great one!
CENTRAL WEST SWIMMING

This Friday a small group of students will be heading to Longreach for the Central West swimming carnival. These students will be competing against students from around the district looking to perform a qualifying time for the state carnival. Good luck to these students on Friday!

CENTRAL WEST SECONDARY RUGBY LEAGUE

Last Friday afternoon/evening an enthusiastic bunch of high school boys gathered in Winton to trial for the Central West rugby league sides for the 15 years and 18 years age groups. Congratulations goes to Jacob Brotherton who made the 15 years side and to Carlin Ellis who made the 18 years side. Both these boys will be trialling in the North West regional carnival on the 2nd March back in Winton. If these boys play well here they will be heading to the state championships later in the year.

UNDER 12 DEVELOPMENT CUP

Towards the middle of the term on the 9th March (week 7), the annual development cup rugby league and netball is held for the under 12 age group in Barcaldine. This carnival on the Friday night is about getting students to have a go and participate in a team environment. The Saturday morning will be the Central West district trials for both sports. This is a more competitive environment where students are looking to get selected in a representative side. In the coming weeks I will be calling for interest in the Development Cup and the Central West trials and will be sending home a letter to parents informing them of the details of this event. Please stay tuned.

Michael Gabriel
HPE Teacher

PREVOCATIONAL MATHS

This term so far students have looked at concepts such as fractions, percentages and GST. They have now started their first piece of assessment which is to open a restaurant and calculate costs of meals, schedules and mark ups. This should be an interesting outcome. Please ensure students are up to date with their assessment and this can be done as a form of homework.

Michael Gabriel
Maths Teacher

YR 9/10 HPE

This term students are undertaking an aquatics unit as their HPE physical component. This is a compulsory subject and it is not a choice for students to swim. Their swimming lesson timeslot is Wednesday 9.40-11 each week. Students who do not swim will be completing written work outside of the pool even if they have a note. Students who continually do not swim will find themselves on detention. I look forward to your support in this matter.

Michael Gabriel
HPE Teacher

BOOK LISTS - REAMS OF PAPER

At Winton State School students are not required to pay an extra resource fee above the government allocation to enter the text book hire scheme. Contributing additional fees can cost a lot of money, for example a school in this district requests a minimum of $120. In our school students are asked to pay only for the materials they use, for subjects such as Home Ec and Manual Arts, at cost or below. Students are also asked to contribute 1 ream of paper; this was published in the book list.

We appreciate the students and families that have already made this contribution and provided their children with the required stationary that was listed on the booklist. We look forward to increased co-operation in this area.
9-10 HOME EC

We are currently working on the unit 'Print Star'. The major project is designing and making a printed t-shirt; students are asked to pay $4 towards their materials. Students who do not pay the levy will still participate in the task however products made will remain the property of the school. Looking forward to seeing what the students come up with!

Pammy Collett-Dyer
Subject Teacher
COMMUNITY NEWS

WINTON JUNIOR SQUASH TRAINING - Junior squash training will be starting soon. Children 8 years and over are eligible to come along. The cost for 6 weeks coaching will be $18.00 per child. If you are interested in joining please call Dale Eliott on 0427 002 099.

Dale Eliott
Level One Squash Coach

WINTON JUNIOR & SENIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUBS - A General Meeting will be held tomorrow at the North Gregory Hotel commencing at 5.30pm.
Agenda Items are:
- Junior Sign On/Kersh Cup game
- Coach/Ref/Sports Trainer upcoming courses
- General Business to kick start season 2012
All welcome, ...Past and new interested persons are encouraged to come along!!
People are needed to support both our clubs in helping anyway they can.

Dolly Grant

DRAWING LIFE FOR KIDS - A fun morning for kids is being held at the Outback Regional Gallery on Saturday 25th February and it’s free!
Numbers are limited and bookings are required.
Time 9.30am to 11.30am. Permission forms are available at the school office.

Drawing Life for Kids on Tour Celebrating Artists is a Queensland Art Gallery regional program developed by The Children’s Art Centre sponsored by Santos. It is sponsored by the Queensland Government through the Queensland Art Gallery of Modern Art. This tour is proudly sponsored by the Tim Fairfax Family Foundation.

17/2/2012 CW Swimming
24/2/2012 CW Secondary Touch Trials
                 CW Secondary Soccer
2/3/2012 NW Secondary Rugby League Trials at Winton
                 CW Secondary Netball Trials
9/3/2012 NW Secondary Touch Trials
          Development Cup Rugby League & Netball (Primary)
10/3/2012 CW Rugby League & Netball Trials (Saturday)
23/3/2012 NW Netball Trials Primary & Secondary (Hughenden)
26/3/2012 - 30/3/2012 Year 10 CQ Uni Visit
30/3/2012 Last day of term
16/4/2012 First school day of term 2

Check out the Winton State School website at:
www.wintonss.eq.edu.au