CONGRATULATIONS CHRIS

As we prepare to say goodbye to another year we also say goodbye to those students finishing year 12 and graduating from Winton State School. The 2012 class is unique this year as we have only the one student graduating; Christopher Patterson. To mark this special occasion the senior group of students and staff got together on Monday afternoon to congratulate Chris, reminisce about his time at the school and wish him good luck.

Chris, on behalf of all the staff at Winton State School, we’d like to again congratulate you on your achievements at Winton State School and wish you all best for the future.

2013 YEAR 7/8 STUDENTS

If you are in Year 7 or 8 in 2013, you are invited to attend our high school induction day. At Winton State School we already successfully include our year 7 students in our high school programs.

If you live in Winton or its surrounding district, and you are currently in year 6 or 7, we would love to have you visit our school on Monday 3rd December to experience a high school day with us at Winton State School.

Our friendly staff will deliver a range of exciting secondary subjects and answer any questions you have. Whether you are at St Patrick’s School Winton, Longreach School of Distance Education, Winton State School, boarding school or you’re new to the district, you are all invited.

For more details see page 7
Dear Students, Parents and Friends

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school. Tonight we will celebrate and reflect on the many successes our school has had across the 2012 school year.

I encourage you all to attend our 2012 Annual Speech Night. Please ensure that all students are in full school uniform and that you are at the hall for a 7:00pm start. I would like to thank in advance the Speech Night Team for their hard work and dedication in preparing for tonight’s event. Without your enthusiasm this event would not be possible.

I also need to congratulate Christopher Paterson this week. On Friday Chris will graduate from Winton State School and end what has been a 13 year journey for him. Congratulations Chris on the fantastic achievement and know that we are all very proud of you.

The Big Red Truck is currently visiting our school. This is a great way for our students who are starting the Cert II Hospitality course next year to get a head start and begin their studies early. I am very pleased with the energy and effort being shown towards this great opportunity.

I hope this newsletter finds you all in great spirits.

Yours Sincerely
Mick Lawrance
Principal

Every Day Counts
Is your child at school today?

Top Attending Year Levels for Term 4 (so far)
- Year 12 - 96.0%
- Year 6 - 95.7%
- Year 8 - 93.2%
- Year 3 - 93.1%

Boys v Girls (as at Thursday 1st November)
- Boys 89.6%
- Girls 87.3%

Speech Night
Speech Night is TONIGHT……
Let me congratulate in advance all the winners of the amazing awards, prizes and bursaries which are up for grabs tonight.

Starting at 7:00pm sharp at
The Winton Shire Hall

Students MUST wear full school uniform including shoes.

A light supper will follow at the conclusion of the evening please feel free to bring a plate to share.

Term Four Attendance Raffle.
Our Term Four Attendance Raffle will be drawn on the last Friday of this term at our assembly. Assembly will be held in the last period of the day. Students must be present all day and at the raffle to be eligible to win a prize.

Prize 1 - $250 online or local shopping spree.
Prize 2 - $100 online or local shopping spree.
Prize 3 - $50 online or local shopping spree.

Prize 1 - All students with Term 3 attendance of 97% +
Prize 2 - All students with Term 3 attendance of 92% +
Prize 3 - All students with Term 3 attendance of 88% + and all students with random attendance day tickets

New Phone Numbers for Winton State School
Please remember that our school has new phone numbers.

School Administration (main number) (07) 4657 2333
Student Absence Line (07) 4657 2366
What an exciting time of the year for our school. We have our future 2013 prep students joining us each week and we have been working on a plan to make our school a more visually exciting place to be. There are new computers, new interactive data projectors and whiteboards, new tables and chairs, new science benches and stools just to name a few.

Last newsletter, Mr Lawrance announced the class groupings for next year. This was a very exciting announcement as it guarantees the small class sizes we are accustomed to here at Winton State School. Whilst we made the move to finish 2012 with only 2 primary classes to ensure consistency of staff for our 2/3 class, in 2013 we will be returning to:

**PREP/ONE with Super Miss Sunny**

**2/3 with Magnificent Mrs Martyr**

**4/5/6 with Loveable Mrs Lawrance**

Currently all classes will have less than 20 students! Our human resourcing model ensures teacher aides are allocated to offer the best support for each and every student.

Our secondary model has proven extremely successful with our 7/8; 9/10; and 11/12 classes. This will continue into 2013. We will be offering transition opportunities for students who are entering different phases of schooling.

Each Wednesday morning, the year 1 and 2 students will be transitioning to their new area for next year. This will also mean a very small group with focused time for our incoming 2013 prep students and allow them to work with the current prep students forming the group for next year’s p/1 class.

Miss Ebonny Rogers, our junior secondary phase leader, has organised a transition day later in the term for our year 6 students who will be entering the 7/8 class next year. This will allow the students a “sample taste” of what it is like to have a larger number of specialist teachers rather than one main teacher. All students who may be entering our 7/8 class in 2013 are invited to attend this transition day.

With all the excitement of next year looming, our main focus remains on maximising learning time for our students in the year level they are currently in. Our guided reading data has just undergone the latest 5 week review and groups have been adjusted beginning next week. Our reading program has yielded outstanding results and has cemented its place as a staple program at Winton State School.

Alongside this, our focus on attendance is still strong. Student attendance has improved throughout the year. It would be great to see this pattern continue as we head into our final few weeks.

If you would like any information on any of the programs mentioned above, please do not hesitate to contact us on 4657 2333.

Rebecca Crapp
Head of Curriculum

Look after yourself. It is difficult to be a calm, relaxed parent if you are stressed, anxious, or depressed. Try to find time every week to let yourself unwind or do something that you enjoy.
Prep - 2 Classroom News

The Prep/1 class is busy as always! In English we have finished with our recounts of the classic Asian story of “The Two Bullies” with some very interesting, and often humorous, results. Well done to those students who put in a super effort to their retell. We are now starting to look at persuasive texts. We have explored times when we have tried to persuade someone (asking Mum for a chocolate) and finding ways to persuade each other.

In Maths, we have had fun exploring capacity and experimenting with which containers hold more or less. We are also getting very good at being careful measurers. We have also dappled on one of our favourite topics: MONEY! The students have been looking at different ways to make different amounts of money (and making sure we don’t get “ripped off”). We have looked at pricing items, and how to pay for them with exact money.

In Science, we have been doing lots of different experiments to show our understandings of light and sound and how it can change in different situations. The students have had a ball creating items that can make sound!

For SOSE, the students are continuing to look at different celebrations that they celebrate throughout the year and how different families celebrate times of the year.

We have also been blessed with the presence of our adorable Pre-Preps each Wednesday morning. This has been exciting for both the Pre-Preps and the Prep/1/2 class. We look forward to seeing the Pre-Preps at the Winton State School Speech Night.

For the rest of the year, our Pre-Preps and Preps will be on their own for our transition mornings with the year 1/2 students experiencing their own transition process.

Year 3-6 Class

In the year 3-6 classroom this week we have been focusing on animated films and comic books. We have learnt about the behaviours of characters and the ethical choices they make in the story. We then set out to create our own comic book demonstrating character behaviours, ethical decisions and identifying protagonists (hero) and antagonists (villain) in the text.

We are working super hard in dance and music this term preparing for our performance at the Winton Big Showcase on the 29th November. Our dance moves are smooth and our voices are sweet. We can’t wait to see you there!
Year 7/8 Home Economics

We are currently working on the unit ‘Print Star’. The major project is designing and making a printed bag; 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. As you can see the students are really working well and enjoy using the sewing machines – especially the new overlocker! Watch out fingers!

Pammy Collett-Dyer
9/10 Science

Students in 9/10 have begun experimentation of their vehicle constructions. We had eggs and water balloons being busted all over the place due to the impact of many forces. Students were able to reduce the breakages by adjusting and adding in safety features to prevent or reduce the force of impact.

Results will be here soon!

7-8 HPE

Throughout HPE this term students are learning many aspects of lifesaving. Students have learnt the importance of water safety and dangers of various bodies of water. They have experienced team search techniques through murky water, how to retain heat in cold water, rescue techniques including tows, the defensive position and safe entries and exits. Students have experienced the difficulty of swimming fully clothed and have conquered how to remove heavy clothing quickly and efficiently whilst in the water. Over the next couple of weeks students will be given mock scenarios and will be required to respond to these appropriately and safely.
MOVING INTO HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION DAY

WHEN? Monday 3rd December, 2012 (WEEK 9)

WHERE? Winton State School

WHO? All students currently in year 6 or 7

As we are approaching the end of the year, it’s important that we consider the transitions that will be occurring in 2013. As high school is just around the corner for students currently in year 6&7, we are having a ‘moving into high school transition day’ at Winton State School. This will enable students to have a taste of subjects offered in a high school as well as ensure a smooth transition for all students in Winton to begin high school in 2013.

Below is a timetable of the classes that students will take part in:

8.50-9.00 Form
Lesson 1. Maths
Lesson 2. English
Lesson 3. Home Economics
Lesson 4. SOSE
Lesson 5. Manual Arts
Lesson 6. Science
Lesson 7. HPE
Finish at 2.55pm

If your child is currently in year 6 or 7 and has not yet experienced school life in a high school setting, please send them along to join in with their friends for a fun transition day. If you have any questions regarding the transition day or the process of transition, please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

DON'T DELAY! ENROL TODAY!
CREATIVE PATHWAYS, WINTON YOUTH GROUP & WINTON STATE SCHOOL PRESENT

Winton BIG SHOWCASE

Featuring art, music, dance, live video, photography and more... all by local young people!

Winton Shire Hall
Thurs 29th November
6pm
FREE entry

$3 BBQ fundraiser - help get Winton youth to Shockwave Festival next year!

Free Creative Workshops for young people:

VISUAL ART with Sue!
MULTIMEDIA & PERFORMANCE with Thom!

Winton Youth Centre
Mon Nov 26 - Wed Nov 28
3.30pm - 7.00pm

For more info:
Call Sheree on (07) 4657 2614
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