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

### From The Principal

**Congratulations**

Math B cannot be described as an easy subject. It requires resilience, problem solving and mathematical reasoning and a growth mindset. Lacey Cluff is the first student ever to receive an A in Math B. We are shifting the normal attainment towards these higher subjects and Lacey is the first of many future students. We are proud of our mathematician Lacey Cluff!

**Bush Poetry**

What a great day for all involved. It’s amazing to see all of those young people get up and recite poetry in public. Of course I am proud of all of our students and that goes without saying. I am particularly proud of the 5-6 class and not for the reasons you may think. I saw them rehearse and I said to them they would get a first place. Why? They were proud of themselves and each other, they were demonstrating school spirit. Amazing to see these young people achieve more than they believed themselves capable.

**Cleaners**

I’d like to thank Natalie, Betty and Lucy for their outstanding commitment to keeping this school clean. It is exceptionally noticeable just how much effort and pride they place on having this school spotless for our students and staff. If you see them around it would be nice to thank them for they are the unsung heroes. Unsung up until this point!

**Waltzing Matilda Centre**

I had a great opportunity to meet with the architects for the centre. They allowed me to put forward the views from an educational point of view. It was a great meeting and we are exceptionally excited to be getting closer to the centre being rebuilt. It was a wonderful asset to this town and I am confident will be even greater than before.

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**Practice pays off!**

The 5/6 class took the first place trophy at the 21st Annual Bush Poetry Competition held at the Shire Hall on Wednesday the 7th of September. The judges were wowed by the astonishing performance of the 5/6 class. It was their best performance to date. They had tough competition from their peers from schools around the district but with their spooky sound effects and effort put into their practice sessions, they were able to bring the trophy home. The class would like to say a huge thank you to the competitors that travelled to compete and a special thank you to the organisers and helpers that made the festival possible.

Written by 5/6
Congratulations to all the teams who competed in this year’s poetry competition in the Prep to Year 2 section and a huge congratulations to the Prep class of Winton State School for their performance and receiving a Highly Commended result. Also a massive congratulations to Lanie McCalman for her 1st place in the individual poem section for Prep students and congratulations to Darcy Deem for his 3rd place in this section. There were at least 20 Preppies in the section. An amazing effort for each student to recite in front of such a huge crowd. We are proud of you all.

Miss Burns

1st Place

3rd Place
A Book Fair is being held at Winton State School during the week beginning 10th October. Please come and view the books and other items displayed in the Professional Learning Space (new building).

Looking forward to seeing you. Everyone, including members of our community, are welcome to come peruse and purchase any of the books and items on display. All purchases go towards fundraising for the school. Feel free to come any time, any day from 8.00am to 3.30pm throughout that week and enjoy a cuppa while you visit. See you then.

Secondary Mathematics

This week has been a week of exams for most of the secondary classes. In 7-8 we have been using our knowledge about taxis to calculate fares and also estimate arrival times according to how long it will take the taxi to travel from one point to another.

In Year 10 Maths we looked at a swimming pool and calculated the number of tiles that would be needed if the tiler was wanting to order 10 per cent more than the required amount.

For both Maths A and Maths B we will be finishing off our exams next week and will be getting ready for next term’s content.

Here is a ratio question for you. If a company currently has 3 Utes, 4 Dual Cabs and 1 truck. They are happy with the amount of dual cabs, however the company wants to have the ratio of for every 2 dual cabs, there are to be 1 truck and 2 Ute’s. Do they need to purchase more vehicles and how many more will they need?

Agricultural Practices

Currently we are showing the orchard a bit of love and care as we prepare for the upcoming mulberry and mango season. This term we have been looking at the legislative changes from a PIC to a biosecurity entity that is now required for those who have never had a PIC and are looking at purchasing cattle either for private or commercial use.

A Morning with the Cowboys!!!
Dear Winton Community,

The Combined Schools Spectacular will be held on the 24th November at the Winton Shire Hall. The Spectacular is a performance event, for the community that showcases all the arts in both Winton State School and St Patrick’s School Winton. This year we are planning to make the Combined Schools Spectacular bigger and better than ever! However we cannot do that without your help. This year we are asking for sponsorship for the event from local businesses and organisations. Your sponsorship will provide, lighting, audio visual hire, hall hire, props and costumes, free sausage sizzle for all at the end of the event and so much more.

In return, advertising for your business and organisation will be put into our programs, as well an ad at the beginning of the show, promoting your goods and services, also highlighting your invaluable contribution to the arts, both Winton State School and St Patrick’s School Winton.

If you are interested in this great promotional opportunity, can you please contact Felicia McGrath at (07) 4657 2333 or email: fkapi2@eq.edu.au

Thank you for the support

Felicia McGrath

Secondary English and the Humanities

In English, the 11/12s are putting the finishing touches on the multimodal/monologue presentations to be performed early next week. I can’t wait to see the creativity put into them.

The 7/8s are also finishing their feature article assessments. They have been having fun inserting images and interesting thematic elements into their properly formatted articles.

In 9/10 English, students have finished their final assessment for the term. I have seen some great efforts in analysing the memoir overall, I am happy with the class in completing their tasks.

The Year 11 geography students have been practising writing their exam for next week by using sources to support criteria relating to proposals for food security in Australia. They will write this exam on Wednesday of next week.

Only one week left!

Mr Paterson
Year 3/4 Class—Poetry placegetters!!!

Yet another fun-filled week was had by the Year 3/4 group at Winton State School. On Tuesday morning we were treated with a visit by the Cowboys Rugby League Development Team. It was so much fun to learn new skills under the expert eyes of these coaches. Then we decided to write a thank you letter to the Australian Age of Dinosaurs staff, thanking them for a wonderful excursion. Some of the lasting memories of the trip are as follows:

We would like to thank all of the staff at the Australian Age of Dinosaurs for making our visit so incredibly entertaining, informative and special. We could not have asked for a better ending to our science unit on fossils and erosion.

“My favourite part was painting Banjo’s replica claw because I like painting and the finished product was very black.” - Matilda Searle

“An interesting fact that I learnt was how miniscule a dinosaur’s brain was, but it survived millions of years only worrying about food, water and shelter.” - Kelly Remfrey

“The most magnificent excursion of my life. I really enjoyed looking at the lush green view of Winton with my lovely teacher Miss Harrington.” - Mia Ludwick

“When I bought my claw home, my mum was surprised by how realistic it was.” – Scarlet Megaw

“My favourite part was digging Matilda’s leg bone up, because it was fun and we learnt how to use tools like a palaeontologist.” - Cordellia Britton

“An interesting fact was how big the head was on a herbivore!” - Blake Jones

And now for the really big news: we had a superb day at the Winton Bush Poetry Festival on Wednesday. What an excitement to see so many children from surrounding districts excitedly participating in this competition. We knew we had prepared as well as we could, and were confident that our actions, expression and enthusiasm would win over the judges. A huge congratulations to every student, as each child competed confidently and gained either a Highly Commended or a Very Highly Commended. But it was in the group poetry section that we really shone. Nervously we waited for our turn and performed “Dinosaurs” with exuberance and commitment. We waited in nerve-wracking silence as the judges deliberated for what seemed an age before finally announcing that we had placed 3rd! We were ecstatic! It was such a thrill to win a prize after all that hard work.

HPE News—Cowboys Development Squad

On Tuesday we had a visit from two members of the Cowboys Development Squad. They took the students through some great activities and helped build upon their current skills. Several students received some prizes for excellent participation and the students asked some great questions.

Netball

Social netball is held every school week and is open to everyone aged 12 (year 7) and up. Even if you’ve never played netball before, come along and give it a try – it’s fairly easy to pick up, and it’s great fun!

Social Touch Football

Expressions of interest in a social touch football competition/regular playing night for ages 14 and up. Please see Miss Lee if you are interested in participating.

Miss Lee
Lunches will be coming from
The Musical Fence Café next week

The Musical Fence Café MENU

BURGERS
Chicken Burger $9
Beef Burger $9

SANDWICHES (white, multi-gran and gluten free bread available)
Egg and Lettuce $5
Chicken, Cheese and Mayonnaise $6
Chicken and Salad $6
Salad Sandwich (lettuce, carrot, tomato, onion, cucumber) $6
Corned Beef and Pickles $6
Ham, Cheese and Tomato (fresh or toasted) $6
Ham and Cheese (fresh or toasted) $6

SALADS
Greek Salad $9.50
Chicken Caesar Salad $9.50
Hot Chips $5

DRINKS
Water $3
Coconut water $3.50
Apple Juice $3
Orange Juice $3
Peach Iced Tea $4

The Chaplaincy service in the Winton State School

The Chaplain provides a listening ear, friendly smile, assistance with school lessons and some after school activities for the children and staff, and is available for parents to talk to as well. Up until now, SU Qld has been able to provide 2 days/week for a Chaplain at Winton State School. In order to maintain this amount of Chaplain time in the school, the community needs to add about $4500.00/year to the Chaplaincy fund. The immediate need is for $2500.00 to keep the Chaplain in the school for the next 3 months. If you are able to assist in some small way, please contact Rev Anne (Chaplain), Mr Micheal Crapp (Chair of the Local Chaplaincy Committee), or Mr Jason White, (School Principal).

P&C
P & C Levies are now due. Thanks to those families who have already paid. The levy is $40 per family per year and can be paid to the school office with cash or eftpos. If you would like to use internet banking the details are as follows:
Winton State School Parents and Citizens Association
BSB: 084990
Account No: 50-901-1482
Please use your family name and initial as the identifier.

Important dates in Term 3 & 4, 2016

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