State Education Week
Under 8’s Morning

This year, to help celebrate State Education Week our school ran an exciting Under 8’s morning. Today the children from P-3, Little Swaggie’s Childcare and in and out of town had a fantastic morning.

Jelly play, disco dancing, balloon animals, story telling, pony rides, a fire engine, an SES boat, a clown, the Reading Bug and arts and craft were but some of the amazing activities which kept the children busy all morning.

Many thanks to all the students for their cooperation, and beautiful manners this morning. Also, a huge thank you to all the teachers, teacher aides and volunteers who helped make this celebration as wonderful as it was. Special thanks are extended to the Winton Rural Fire Service, the Winton SES and Winton Ambulance, Little Swaggies, Bec and her pony and Darleen from the P&C.
From The Principal

Dear Students, Parents and Friends

This week is State Education Week and I am pleased to announce that this morning our school hosted an Under 8’s Day as part of this important event.

The Under 8’s morning was very well attended and I am pleased to report that everyone had a great time. Many thanks to all of the staff and volunteers who helped make this morning a fun-filled event for all our Under 8’s.

Next week, on Friday, our school will be hosting its annual Inter-House Athletics Carnival. The day is set to be a great event jam packed with great competition. I look forward to experiencing my first Winton Inter-House Athletics Carnival and witnessing first hand some great sportsmanship.

While talking about the athletics carnival I would also like to take this time to thank Mr. Mick Heslin, our Groundsman, for his hard work and dedication towards our school. Despite the cooler weather, the grounds are looking fantastic and seem to be improving each and every week. Thank you very much Mr Heslin.

Recently we advertised a teaching and teacher aide position at our school. I am pleased to advise that both have now been filled. As such I would like to welcome Mrs Erin Alcorn to our team. Erin has now commenced duties as a teacher aide and is doing a wonderful job. Mrs Emily Lawrance has also been appointed to a teaching role. Mrs Lawrance was interviewed for the role yesterday and will commence duties next Wednesday. Both Mrs Lawrance and Mrs Alcorn will form a key component to school’s Learning Support Team.

I want to congratulate everyone on their efforts in attending school. This term our school’s attendance has been remarkably better than last term. I am very pleased to be handing out many attendance raffle tickets and can’t wait to see who is drawn out as the winner of this term’s $250.00 online shopping spree.

Finally, the term is approaching a critical time. Our teachers are working hard to finalise assessments so report cards can be written. It is important that you talk with your child and their teachers about their progress with their assessments.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Yours Sincerely
Mick Lawrance
Principal

A massive thank you to OUTBACK CONSTRUCTIONS.

I would like to personally thank Outback Constructions for their in kind gift of time and labour in put together our new front office desk. The lads attended the school and spent many hours putting together the dreaded “flat pack” item.

It now looks fantastic and I am sure all that have been in the school for some time will vouch for how much more professional and welcoming our new front office now is.

Thank you so much Michael and the team from Outback Constructions for your commitment to our school.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is becoming a big hit each Monday and Friday morning. Hot toast, cereal and warm milo seems to fill the right spots. Thank you Miss Justine and Miss Miller for your efforts in running this program.

Please note that Breakfast Club runs from 8:00am—8:30am each Monday and Friday morning. Unfortunately students who arrive after 8:30am may not be served as staff have to attend to other duties after this time.

Tuckshop

Our new P&C Executive are keen to get our tuckshop up and running again each Friday. If you are able to assist in any small way with tuckshop, or would like to find out more information please contact Darleen through the school.
From The Principal

**School Lunch Breaks**

......CHANGE IS COMING......

The large number of students leaving the school at lunch time to “go home for lunch” is of concern to us at Winton State School. This practice is concerning as we have a number of students who are returning late from lunch break, hanging out in parks and/or not signing in and out.

These issues present duty of care concerns for us at Winton State School. As such, change is required. From Monday June 4th 2012 all students will be required to remain at school for both lunch breaks. That is, students will not be permitted to leave the school grounds without the accompaniment of a parent.

The exception to this will be if the parent of a child provides a note on the an individual day providing permission for the child to leave the school on this day only. The note must provide written detail as to why it is necessary for the child to leave and why they could not have brought a packed lunch on this day. Notes will be required to be written and signed for each day the child is provided with parental permission leave the school grounds. Weekly, termly or annual permissions will no longer be accepted.

Only students wearing a leave pass will be permitted to leave the school. Leave passes will be provided by the admin staff in the office, phase leaders or Mr Lawrance prior to 8:50am only.

Students who:
- fail to return from an approved lunch time leave,
- hang out in local parks or public places at lunchtime,
- return late or don't return; or,
- leave the school without a leave pass

will be dealt with as if they are truant and/or disruptive in accordance with our School’s Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students. Consequences for such behaviours range from lunchtime timeouts to referral to the Queensland Police Service, suspension, exclusion and cancellation of enrolment.

Should a student consistently (3 or more times) fail to follow the terms of a leave pass they will not be able to obtain another until a meeting is conducted with their parent/s.

Our school has fridges for students to store their lunch boxes. We also offer a lunch pick up service from the Bakery and Matilda Centre. Lunch orders can be left at the office with Maria or Cherie before school. Payment is required at the time of ordering. Our P&C is also working towards reopening the tuckshop each Friday.

For these reasons there are really very few reasons why students should have to leave the school at lunch time breaks.

I welcome your feedback to these changes and encourage those who regularly leave the school at lunch to use the next week and a half before June 4th to start thinking about how they are going to change their practices.

Mick Lawrance
Principal
As we celebrate State Education Week and Under 8’s Day this is a great time to focus our attention on supporting the literacy needs of our youngest learners. At no other time throughout their schooling are students so alive and willing to learn as much as they can. Parents play an absolutely vital role in working together with the school to help these young people develop the key literacy skills required to succeed at school and in later life.

**Early Childhood**

As a parent or carer, and your child’s first teacher, you can play an active role in building the foundation your child needs to develop their literacy and numeracy skills in the future.

Literacy in the early years is about reading, writing, speaking and listening. Reading in the early years can occur through a variety of sources such as books, magazines, logos, signs and grocery packaging. Children can write and talk about the ideas and information they read. They can also discuss, question and reflect on things happening around them.

Young children need to have opportunities to learn to listen and make meaning from the talk of others. Making sure your child understands what they see, hear and read is crucial for literacy learning.

For more information on how to help your child, visit the Education Queensland online parent resource centre at [http://education.qld.gov.au/literacyandnumeracy/resources.html](http://education.qld.gov.au/literacyandnumeracy/resources.html) or talk to your child’s teacher.

**Activities to do with your child**

Here are some simple yet effective activities you can do with your child to help them apply the literacy skills they learn at school:

- keep blank paper and pencils handy at home for writing activities
- **read with and to your child every day**
- have your child collect and sort the mail — who are the letters for and who are they from?
- create a collage using junk mail, old magazines or your child’s drawings with a particular focus — this could include pictures of things beginning with an ‘s’ sound or all pictures showing a particular colour
- make a scrapbook — this could be about a holiday or special event, and have your child write captions for the photos and pictures
- make your kitchen a ‘cooking’ zone and a ‘reading’ zone — use fridge magnets to make new words and short sentences, or have your child write the weekly shopping list and read names on packages
- play word games and do crosswords to help develop spelling and vocabulary
- keep a dictionary in an easily accessible place — show your child how it can be used for a variety of purposes and accessed while word processing on a computer
- make the writing of letters, notes, cards or emails a daily family activity — you can write notes to your child and encourage them to write notes back to you.


When your child wants to show you something, stop what you are doing and pay attention to your child. It is important to spend frequent, small amounts of time with your child doing things that you both enjoy.

[http://www.triplep.net/cicms/assets/pdfs/pg1as100gr5so183.pdf](http://www.triplep.net/cicms/assets/pdfs/pg1as100gr5so183.pdf)

Rebecca Crapp
Head of Curriculum
As part of our Library Lessons this term and next, students in the primary classes will be participating in the 2012 Premier’s Reading Challenge.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is a state-wide initiative for all Queensland state and non-state school students from Prep to Year 7. The challenge aims to help your child’s learning by boosting the number of books read and encouraging more challenging texts.

The Premier is challenging all Queensland primary school students to read or experience an allocated number of books for their reading level between 22 May and 7 September 2012. Prep to Year 2 students are challenged to read or experience 20 books. Experiencing books can include listening to stories, shared reading or reading picture books. Students in Years 3 to 4 are challenged to read 20 books, while students in Years 5–7 are challenged to read 15 books. Every child who meets the challenge will be presented with a certificate signed by the Premier to recognise their achievement.

Students will be given a reading record to record the titles of the books that they read, and each book read must be signed off by a member of staff or parent/guardian.

I encourage you to visit the Premier’s Reading Challenge website at www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge for further information on the Challenge or contact me at the school.

Mandy Smith

This week we are putting the finishing touches on our persuasive articles. Everyone in the class is trying to persuade the readers that Wishbones is a better story than Cinderella. In maths we are learning about place value by looking at how many thousands, hundreds, tens and ones are in a particular number. We have finished our timelines in history where students loved looking at pictures from the past and seeing how much Winton has changed. This week we are also focusing on completing our work for the show.

Mrs Lisa Howkins
2/3 Teacher
Classroom Updates.

Year 4/5/6 News

The year 4/5/6 students have been working hard… and we have the photos to prove it! In SOSE this week we drew the dimension of the HMS Supply that came over on the First Fleet. There were 50 people on board this ship. Wow, there was not much room left on the boat for anything else!

In maths this week we have been lucky enough to use the school laptops to work on Mathletics! The students were enthralled in their learning and the activities were enjoyed by all.

We hope all of the mothers had a wonderful day last Sunday. Please enjoy the sample of mosaics made by the students of our class.

Our Celebrities of the Week this week are:

Claye Kelly Allman – For showing dedication in getting all tasks completed.
Adela Wyatt – For trying hard consistently in class.

Congratulations to our Winton Celebrities!

Year 7/8 Art

In our unit Pop Art and Party Animals, we’ve been working hard on understanding colours and learning to break down images into basic shapes so that we can draw them easily. We are really enjoying using different watercolour methods including wax relief. Our paintings are turning out fantastic, with the bright colours and fantastic animals.

Mrs Collett-Dyer
Classroom Updates.

7/8 Science

Students in year 7/8 have been learning about the various minerals found in rocks and how they are extracted. Denise Stone from The Opal Shop on Elderslie Street kindly volunteered to visit the class and show the students the various types of opals and explain how opals are extracted from the ground. She explained that most opal mines are open cut and are dug very deep into the ground. She explained modern machinery vs. the pre-industrial methods of mining. Students were fascinated that miners used to have to dig it out themselves with a shovel. Students gained a wealth of knowledge from Denise and were so appreciative of her time. We thank you very much Denise for helping educate our students at Winton State School.

Senior Biology

During Senior Biology this term students are putting their bodies to the test to identify the effect that exercise has on the cardiovascular and respiratory system. The Winton Hospital kindly loaned us a peak flow metre and a blood pressure machine to assist the students to measure their forced expiratory volume and blood pressure. Students also tracked their heart rate to see how they recover after exercise. Already after two weeks we have seen an improvement in students’ cardiovascular and respiratory function.

Senior First Aid

Each Friday, students in year 11 and 12 have been working their way through their Queensland Ambulance Senior First Aid e-learning disc. By the end of term three, students will have the theoretical components of their Senior First Aid and Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation completed and will be required to complete the practical component of the course. Students are enjoying the e-learning component and have learnt the general principals of first aid, how to respond to emergencies, how to assess for life threatening injuries and how to conduct secondary surveys.

Ebony Rogers
Classroom Updates

GIFTED & TALENTED CAMP AT BARCALDINE

Bright and early at 7.30am on Saturday 12th of May, Mr & Mrs C drove Lexie, August and myself from Winton to the Wanpa-Rda Matilda Outback Education Centre at Barcaldine for the Gifted and Talented camp.

We learnt about robotics with Ms Marie Boden from the University of Queensland. We had fun making new friends while building and programming our Lego robots.

The next day we had science activities and a lightning show with Dr Peter Eastwell. In the lightning show Dr Eastwell make electricity jump from a Tesla coil to a piece of paper which soon was merely a pile of ashes. Here’s some advice from Dr Peter Eastwell: in an electrical storm seek an aeroplane, car or building. If you have none of those handy, crouch down in a ditch and stay away from sharp points (including forks).

By Stacie & Lexie

Sports Update

Athletics Carnival

Yes, it’s that time of the year again when Winton State School’s finest go head to head for glory: running, jumping and throwing their way to victory in the annual Inter-House Athletics Carnival. Next Friday the 1st June (week 7) starting at 9.00 am sharp, the mighty Flynn and Paterson teams will face off. In the lead up to this grand day, there will be a number of pre-carnival events held during lunch times this week and next as we can not fit all of these events in one the day. The schedule for these events are as follows:

- Javelin (13 yrs+) – Friday 25th May (wk6) 11.00am school oval
- 800m (9 yrs+) – Monday 28th May 11.00am school oval
- 400m (9 yrs+) – Tuesday 29th May 11.00am school oval
- 1500m (10 yrs+) – Wednesday 30th May 11.00am school oval
- Triple Jump (13 yrs+) – Thursday 31st May 11.00am sand pit

Can all students ensure they are at the carnival on time as it may take a while to get through the events. There will be a best dressed prize for the Flynn and Paterson teams so get creative! It would be great to see plenty of parents and friends cheering on our budding athletes in these events and on the day. Good luck to all the athletes competing and stay tuned for the results in the next newsletter!

Michael Gabriel
HPE/SportsCoordinator
We had another beautiful new family join us this week. Caroline and Christopher jumped straight into all of the Playgroup activities. Christopher seemed to really enjoy the music and singing component.

All of the children loved playing with some new toys that were kindly donated to us from Shirley Kelly – Thank you! The girls also put on some gorgeous ladybug costumes, and we all got stuck into some new play-dough.

We created vibrant butterflies during art, with some children making more than one. It was another great day, with a great morning tea – Thanks Erin!

EDUCATIONAL - This kind of structured play is really valuable in helping the development of young minds. The range of activities provided promotes fine and gross motor skills, as well as language and comprehension development. Furthermore, interactions with other children enhances social and emotional skills like learning to share.

I am now making little activity booklets with activities for the toddlers to engage with. These are related to our theme each week. Hope to see you there!!!

Emily

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**Some Key Successes from our Strategic Plan**

This year our school revised its strategic plan. We use this plan to guide the way we do business. Some of the key success from the plan to date are itemised below. If you would like to review the plan with me please don't hesitate to make contact.

Successes:
- Implementation of a common teaching framework for the teaching of reading.
- Greatly improved primary school reading results.
- Appointment of Teacher and Teacher Aide time to support our school’s learning support program.
- We recently ordered $13,000 worth of guided reading books to support our reading program.
- Making it possible for our Head of Curriculum to work 4 days a week in an admin/coaching role.
- Commencement of the SET planning process with our Year 10 students.
- Parent Information nights have been run each term.
- Successfully commenced a playgroup at the school.
- Purchased additional Guidance Officer time at a cost of $33,000.00
BIG RED TRUCK

Last newsletter it was reported that the Outback Hospitality Training Centre (The Big Red Truck) would be visiting the school next week. Unfortunately this visit has been rescheduled for Week 9 of this term, Monday 12th June. Stay tuned for further updates.

TENNIS - The tennis coach will be holding sessions on Saturday 2nd June. For any further enquiries please contact Joanne on 4657 1249.

Some Under 8's Day Photos

Winton State School

As learners and leaders:
We are Safe
We are Responsible
We are Respectful

This is “The Winton Way”
W.H.A.T
(Winton Health Action Team)
&
Queensland Ambulance Service
&
Winton Hospital & MPHS

Are holding a

HEALTH & INJURY PREVENTION EXPO

This Friday, 25th May from 4 pm until 7 pm in the Winton Hospital staff car parking area, between the Hospital and the Queensland Ambulance building.

Our Mayor, Butch Lenton, will officially open the Expo at 4.30 pm, and then we have Emily Lawrance’s Vogue Academy of Dance performing at 5 pm with the young dancers, and again at 6 pm with a ZUMBA display.

Winton 60’s & Better will be performing a Line Dancing routine at 5.30 pm.

There will be a “Cook Off” featuring a couple of Winton Hospital “celebrities” and you can sample the food too, if you are lucky!

The results of the Colouring competition for the Primary school students and the Poster competition for the High School students will be displayed, along with some interactive health promotion stalls with lucky draw prizes for those who complete the circuit of displays.

There will be a sausage sizzle for a gold coin donation in aid of the L.A.C (Local Ambulance Committee)

Come and enjoy a fun-filled couple of hours and you can still be home for Friday night football!
THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS HAVE RECEIVED 60 OR MORE HONOUR CARDS FOR FOLLOWING OUR SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS.