North Queensland Sports Education Tour

Last week, representatives and development officers of various sports including athletics, hockey, volleyball, cricket and rugby league visited Winton State School to give our students the opportunity to participate in their sports skills.

Students made the most of the opportunity. The development officers were very impressed with the sporting talent at our school. Students had a fantastic time and we look forward to having them back next year.

Coming Events

- Friday June 8th: Inter-House Athletics Carnival
- Monday June 11th: Public Holiday
- Wednesday June 13th: Big Red Truck Visiting
- Wednesday June 13th: Primary School - Magic Show (2pm)
- Wednesday June 13th: P&C General Meeting (3:30pm)
- Friday June 22nd: Last day of Term
- Friday June 22nd: Attendance Raffle Drawn (must be present to win)
Dear Students, Parents and Friends

The term is motoring along! It is hard to believe we are only two and half weeks away from holidays again. This is perhaps a sign of a fantastic term; one which has been filled with greatly improved work ethic and learning outcomes.

I am so proud to be able to report that our primary reading program is beginning to bare exceptional results. In our last five week data review cycle our students from P-6 returned improvement results which were equivalent to just over three times the expected average growth for this period.

This fantastic outcome is testament to the outstanding work being done by our teachers and teacher aides who work in this area. The dedication shown by teachers, teacher aides and our HOC, Mrs Crapp, towards this program is nothing short of highly commendable. Thank you all for your dedication and commitment to the students at Winton State School.

In the last week of this term report cards will be sent home with students. Also, in this week, you have the opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher and discuss their progress. A meeting can be arranged by phoning the office and leaving three suitable times with our friendly office staff. The school office number is 4657 1910.

If you have a chance to visit the Winton Show this weekend be sure to check out our school’s display. Students and staff have been working hard to put together this work.

With the rain last week our school athletics carnival had to be called off. This said, this Friday is the new date for this event. I am very much looking forward to Flynn and Paterson Houses battling it out this Friday. Likewise, I am looking forward to witnessing first hand the Winton Way demonstrated through exceptional sportsmanship and team spirit.

Finally, can I end this edition’s Principal’s report with a sincere thank you to all students from our great school. The growth in academic focus, social responsibility and school pride has been fantastic this term. I am so proud of all of your efforts and look forward to continued transformation as the year progresses.

Winton State School is a place of safety, responsibility and respect. Thank you all for your contributions.

Yours Sincerely

Mick Lawrance
Principal

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**LUNCHTIME LEAVE PASS**

**AVAILABLE UNTIL 8:50AM DAILY FROM THE OFFICE OR A PHASE LEADER**

**CONDITIONS OF LUNCHTIME LEAVE**

1. The student on lunchtime leave must have written parental permission on the day of the leave.
2. The student must sign in and out at the office.
3. The student must sign back in at the office at least 5 minutes before the start of their next scheduled lesson.
4. The student must go home for lunch and not “hangout” in local parks and public places.
5. While on lunchtime leave the student must maintain and display the leave pass.
6. While on lunchtime leave the student must obey all school rules and expectations.
7. Failure to comply with these conditions will result in disciplinary action in accordance with our school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students.

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**P&C Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the next general meeting of the Winton State School P&C will be held on **Wednesday June 13th 2012**.

The meeting will commence at 3:30pm in the school’s Professional Learning Space (the new building).

Please feel very welcome and attend accordingly.

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**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.
The end of the semester is quickly closing in. In the final week of school, report cards will be sent home with your child/ren. English, Maths, Science and History (still under the area of SOSE) are being taught, assessed and reported on in line with the Australian Curriculum. HPE, LOTE, and The Arts are still being taught, assessed and reported on against the Queensland Essential Learnings and Assessable Elements. Senior subjects are reported on against the relevant work program for the subject.

Teachers will be available for parent teacher meetings during the last week of term 2. If you would like to make an appointment to see any of our teachers, please phone the office with 3 preferred appointment times so that our office staff can organise a suitable time. The office phone number is 4657 1910.

### Principles underpinning reporting practice in P–10

A school report is a summary statement (electronic or paper) that records the achievements of an individual or a group of students at a point in time. Teachers make a judgment based on their shared professional knowledge about how evidence in student work matches the achievement standards.

Students need regular, quality feedback on their achievement and progress to:
- know what they have achieved in relation to the achievement standards
- know specific areas in which they need to improve
- make choices about their future learning goals.

Parents/carers need regular reports to:
- help understand how well their children are performing in relation to the learning expectations of the Year level they have been taught
- help them make choices about their child's future learning goals.

Teachers and schools need systematically collected and meaningful information about student achievement and progress to:
- plan future teaching and learning
- make decisions about continuous improvement of their curriculum.

Schools and teachers have a professional and legal obligation to provide these reports.

Give your child lots of physical affection – children often like hugs, cuddles, and holding hands.
[http://www.triplep.net/cicms/assets/pdfs/pg1as100gr5so183.pdf](http://www.triplep.net/cicms/assets/pdfs/pg1as100gr5so183.pdf)

Rebecca Crapp
Head of Curriculum
News from Prep/1

The Prep/1 class is busy as always!!! In English we are focused on how characters change in the stories we read. We have been studying The Rainbow Fish and Henry, who are two characters who take on great changes. We are also knuckling into our sight words, with many students already past their red words! Congratulations!!!

In Maths, we have looked at a few different concepts. We have focused on patterns, and know that we can have colour, object or movement patterns. We also looked at probability and things that WILL happen, MIGHT happen and WON'T happen. We are moving on to money, which always proves to be fun!!!

In Science, we are continuing to look at different skies and landscapes, with the students beginning to draw their own, as we “look out a window”.

For SOSE, the students are busy gathering information about their older family members, to find out how things are different for kids today, compared when their parents or grandparents were growing up. The students will report back on this information on Thursday, so we look forward to seeing what we find out!

Miss Sunny
Prep/1

Year 2/3

This week in English we have been deconstructing procedures by looking at the goal, equipment required and the steps involved. We have also learnt that each step must start with a verb. In maths we have been looking at ways to collect and represent data as well as revising count on addition facts. In Science we have been looking at how shadows are different at different times of the day. Just a friendly reminder that stationery essentials are running low such as glue, pencils and erasers. Thank you to the parents who have topped these up.

Mrs Howkins
Year 2/3
Year 4/5/6 News

Term 2 is quickly coming to an end and we have been working hard to finish all of our assessment tasks in class.

This week, in Maths we have been learning how to convert a fraction to a decimal and percentage. The year 4/5/6 students have become experts at converting fractions, and because they have become so good at this on Wednesday we are having a red food day and will be practising converting our fractions with chocolate and jelly beans.

Also this week, while working on our Memoirs, we went out and sat beneath the trees in the orchard. This gave us time to sit quietly and really enjoy nature and our writing.

Our Celebrities of the Week this week are:

Cody Letts – for fantastic work in Maths.
Jessica Hona – for making a great start to her memoir.

Congratulations to our Winton celebrities!

On a final note, this Friday at the athletics carnival the year 4/5/6 parents will be hosting a sausage sizzle and sweets table in order to raise funds for the year 4/5/6 camp to Camp Fairbairn. If any of the year 4/5/6 parents are able to donate their time or bake some goodies to sell at the carnival we would greatly appreciate it.

Prevocational Maths

In Maths at the moment, students have been learning how to use a compass. They are undertaking an assignment looking at coordinates and bearings and putting together an orienteering course to follow. It is great to see students enjoying their maths with practical opportunities.

English Communication

Currently students are watching the movie "Remember the Titans" and will be putting together a spoken movie review as their final assessment task for this term. They will be breaking down the movie and analysing the theme, characters, plot and style of the movie and having a discussion as a movie reviewing panel similar to the ABC show "At the movies" with David and Margaret. We look forward to their informative comments and final rating.

Athletics Carnival

The inter-house athletics carnival is now going ahead this Friday. We look forward to a day of throwing, running and jumping events. Come dressed in your best green outfit if you are in Flynn or your best yellow outfit if you are in Paterson. There will be a canteen operating on the day with the proceeds going to the 4/5/6 camp. Good luck to everyone competing and we look forward to seeing plenty of supporters this Friday.

Thank You
Michael Gabriel
Agriculture and Construction

The seniors have been all hands on for the last couple of weeks. With the upcoming athletics carnival and the end of term the pressure has been on. The students have been constructing and repairing athletics equipment, moving soil around the oval with the tractor and replacing the sand in the long jump pit.

Not all of the efforts have gone to preparing for the athletics carnival, the students have also been installing an outdoor eating table. The table was constructed earlier in the term. It will hopefully be in the ground and ready for use by the end of term.

Junior Technology Class

The term is coming to an end and the Junior Technology Class has completed some amazing projects.

Recently, the class has designed and individually created a rubber band powered car.

Last week the class worked more efficiently than ever. Their work resembled a production line in a factory where individual students completed specific components of the cars before passing them onto the next stage of the production line.

By the end of the lesson all cars were together and ready to race. Great work Junior Technology class!

7-8 HPE

You may see members of the 7-8 HPE class out on the oval training for the 2012 Olympics! Students have put together a training program that they will follow for the rest of the term to improve a chosen athletics event! Some students have realised that they were a bit ambitious with their program and are finding it extremely difficult to complete and others are finding they were too easy on themselves. Either way, it is a learning curve and we are still looking to improve our chosen athletics event.

9-10 Arts

During art this term, students have studied advertising techniques. They have now formed groups and are working towards developing an advertisement on an item of their choice. We have some fantastic footage occurring including scooter stunts, hair straightening, toilet happenings, phone designing and animal welfare activists! Students have risen to a new level with their advertisement and it’s so pleasing to see 100% engagement and enjoyment whilst learning. Keep up the great work!
It’s Raining, It’s Pouring

Playgroup is definitely a warm, fun way to spend a yucky rainy day! The kids have an endless supply of books, arts, toys and more! We were a bit naughty last week and put on a Wiggles DVD which the kids loved dancing to! The kids loved playing on the huge cushions (& the parents had a cuppa & cake!)

Playgroup is run by a couple of mums who happen to be school teachers. From this week we will have available for you sight-words you can use to play games with your children. This will help them learn to recognise these words in preparation of future reading. You can also borrow books from the school library.

If you haven’t come along yet, we would love to see you.

Emily

Winton Playgroup
Friday’s 9am
Winton State School Library

BIG RED TRUCK

The Big Red Truck will return to Winton State School on Wednesday the 13th June to work with our high school students in their working hospitality kitchen.

All high school students are reminded that, due to workplace health and safety regulations, they will need to wear correct school uniform and enclosed shoes to participate in these activities.

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We are Responsible
We are Respectful

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HONOUR BOARD FOR TERM TWO

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS HAVE RECEIVED 60 OR MORE HONOUR CARDS FOR FOLLOWING OUR SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS.

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