Last week Winton State School celebrated Science week. All students participated in an experiment during class and had the opportunity to participate in the lunch time activities.

There was rocket launching, blood sugar testing, weetbix eating competitions, tornado tube relays, paper plane races and much more.

On Friday, students dressed up as mad scientists. Congratulations to Lachlan Murison, Blake Mitchell, Lexie Mitchell and Maddix Hampton for winning best dressed. Thank you to Jen Williams for teaching us about blood sugar levels, blood pressure and lung capacity.

Many thanks also to Miss Ebonny Rogers and Mrs Rebecca Crapp for your contributions to the organisation of this event and the running of lunchtime activities.
Dear Students, Parents and Friends

Welcome to another exciting edition of The Winton Way. The school has been a buzz the last fortnight with so many exciting learning opportunities going on.

I am delighted to be able to congratulate Miss Ebonny Rogers on a fantastic Science Week. Last Week Miss Rogers organised a spectacular week of science learning. Supported by Mrs Rebecca Crapp a wide range of exciting lunchtime activities were run. These all demonstrated fun ways science applies to our everyday lives. Congratulations Miss Rogers and Mrs Crapp on a fantastic week.

On Tuesday this week the students at our school all participated in tree planting to celebrate National School Tree Day. Supported by Mr Heslin and Mr Holmes and his Agriculture students a new garden of native plants was established between the 4-7 eating area and the school office. In years to come this garden will host a beautiful assortment of flowering natives. Many thanks also to the Dessert Channels Group who contributed $1000.00 toward the project.

This term teachers are working hard to help students improve their workbook presentation. You can assist with this goal at home by talking to your child about the importance of high levels of presentation. Having neat, tidy and well presented work helps us to revise, reflect and understand all that we are learning about. It also highlights to others that we care about our work and that our work is important to us.

All teachers in the school have worked hard to develop for each of their classes “A Standard” exemplars for the assessment tasks they are asking students to complete this term. Students and teachers have been talking about what makes a work sample an “A standard” and what the criteria sheets being used are demanding of them as learners. It would be wonderful if you talked to your child about their assessment tasks and ask specifically:

1. What are you learning about in Maths/English/Science?
2. What assessment tasks do you have for this subject?
3. What do you have to do to get an “A”, “B” or “C”?

It would also be worthwhile making a time to meet with your child’s teacher to discuss your child’s progress towards their assessment tasks.

Finally, I will finish today by thanking all of the students at our wonderful school. You are all an amazingly tough group of people who are doing an amazing job at improving your learning and making Winton State School a wonderful place to come and learn, work and grow each and every day.

Yours Sincerely
Mick Lawrance
Principal

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**Attendance Raffle Term Three**

This term we will again be running an attendance raffle. The raffle this term will be slightly different but will again provide a total of $400.00 in prizes.

This term we will have three draws. **Draw Three** will be for students with attendance equal to or greater than 87%. **Draw Two** will be for students with attendance equal to or greater than 92% and **Draw One** will be for students with attendance which is equal to or greater than 96%.

Draw One will be drawn first and all non successful tickets will be entered into draw two. After the second draw (draw two) all unsuccessful entries will be added to draw three. Students who earn random attendance day tickets will be able to enter these into Draw Three.

The prize for each draw will be as follows:

- **Draw One (1st Prize)** $250.00 online or local shopping spree.
- **Draw Two (2nd Prize)** $100.00 online or local shopping spree.
- **Draw Three (3rd Prize)** $50.00 online or local shopping spree.

Attendance will be measured from Monday week one to Friday week ten. Students will be able to receive up to ten random attendance day tickets throughout the term. Up to five random tickets will be issued by me as principal and up to five random tickets will be issued by either primary classroom teachers or secondary phase leaders.

Finally, like last term, you must be present at the draw of the raffle to win. The only exception to this is Senior Students who are engaged with School Based Traineeships or Apprenticeships and students away at approved representative activities. The term three attendance raffle will be drawn on the final day of the school term.

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**P&C Meeting**

Notice is given that the next meeting of the Winton State School P&C Committee will be on:

**August 8th 2012**

At 3:30pm

in the
Administration Building at our School.
Who would have thought that science could be so much fun! This year’s theme for science week was “Energy”! We had a great time transferring energy and using energy in a wide range of ways. It was great to see so many students joining in the lunch time activities and learning through the hands on activities. The Pre Prep class from day care also came over and joined in the fun. Thanks so much Susan; we appreciate your hard work in making this visit possible!
Tips for Parents - School and Teacher Relationships

Research shows that one of the most important factors that affects a child's performance in school is parental involvement. All too often, parents assume that just sending their children to school and looking at their report cards is enough. Not true! If you want to be involved, if you want to actively participate in the relationship between your child and the school, there are some things you can do to make this relationship positive and productive.

Methods for Parents to Get to Know Their Child’s School Better

First of all, don't just show up at the school; make an appointment to visit.
After you've made an appointment, go to the school; look around, talk to people.
As appropriate, call or write to your child's teachers.
Talk to other parents about their experiences.
Be sure to read the minutes of the P&C, even if you can’t make the meetings.
Take time to read the school newsletter.
It may not always be convenient, but try to attend school functions such as open classrooms and P&C meetings.

Questions to Ask at a Parent/Teacher Meeting

Is my child performing at grade level in basic skills? Above/Below? Math/Reading?
What are the objectives my child is supposed to attain? How do these objectives lead to the overall goal for the course/grade?
What achievement, intelligence, or vocational aptitude tests have been given to my child in the past year?
What do the scores mean? (Be very specific and be sure you understand completely what the reported scores mean).
What are my child's strengths and weaknesses in major subject areas?
What subjects does my child enjoy most?
Can we together go over some examples of my child's class work?
Does my child need special help in any academic subject?
Who are my child's friends and how does he or she interact with other children?
Has my child regularly completed assigned homework?
Has my child attended class regularly?
Have you observed any changes in learning progress during the year? Has learning improved or declined during the year?

http://www.adprima.com/parents.htm

http://www.triplep.net/cicms/assets/pdfs/pg1as100gr5so183.pdf

Rebecca Crapp
Head of Curriculum

Children are more likely to misbehave when they are bored so provide lots of engaging indoor and outdoor activities for your child, e.g., playdough, colouring in, cardboard boxes, dress ups, cubby houses, etc.

http://www.triplep.net/cicms/assets/pdfs/pg1as100gr5so183.pdf
On Tuesday July 31st our students with the assistance of Mr Heslin planted almost 100 native trees, plants and shrubs around our school. The students did a fantastic job working together to beautify our school. Many thanks to our Senior Agriculture Studies students who put in a big effort to help this event happen. Also we are very grateful for the kind support from the Desert Channel Group who contributed $1000.00 towards the project.
News from Prep/1

The Prep/1 class is busy as always! In English we are focused on our poetry, both understanding it and reciting it! The students have some very interesting poems to perform, so the class is looking forward to it.

In maths, we have looked at a few different concepts. We have focused on money, and being able to recognise different Australian coins. We are also working on showing numbers in different ways, using the thinkboard.

In science, we are continuing to change properties of materials. We have done an experiment to see if we can change paper to make it stronger.

For SOSE, the students are busy gathering information about their older family members, to find out how things are different for kids today, compared to when their parents or grandparents were growing up. Last week we looked at the differences in communications, both past and present.

Miss Sunny
Prep/1

Year 2/3

This week in maths we have been looking at fractions. We made fraction fruit salad by cutting fruit into halves, quarters and eighths. We have also been working extremely hard to complete subtraction in a vertical format. Although this seems challenging at first, we are striving to do our best with some students even mastering this with problems into the thousands.

In English we have been looking at how characters and settings are described in narratives by completing a noun and adjective hunt through the text. We have also started jointly writing character descriptions.

This week has also been science week so we have been looking at different types of heat and how it is recorded by using a thermometer.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has looked after the birds over the weekends and I would especially like to thank Claudia Bowden and her family for taking such great care of them over the holidays. Flip and Flap have become much loved classroom members.

Mrs Lisa Howkins
Year 4/5/6—Snapshot

English – We have started writing our diary entries this week for our assessment piece.

Maths – This week we focused on fractions. In year 4/5 we have been working hard on our QCAT assessment pieces while in year 6 we have focused on revising our fraction problem solving skills.

SOSE – Australia’s first people have become our favourite topic in class. This week we focused on the evidence that shows Aboriginal people have lived in Australia for approximately 50 000 years.

We have also been very lucky to have a parent volunteer, Elizabeth Neal, come and assist us in the classroom this week during English. Thank you so much for your help at school this week. The year 4/5/6 class are truly grateful for all the work you have done.

As time is quickly fading away and our exciting class camp is approaching, the parents of year 4/5/6 will be meeting on Wednesday, 1st August, at 4:30pm to discuss fundraising ideas for our class camp. I hope to see all the parents there!

Mrs Girodat and Year 4/5/6

7/8 Home Economics

After researching how masks are used in a selected culture students have started work on their paper mache masks! It’s a little messy but a lot of fun. In home economics the students have been learning to use the sewing machines and will be ready to sit the test for their sewing machine license.
Senior Schooling

Semester two is in full swing and with it comes the high expectations around senior studies. Semester one of year 11 is an introduction for students to the specialised subjects they will study in the final two years of school and teachers, understanding the challenges students face, accommodate for this in their planning. Semester two generally sees an increase in expectations around in-class learning and activities, work set for homework as well as attendance. The expectation is that students attend class, study diligently whilst at school and complete homework that has been set before the beginning of the next lesson. Completing this set work gives teachers the best chance to identify what assistance can be provided to ensure students are reaching their full potential in each subject area.

9&10 English

We have finished reading Hamlet – and have been pretty disgusted at the behaviour of the characters. We have been discussing which characters caused the most trouble in the play – although I personally don’t like Polonius, most students decided that King Claudius or the bystander behaviour of Horatio were to blame. We are now gearing up for assessment where we will analyse Hamlet for which scene caused the most tragedy!

7/8 Science

Throughout science this term, students are learning about the classification system used to organise organisms into their scientific groups. Kingdom – Phylum – Class - Order – Family – Genus – Species. They have learnt that humans’ scientific name is Homo-sapien and this is because of our genus and species name. Below is how the 7/8s remember the system:

King Philip Can Open Fart Gas Sheds.

We have had practice classifying organisms and comparing similar organisms by counting the number of classification levels at which they are the same. Over the next week, we will be classifying organisms that we have in Winton and comparing their characteristics.

9/10 Arts—Drama

Throughout drama this term, students have written their own script called ‘The Life’ and are currently practicing to perfect their performance for presentation in week five. Students have used everyday happenings at school and placed them into a humorous context. Students are reflecting upon their expressions, body language and tone of voice in order to improve their performance on stage. After this performance, students will be grouped into threes to perform a short play for the rest of the class.

Junior Technology

The year 4 and 5 class have started making projects for the school fete.

Last week the class traced and cut out the first item which is an echidna shaped pencil holder.

The class put their minds together and came up with a number of ideas that would be fun to create in the workshop and items that they consider desirable to people. Over the term the class are going to investigate and possibly create wind chimes and mobiles.
Sports Update

CW Athletics trials
Last Friday a small but dedicated group of athletes braved the early start and cold morning to head over to Longreach to compete in the CW Athletics trials. These trials served as an inter-school carnival as well as a selection trial for students to compete at the next stage. Our Winton athletes excelled with many receiving placings on the day. The following are some of the results from the carnival:

- Tiani Conlon – 1st 100m 12 yrs girls
- Shai Howard – 1st Shot Put 12 yrs girls
- Patrice Woodman – 2nd Long Jump 12 yrs girls
- Andrea Patterson – 2nd Long Jump 13 yrs girls
- Shane Woodman – 3rd Long Jump and 3rd 200m 12 yrs boys
- Carlin Ellis – 2nd Javelin, 3rd 100m and 3rd Shot Put Open yrs boys
- Tayler Gale – 3rd Shot Put 15yrs girls

These students have been invited to represent the Central West team at the North West trials in Longreach in a couple of weeks time. A huge thank you must go to Helen Fogarty who was able to accompany our group and help on the day. Well done to all the athletes!

Under 11 Vicki Wilson Netball and Matt Scott Rugby League Cups
Last Thursday, 5 of our under 11 Netball girls and 2 of our under 11 Rugby league boys represented our school over in Longreach and Illfracombe respectively in the annual Vicki Wilson and Matt Scott cups. These carnivals are a chance for students to come together and play some competitive but safe interschool sport. It is a great way to develop our primary school talent in our district.

Our girls had a great day out, combining with a couple of girls from another school to play their games. While they didn’t win any games, they continually improved throughout each game and had a fun day out. Our boys combined with the St. Patrick’s boys to form a ‘Winton Warriors’ team. The boys won their final game of the day to finish 7th out of 8 teams. The side had a number of first time and inexperienced players and it was great to see them participating.

These carnivals are in their 3rd year now and are getting stronger and more valuable every year. A huge thank you goes to Helen Fogarty for taking the Netball girls for the day.

North Queensland Cowboys Development Visit
Last Monday, we were lucky enough to have some development officers from the Cowboys come and spend some time developing the students’ skills in Rugby League. This was a great morning and it was clear that students learnt heaps in a fun environment. It is great to have these sorts of development programs visit us out here in Winton.

Michael Gabriel
HPE Teacher
OUTBACK HOSPITALITY
Over the past two weeks, the year 9 and 10 students have been engaging in a hospitality course towards their Certificate One in Hospitality. This is a unit of work, both theory and practical, which sees the students develop their knowledge and understanding of working in the hospitality industry. The course covers information from; following health and safety procedures, working with colleagues and customers, following workplace hygiene, and developing hospitality industry knowledge.

PIMP MY PIKELET
As a culminating activity, to put our new skills and knowledge to the test, the students competed in a ‘Pimp My Pikelet’ competition. The students were given the basic recipe and ingredients to a pikelet batter, and had to put their own spin on or in it!

To my surprise, ALL of the students turned up to school with their ingredients, ready to compete for a Café voucher. There were some very clever ideas executed. Like substituting the plain milk for flavoured milk, adding choc-chips, berries, bananas, nuts and more, and dressing the pikelets with delicious fruits, creams, and toppings.

Jaquita was our winner with Berrilicious! Listed below is the basic pikelet recipe, plus the ingredients and method for Jaquita’s winning batch.

I would like to congratulate all of the 9-10 students on working safely and efficiently in a commercial kitchen. It was not only a great learning experience for the students, but for me also. Thank you!

**Ingredients**

1 cup (150g) self-raising flour  
1 lbs caster sugar  
3/4 cup (185ml) milk  
1 egg  

*Jaquita added 1 cup of forest berries and ½ cup of maple syrup to her batter!*

**Method**

Sift flour and sugar together into a bowl with a pinch of salt.  
Whisk milk and egg together, then add to dry ingredients, whisking until smooth.  
Heat a non-stick frypan over medium heat and brush with a little melted butter.  
Drop level tablespoons of the mixture into the pan and cook for half a minute or until bubbles appear on the surface.  
Turn over and cook other side for 1 minute until golden.
It was great to see everyone back at Playgroup after we had a week off due to sick kids!

This week’s theme was ‘Transport’. We sang all of the songs that we knew to be about transport, such as; The Wheels on the Bus and Row Your Boat. And we had lots of fun singing each others’ favourites. We had a beautiful new family join - three year old Eve and one year old Eli. Eve was a very good singer and joined in with all of the actions! It was really good to see Dad bring them along. Welcome to Winton – we hope you enjoy it as much as we have!

As per usual at this time of year, we really enjoyed playing outside. Majella, Winton’s local Family Support Worker, got right into the playground, helping all of the children on the equipment. She is such a valued addition to the group – talking with parents and playing with the children.

We now also have Amy working with us each Friday. Amy is at Winton State School completing work experience, and as part of her work, she is assisting with the running of Playgroup. We are very lucky to have the support of the school – we are about to place another order for new toys and furniture!

As the London Olympics are on, our next theme will be ‘sports’. Come along and join in, in all of the mini-Olympics activities! We will practise a range of fun gross-motor activities, make our own medals and read some great stories about sports.

Emily

Winton Playgroup
Fridays 9am
Winton State School Library
RREAP COMMUNITY FUNDS

A recent meeting of the Rural and Remote Educational Access Program (RREAP) Community Committee approved grant applications for the following organisations and projects.

1) Winton Devils Junior Rugby League  $ 891.60 To assist with access to games.
2) Winton Devils Junior Rugby League  $ 809.00 To purchase training equipment.
2) Winton Tennis  $ 920.00 To assist with access to a coach.

Congratulations to these organisations who are working hard to support the students from Winton.

Please be aware that a sum of $5868.23 is available for round four applications.

Applications close on October 5th 2012 and are to be emailed to the.principal@wintonss.eq.edu.au or sent to:
The Principal
Winton State School
PO BOX 298
Winton Qld 4735

Application packages can be collected from the Winton State School or by contacting Mick Lawrance at the.principal@wintonss.eq.edu.au

Coles has launched their 2012 Sports for Schools program and I am excited to announce that Winton State School will be participating and collecting vouchers for much needed sports equipment.

I am well aware that Winton does not have a Coles. I am asking you to encourage family and or friends who may live near a Coles to collect vouchers for our school please.

Vouchers are available in all Coles stores from 13th June to 14th August.

Please visit coles.com.au/sportsforschools for more information about the program and you can also browse the sporting gear available to see what equipment we are aiming for.

A collection box will be located at the main reception at Winton State School so please feel free to drop the vouchers in the box or give them to your children to hand into class.

Krystal Stanley
Sports for Schools Coordinator

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Hope to see you all there.

FREE TENNIS COACHING for children by coaches from Brisbane on Thursday the 9th August from 4pm to 6pm.