2013 School Swimming Carnival

A HUGE congratulations to Paterson for taking out the Annual Winton State School Inter-House Swimming Carnival for 2013.

The carnival was held at the wonderful Winton Pool on Friday the 8th February. The day opened with the popular house swim which was followed by the 12m, 25m & 50m events. All were very hotly contested. It was wonderful to see such high levels of participation in competition in all events - this is a real credit to all who attended.

A big thanks to the managers from the Winton Pool for the venue and the P&C for providing the sausage sizzle and cakes.

More results and information on this event appears later in the newsletter.
Dear Students, Parents and Friends

It has been a fast-paced and exciting start to the new school year. I would firstly like to congratulate all our students on settling into school routines so quickly. The dedication, enthusiasm and support being shown by so many of our students is simply outstanding.

Last Friday we ran our inter-house swimming carnival. Congratulations to everyone who participated and thank you for your efforts and sportsmanship. A big congratulations to all our Age Champions and to Paterson house for winning the event. Our age champions have been named on page 8 of this publication. Finally, a big thank you to all the staff who helped make this day great, especially Mr Barrow whose leadership at this event was nothing short of brilliant.

I am delighted to remind you all that parent information nights are on this evening. Please remember the times below and do your best to attend:

- 4/5/6 — 4:30pm
- P/1 — 5:00pm
- 2/3 — 5:30pm
- 7-12 — 6:00pm

The sessions will provide information which outlines school and class expectations, homework requirements and what your child can be doing to succeed at school this term.

Please remember also that our school P&C meetings are run every 2nd Wednesday of each month. Our P&C is a vital part of our school and acts as a support to me as I raise issues, ideas and the future direction of the school. This is a great opportunity to become involved in our school and offer your own thoughts and ideas. Please feel free to attend these meetings at 3:30pm in the administration building.

I would also like to congratulate our candidates of the Student Leader positions we have in our school. These young people did a great job recently presenting to the student body on assembly the reasons why they should be considered for a leadership role in 2013. I am excited to advise that the successful candidates will be offered an opportunity in the near future to engage in a special leadership camp. This will assist them develop as a leadership team and to develop skills required for student leadership. This event will be fully funded by the school through our National Partnership Program.

Finally, I would like to end by welcoming our new families to Winton. It is awesome to have you enrolling with us at wonderful Winton State School. Your first days of school with us have been amazing and I am delighted that we have been joined by such lovely individuals.

If I can be of any assistance please don’t hesitate to make contact on 4657 2333.

Yours Sincerely
Mick Lawrance
Principal.
2013 has commenced at an amazing pace. As I have had the pleasure of visiting our classrooms this term, I have been really impressed with the dedication and effort being put in right from the start by all our students. There are some key questions I like to ask as I am moving around. These questions can also be useful at home for starting conversations about your child’s day.

1. What is our job when we are at school?
2. What are you learning?
3. What is your teacher looking for?
4. How do you get a good mark in this subject?

The response to question one; to learn, is one of the most powerful. It doesn’t matter if we are not the best at something, as long as we are putting in 100% effort and learning as much as we can.

Our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students (available on our website) outlines the school expectations for being safe, responsible and respectful as leaders and learners in our school. I have included the extract below for what this looks like in our classrooms. It is always great to talk with your child about how school behaviour is different from home behaviour (for example – we don’t have to put our hand up to speak at the dinner table, but we do when we are at school).

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<td>Behave sensibly</td>
<td>Participate in all aspects of the school program</td>
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<td>Know about and obey fire and lockdown procedures</td>
<td>Follow staff directions</td>
<td>Value others differences and opinions</td>
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<td>Report damage and injuries to a staff member</td>
<td>Do our best</td>
<td>Recognise others’ right to learn</td>
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<td>Put away all equipment after use</td>
<td>Raise hands before speaking</td>
<td>Are respectful of own, school and others’ property</td>
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<td>Follow the classroom rules</td>
<td>Work independently</td>
<td>Speak in a respectful manner to teachers and peers</td>
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<td>Follow health and safety rules</td>
<td>Submit assessment on the due date</td>
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<td>Have a broad brimmed hat for sport and outdoor learning</td>
<td>Are on time to class with appropriate materials</td>
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Senior Geography

This term students are studying natural hazards in geography and the impact they can have for communities and government. This is always a suitable topic to cover in term 1 especially in Queensland with our abundance of floods and cyclones during the summer months. Students have been looking at volcanoes as hazards. The class designed some experiments to explore variations between volcanic eruptions from the core or through the side of the volcano.

Mr Jai Yong Gee
Prep / Year One Class News

Hello and welcome to Week 3!

We’ve been having lots of fun and learning a lot over the past few weeks.

Last week, we established our classroom Behaviour Management System using “Funny Faces”. Each time a student is found making great choices and following our school rules, they are rewarded with a “Funny Face” piece. When a student completes their Funny Face with 6 pieces, they can choose a prize out of the Prize Box. Take a look at how gorgeous we look with our Funny Faces!

Homework will be sent home for Preps and Year 1’s from next week. Please be sure to take note of the parent information letter that will be in the Homework folder. Homework will be sent home on Monday and returned to school on Friday. Students will be rewarded with Funny Face pieces when their homework is returned on the correct day.

Swimming will begin this Friday. Please ensure your child brings along sun-safe swimmers, goggles, a towel and a hat. Sunscreen will be provided.

As always if you have any questions or comments about anything that is happening in P/1, please don’t hesitate to speak with me.

Have a great week!
Deb

News from 2/3

What a fantastic week we’ve had! Mrs Martyr is super impressed with our hard work and wonderful effort. In math we’ve been focusing on place value and sequencing and have had a great time working with Miss Erin on organising numbers in ascending and descending order. In English we’ve been learning about sensational sentences and antonyms. In science and history we’ve practiced our group skills and how to be an effective team member. Check out our photos!
Another fantastic week was had, with lots of great work achieved.

Last week we started our integrated science and technology unit ‘The Spinning Earth’. This is a two term unit which will have us discover all about the Universe and our Galaxy, through to our Earth’s make up, weather patterns and more.

In creative arts we have been delving more into the colour-wheel, creating art pieces using primary and secondary colours and our warm or cool colour Van Gogh’s Starry Night pictures. The students have loved these activities, with many students asking if they can do an additional art piece!

All students have been working incredibly hard through maths and literacy. All ability levels are being catered for during our eventful classroom rotations. I have loved teaching every one of my little legends – keep up the great work.

Photos: Kids working hard in the daily literacy rotations.

Wow – what an incredible start to what is going to be a fabulous year!

In Senior Glee, 25 beautiful young ladies came along for a great class. We first began with some vocal warm up and technique work, then straight into our dance choreography and singing. Everyone looked and sounded great.

Rock Pop Mime saw most students from years 5 and upwards attend. Boys and girls of all ages and experience got stuck straight into the choreography for this year’s entry ‘Charlie and the Chocolate Factory’. We have a lot of hard work to do if we are to defend our title and win again!

Junior dance will now run as part of the school’s after-school electives that commenced this week. The Prep to Year 4 dance group runs on Thursday after school in the dance room from 3pm. We are learning a great new Jazz routine and more!
LIBRARY BORROWING & UPGRADE

Library classes have now commenced.

Students will have a weekly lesson where they will be shown the new books and have time to browse the shelves. They will be encouraged to borrow two books per week.

- P-1 class – Monday
- 2-3 class – Monday
- 4-5-6 class – Friday

The library is also open at lunch times for activities and borrowing.

We are in the process of giving the library an upgrade. $3500.00 has already been committed for purchasing new books and resources.

If you know of any great books that should be available in the school library, please let Emily Lawrance or Cherie Mullin know so we can look at purchasing these.

DEADLY ZONE

A new ‘Deadly Zone’ is being set up as a meeting place for our indigenous students. They will have access to a microwave and fridge for preparing food, access to Indigenous Health information, and it will be our meeting place for monthly meetings. We are hoping to host these meetings with representatives from our school and town community members.

If you would like to become involved in our Deadly Zone, or would like to form part of our EATSIP committee (Embedding Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander Perspectives), please contact the school.
Year 11 / 12 Agriculture

Students in Agriculture have been studying soil properties. The class has covered a lot of ground in soil classifications, soil testing and soil improvement solutions.

The class has spent the majority of the term in the classroom covering theory before sampling soils in designated locations. The class then carried out pH testing and improvement tests in the science lab. They also conducted clay dispersion tests.

Later in the term they will be improving the soil quality in an area before planting two rows of trees.

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Year 7/8 English

This term our focus is about poetry, and this week we have looked at a number of poems to identify the figurative language used. We have also begun to look at how poetry can be adapted across modes by drawing illustrations that would match. Our assignment will be to turn a poem into a multi-modal piece – much like a music video clip. Students have been given spelling homework each week so far this term, and will continue to do so unless something bizarre crops up.

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Tennis with Joanne on Friday at 3.45pm at the town courts. All welcome. Enquiries 4657 1249.
School Swimming Carnival Results

As the day continued the records began to fall. Congratulations to the following new record holders: (all 50m)

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Congratulations to our age champions:

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The following students have also been selected to swim at this Friday’s Central West District Championships at Longreach Swimming Pool. (8.30am – 3:00pm). These students MUST see Mr Barrow for a nomination form ASAP. We wish you all the best of luck at this coming carnival.