The term has started with a buzz at Winton State School. Yesterday, students in years 7–12 were treated to a fantastic presentation by Motivational Media. The hour long production showcased to students some of the adversities which are thrown at us through life and the ways in which we can overcome these.

On top of this students were also treated yesterday to some lunchtime workshops by the very popular Shockwave Team. Hoola hooping, guitar playing, singing, claymation and juggling filled “The Shed” with a hive of activity.

Our classes have all started with great enthusiasm and students should now have goals set for their next term of learning. Talk to your children at home about what their goals are this term.

Mick Lawrance

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Coming Events

May 14 - 16 NAPLAN TESTING
May 21st ICAS Computer Skills
May 27th—30th CQ Uni Skills Visit
June 5th ICAS Science Test
June 17th ICAS Writing Test
June 18th ICAS Spelling Test
Dear Students, Parents and Friends

Welcome back to another great term at Winton State School. I want to begin this term by reflecting on the achievements of our school over the past 15 months.

Firstly, our push to improve attendance has been successful. From 2011 to 2012 the number of students attending school at the highest attendance bracket of 95% - 100% increased by 18%. Further, the number of students attending at the school target increased by 10% for this period. When we compare the attendance rate from term one last year to term one this year there has been an increase of 6.4%.

Suspension rates for term one 2012 and 2013 indicate for the first term of the school year the number of suspension days at Winton State School have been reduced by approximately 39%. Further, the number of behaviour incidents for this period have been reduced by approximately 45%. Thank you very much to the parents and carers who have supported the school with suspensions by following up appropriately at home and engaging in purposeful re-entry meetings. Your support assists greatly in reducing the risk of reoccurrence of such behaviours.

Our school opinion surveys resulted in positive gains across all areas with the major achievements being a 15.4% increase in staff morale, a 42.8% increase in parents believing their child’s English skills are being developed and a 28.6% increase in parents satisfied that their child’s numeracy skills are being developed. Overall student satisfaction from 2011 to 2012 saw an average increase of 34% with the major areas of improvement being recorded against the following areas:

- A 35.2% increase in the satisfaction of students that this is a good school.
- A 34.2% increase in the satisfaction of students that they are getting a good education at Winton State School.

The latest release of data on the Commonwealth Government’s MySchool Website indicates that our Year 9 students from last year outperformed other statistically similar schools from across the nation in 4 of the 5 NAPLAN domains. In the final area, we were ranked second against statistically similar schools.

I could not be prouder of the efforts and achievements of our staff, students and community. Your efforts and persistence are beginning to pay dividends and you should all be motivated and proud of your effort. Our futures are created and it is only through hard work, dedication and persistence towards our goals that we will continue to achieve such great successes.

I thank you all for your return to our great school and I look forward to sharing with you many more successes as the term progresses.

Yours Sincerely

Mick Lawrance
Principal
Next Thursday is ANZAC Day. Education Queensland supports the commemoration of ANZAC Day in a number of ways. Our school is always well represented by the students and teachers and we look forward to contributing to the Winton community commemorations again in 2013. It would be wonderful to see as many students as possible at the Dawn Service dressed in their uniforms. This service begins at 5:30am outside the Shire Hall in Vindex Street. The annual parade will form up ready to begin at 9:00am outside the RSL club. Students should wear their full uniform, wear a suitable broad brimmed/bucket hat and bring a water bottle. Students who have Community Link badges should also wear these.

Premier's Anzac Prize
Students in Years 8–11 are encouraged to apply for the Premier’s Anzac Prize 2014. Entries open on Monday 8 July, with a trip to the Western Front and Gallipoli for Anzac Day 2014 as the major incentive.

Students are encouraged to research and prepare a multimedia submission addressing how the Anzac tradition shaped our nation, why it is still important, and how future generations can continue to keep it alive.

Entries close Friday 20 September. For more information visit the Premier's Anzac Prize website at education.qld.gov.au/students/grants/scholarships/premiers-anzac-prize.html.

The Premier's Anzac Prize 2014

How to enter
Applications for the 2014 prize will open on 8 July 2013.

Submissions may be between two and five minutes long and in one of the following formats: mov, wmv or mp4. By applying, the applicant confirms they meet the conditions of entry detailed on the general information document.

Complete the application form (available from 8 July 2013), save your multimedia entry onto CD, DVD or USB and submit everything to:

The Premier's Anzac Prize
Department of Education, Training and Employment
International Services
PO Box 15033
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Applications close Friday 20 September 2013. Late applications will not be accepted.

Entry requirements
The Premier's Anzac Prize is open to all eligible Queensland high school students.

The multimedia presentation must address all of the following:
- How has the Anzac tradition shaped our nation?
- Why is the Anzac tradition still important?
- How will future generations keep the Anzac tradition alive?

Applicants are asked to refer to evidence of the Anzac spirit from Australia's involvement in wars and conflicts from Gallipoli through to the present day, and to relate those experiences to positive values and activities in everyday life. Applicants are encouraged to source material from interviews, experiences of friends or relatives, media resources and individual research. All sources must be acknowledged and have approvals to include. The department’s eLearning environment ‘the Learning Place’ has supplied a collation of resources 35k that can help you get started.

Be part of the Anzac Day tour to Europe in 2014
Gain inspiration to enter the 2014 Premier’s Anzac Prize by following the inaugural group’s journey to Gallipoli and the Western Front via the Premier’s Anzac Prize web page from Monday 22 April.

If you have questions for the touring students, you can email them to international.services@dete.qld.gov.au. Selected questions will be answered by the students on the website.

By following their journey, you can expand your knowledge about the Anzac tradition and consider making a multimedia submission for the 2014 prize. Entries for the 2014 prize open on Monday 8 July and close Friday 20 September.

For more information visit the Premier’s Anzac Prize web page at http://education.qld.gov.au/students/grants/scholarships/anzac/index.html

Rebecca Crapp
Head of Curriculum
Prep/1 News

Welcome to term 2. We have made a strong start to the term, even though we’ve had a classroom change and are currently working in the Library due to some issues with the installation of the flooring in the P/1 room.

We are very lucky to have student teacher, Jill Marshall, with us this week. Jill is a 3rd year Early Years Education student studying with James Cook University. Jill lives in Longreach and received mixed opinions from the Prep/1’s when she suggested wearing her Thompson Tigers footy jersey to school! We welcome Jill to our class and to our school and hope she enjoys her time with us.

Miss Jensen

News from 2/3

Welcome back to term 2! We’ve all settled in well after our holidays and have already shown what fantastic learners we can be. We have a busy ten weeks ahead of us with a lot of learning and fun in store. In English we’re looking at persuasive texts and how to put our point of view across effectively. This will lead us into NAPLAN later in the term. In maths we’ve kicked off with 2D and 3D shapes and will do more work on place value and time. History this term focuses on our local community and changes that have taken place over the past one hundred years. “Hot Stuff” is the name of our science unit and it will involve learning about heat energy and transfer. We’re pretty excited about getting to use the Science Lab for our experiments. ANZAC Day is next Thursday and we hope to see everyone down town for the march. We will be meeting outside the RSL in Oondooroo Street at 8:45am to assemble for the parade which will commence at 9:00am.

Until next time,

The students of 2/3 & Mrs Martyr

Years 4/5/6 Legends - Class News

The class is growing! Welcome to our new student, Bailey. He is a lovely young fellow, and will make a great addition to our class.

We are straight back into a new, busy term. Not only will our Year 5 students have NAPLAN testing, we will also celebrate NAIDOC week, along with the usual curriculum.

This term we are still developing our persuasive writing skills in literacy. In maths we are continuing to work through all numeracy topics. Science will have us explore Solids, Liquids and Gases through a range of cool experiments. In SOSE, we are developing a community group with the purpose of making a positive impact in the community. And lots more!

Love my lil’ peeps. Welcome back to another great term!

Mrs Lawrance
**Senior Biology**

The students this term will discover their environment and that organisms interact with each other and their non-living surrounding to form ecosystems. Ecosystems may vary enormously in size and complexity. Energy and matter transfer through ecosystems and can be identified in food chains and webs. Ecosystems respond to external pressures and adjust accordingly. Organisms are adapted to succeed in their surrounding. Australia has a unique environment comprising of a variety of valuable ecosystems. Each ecosystem plays a vital role in the overall balance of life. There will be 10 hours of field work conducted where the students will visit local ecosystems.

Mr Kurt Barrow

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**11 & 12 Recreation Studies**

Term 1 finished in style with the Winton State School Tennis Open. The day began with a doubles tournament, congratulations to the winners Hannah Tanks & Heidi Laffin. Congratulations also to our Male Single Champion Jakk Jones and our Female Singles Champion Amy Howard.

This term we will be studying the sport of golf and its gentlemen like conduct. Exploring the equipment, stroke play and most importantly the etiquette. We will be visiting the golf course at various stages of the term.

Mr Kurt Barrow

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**9/10 ICT**

Last term the students went back in time and looked at the various computers and inventions of the times beginning their journeys in the 1960s. This term we are looking beyond and into the future and building a variety of robots from Lego.

Mr Kurt Barrow

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**Senior English**

Senior English has started researching the 1995 Oklahoma bombings by Timothy McVeigh. They will then be presenting a trial summation speech taking on the role of either the defendant’s lawyer or the prosecutor. Will they be able to convince the jury? Maybe this will kick start a promising career. Mrs Collett-Dyer.
Year 11/12 Agriculture

The agriculture class have successfully prepared and propagated a field of oat seed. Over the holidays the area was continually watered ready for some results when the class returned to school. On their return, the class was so impressed with their crop they were keen to get planting again. The gum trees that had been waiting in the greenhouse were planted on the first day of term two and the class is looking forward to returning to school in thirty years to see their trees’ growth.

This term will be another exciting term with plenty of theory and projects.

Mr Leigh Holmes

Ancient History

Concluding our studies in Archaeology last term, Tayler & Heidi conducted an archaeological dig in search of the legendary mummified Egyptian chooks: “Bik-Ark” & “Billy-Bob”.

The first process of any dig involves conducting some research to locate the spot to begin excavating. The students believed the site was 1-1.5 metres either side of the mango tree in the orchid. After digging about 30cm away from the actual site, the final resting place of “Bik-Ark” was located. Stay tuned for updates on the dig and the search for “Billy-Bob” in the next newsletter.

Mr Jai Yong Gee

Uni Skills Program – CQ University

This term will again see our year 10 students participate in the Uni Skills program developed by CQ University in Rockhampton. Uni Skills is a program that guides rural and remote year 10 students through career planning, academic writing, Moodle, and experiential activities on a university and TAFE campus in Rockhampton.

Stacey Hixon from CQU will be in Winton on Friday 17th May to talk to students and parents about the program. The actual program in Rockhampton will run for 2 days and incorporate 2 travel days. These dates are from 27th May to 30th May. Stay tuned for more updates.

Mr Jai Yong Gee

Student Diaries

2013 has seen the implementation of school diaries for all students in years 7-12. Whilst at school students are encouraged to use their diaries for all school related matters including recording of homework, assessment due dates and school activities. Teachers will also use the diaries for any school correspondence during the school year. Parents and caretakers are also encouraged to use the diary should they wish to communicate to teachers or staff with any comments or notes for their children.

Mr Jai Yong Gee
Winton State School P&C
Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting for Winton State School P&C will be held on May 8th 2013 at 3:30pm at the Winton State School Administration Building.

Nominations are now called for the positions of: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Please email nominations to: the.principal@wintonss.eq.edu.au or return the slip sent home with this newsletter.

At this meeting all memberships will be deemed expired and new memberships will be endorsed by the newly elected committee. Please return to the school the P&C membership form which is being sent home with this newsletter and attend the meeting on May 8th 2013.

Active After School Program

This AFTERNOON activity is free of charge

**Where:** Your child will be collected from school and given a healthy afternoon tea. Wherever the activity is being held.

**When:** On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, two staff members will supervise these children.

**How long:** 7 weeks of the term

**Starts:** 23rd of April to 4th of June 2013

**Time:** 3.00pm to 4.15pm

**Who:** School aged children only

**Activity:** T Ball and associated ball skill activities

**Healthy afternoon tea supplied**

All Children will need rings to confirm a place and to fill in new forms.

If you are interested in this program for your child please contact Susan Eliott or Dana at Little Swaggies on 46571 522
WEDDING CATERING A BIG SUCCESS.

At the end of last term Hospitality students Hannah and Thomas, with the assistance of an army of supporters, and the use of the Outback College of Hospitality, embarked on a quest to cater for a local wedding.

The event was a huge success with some beautiful food being served. A massive thank you needs to be extended also to Mrs Fleur Wallis who managed and supported the students on this night. Many thanks also to the following people who assisted: Toni Campbell, Vickie Bowden, Dana Heslin, Mick Heslin, Tracey Harbour, Bidvest, Spar Supermarket Winton, Erin Alcorn, Mrs Collett-Dyer and Mrs Tanya Hamilton.

All funds raised from this event will go back into purchasing resources to support the school’s hospitality program.

Mr. Mick Lawrance

LIBRARY NEWS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful Teacher Aides Ms Helen and Ms Taddy. Both ladies came in over the school holidays and moved all the books so the new carpet could be laid. They then rearrange the library and placed all the books back on the shelves. Thankyou Ms Helen and Ms Taddy.

Please take note that we are holding an ALL STAR Book Fair from the 15th May to 29th May. Books will be on display in the library and will be able to be purchased on each day during the Book Fair. Please come and have a look.

Book Club went home this week if you are keen on ordering please ensure all orders are back by 30th April.

Please keep your eyes peeled for the next Newsletter as we will have more information on what's happening in our library.

REMEMBER MAY IS THE NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH
READ MORE IN MAY AND YOU COULD WIN
SEE THE LIBRARY FOR MORE DETAILS

Mrs Emily Lawrance and Miss Cherie