SENIOR AGRICULTURE AND PREP/ONE WORK TOGETHER.

Last week the Prep/1 class joined the senior agriculture class to plant over thirty trees. The choice to join the classes was made earlier in the week with the intent that the Prep/1 students would watch the trees grow over the years. All of the teachers and Reverend Anne witnessed our seniors showing great maturity as well as caring and nurturing behaviours while working with our Prep/1 students.

Thanks to all those students who took part in this activity.

Mr Leigh Holmes
Dear Students, Parents and Friends

Happy NAPLAN Week! What an amazing start it has been to the week, with all of our students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 engaging with the 2013 National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). I am proud to report that so many of our students have entered this assessment with keen, enthusiastic and “I can do it” attitudes. I wish everyone the best of luck with the remaining numeracy tests tomorrow.

Thank you also to our fantastic teacher aides. Your enthusiasm and commitment to the students at our school is second to none. This week, teacher aides have been busily going about our 5 weekly data collection process. It is pleasing to see so many huge improvements in student achievement being proved through this data collection process. This is a real credit to not just our amazing team of teachers but also the super students we have in our school who are all showing real commitment to self improvement. Please continue to talk with your child at home about their learning goals for this term.

With winter now quickly leaping upon us, I need to remind everyone that our school dress code is to be followed at all times. Please refer to the article that is on page three of this newsletter for more information.

Last term our school attendance showed fantastic improvements from previous terms. This term we are not tracking quite as well and I must ask everyone to ensure that their child/ren attend school every day that they are well enough to attend. Further to this, if your child is going to be away please inform the office on the day of the absence - you will be required to provide a reason to Maria or Cherie, when you call, for this absence.

Finally, I would like to end by thanking our Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 students. Your commitment to learning, leadership and enthusiasm is to be commended. The feel through the middle and upper secondary school is very pleasing. You are all representing our school and yourselves well.

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

Yours Sincerely
Mick Lawrance
Principal

Bailey O’Donohue For acing his maths mentals!
Claudia Bowden For a great Top & Tail in writing
Lexie Mitchell For always being responsible and respectful
Chanz Rice For another great assessment interview (history)
Austin Jacka For a fantastic persuasive text
Kimberley Stanley For being a responsible and respectful student
Kade Banset For being a respectful and helpful classmate
Kooloo Harbour For having high expectations of her own work!
Matilda Searle For suggesting fantastic movement words in science
Mason Stanley For great homework
Lincon Oates For great improvement with his sight words
Libby Britton For awesome persistence with her writing
Blake Mitchell For outstanding work in Mathematics
Connor O’Donohue For great effort in writing
Ky Banset For showing great manners and supporting younger students in afternoon activities
Casey Lafflin For working well in English
Kade Banset For working well in English
Tristan Coupe For working well in English
Emelie Williams For working well in English
Rhiannon Collins For working well in English

Every Day Counts
At Winton State School every day is important!
Is your child at school today?
A Note on School Uniform

It is always a pleasure to see our students proudly displaying their school uniform. The majority of our students have done this exceptionally well through the warmer start to the year. As we move into the cooler months, it would be great to see this school pride continue to shine.

I have included the following an excerpt from our school prospectus outlining the uniform expectations for our school as a reminder coming into the cooler weather. This document can be downloaded from the school website for further information.

The school wishes to promote pride in the students’ appearance, with all students in uniform, looking neat and presentable in their uniform.

**DRESS CODE**

In accordance with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 Winton State School's Dress Code will be as follows:

Our school requires all children to dress neatly and in appropriate clothing. It is an expectation from the school and wider community that Winton State School students wear the following uniform:

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During cooler periods, children may need warmer clothing. It is expected that children try to wear jumpers, tracksuit trousers, etc, that are in keeping with the uniform colours, e.g. maroon or blue.

Clothing emblazoned with slogans, brand names, etc. are not permitted at Winton State School.

Children are not permitted to wear make-up to school.

Children must wear a sun safe hat (Winton broad brimmed hat or ‘bucket hat’ or legionnaire style) at all times when working or playing in the sun.

The wearing of closed in shoes (e.g. runners) is expected at all times. Closed in shoes must be worn when playing outdoors.

Our uniform policy has provisions for families who are experiencing financial hardship. If this is the case for your family, please make an appointment through the school office to discuss options to support your family.

**Uniform Bank**

Our School Chaplain, Reverend Anne Nixon, is reinstating our Uniform Bank.

If you have any “pre-loved” uniforms at home which are now too small please send them in so they can be loved again by someone who really needs them.

These can be delivered to the office and they will be passed on to Reverend Anne.

Mrs Rebecca Crapp.
YEAR 4-5-6 LEGENDS

NAPLAN WEEK! My year 5 beauties are testing away. Reading, writing and numeracy skills are all being tested in national standardised tests. These tests collect important data on how our students are performing in comparison to similar schools, schools across the state, and schools across the nation. These tests do not count towards a student’s report card.

We will be beginning a new English unit from next week. The topic is ‘biographies’. Students will evaluate others’ biographies and memoirs, and learn to create their own. Daily reading and literacy groups will continue as per usual, as well as our new-look spelling programme.

Now that Project 600 has completed, we will be picking up the pace in the creative and performing arts. We will continue our studies on colours; primary, secondary, warm and cool. We will also begin some dance routines for the School Spectacular!

Last week in maths we were studying symmetry. Beside is a picture of Claudia using her transformation skills to enlarge a picture to scale!

Hope my little pumpkins have another great fortnight.

Mrs Lawrance

YEAR 2/3 News

It’s hard to believe that it’s the middle of Term 2 already! In year 3 our students are undertaking NAPLAN and it’s fantastic to see all of them putting in a huge effort. In technology this week we completed version 1 of our pasta cars. In art we’ve continued our work on Indigenous art styles and investigated the different representations of this around our school. Check out our photos!

In maths we’ve learned about fractions and made some pretty cool fraction ducks! We are now reviewing our work on place value and number. We are also hard at work finalising our persuasive letters in English. There are some pretty impressive arguments being presented to Mr Lawrance on why our class should have a pet. We’re looking forward to his response and finding out whether or not we were able to persuade him.

Until next week!
The students of 2/3 & Mrs Martyr
Secondary Science

In Science Club we have been having fun building solar-powered electrical circuits, and over the next two weeks we will be investigating what reaction vinegar solution has on chicken eggs.

The grade 7/8s are about to conclude their unit on cell biology where we looked at specialised plant and animal cells under normal conditions and then in diseased states. We will be moving on to a unit on reproduction in plants and animals.

The grade 9/10s are concluding their unit on genetics. The students have been working hard to use Punnett Squares to determine the likelihood of offspring inheriting dominant and recessive traits from their parents. After the assessment, we will then be moving on to evolution, where we will be looking at how virus, plants and animals adapt to different surroundings.

Senior English

The Senior English class presented their trial summation speeches over the last week.

They should be proud of the work that they put in. We are now starting a unit on the classic novel ‘To Kill a Mockingbird.’

Mrs Collett-Dyer

Hospitality

Taking a break from the books, the hospitality students hosted a tea tasting afternoon. A large variety of flavours were tried including three black teas, herbal, fruit and two green. The favourite of the day was probably black tea but the worst was definitely mint. This week we are making iced chocolates and frappes. Feel free to be jealous.

Year 11/12 Creative Arts

In the art class this term students have been learning about the elements of art and design. The first assessment for the term was to nominate a group leader to pave the way for a series of mosaic designs. Tayler Gale has selected an astrology theme and has delegated a design for each student in the class. On completion of the project, the class will have created six pavers to complete the set.

Mr Leigh Holmes
Agriculture

This week in agriculture the class identified the need for weeding crops and gardens. In sections of the oat crop, the weeds were towering over the struggling oat plants.

We have also had an old water tank donated to the school and have constructed from this raised garden beds. The class has divided the tank into three sections and created three respectable gardens. These gardens will provide great hands on experience when the class begins their next topic - pest and pesticides.

Mr Leigh Holmes.

MORE SENIOR AGRICULTURE PHOTOS WITH THE LOVELY P/1 STUDENTS.
The Sunny Side

7/8 SEL
In the 7/8 Social and Emotional Learning unit, the students have been focused on their “school personality”. This is the actions they demonstrate in class which shows how they want to be perceived as students. The students have set goals so they can work towards demonstrating a good school personality, so they can get the most out of school and life! We are working as a supportive team to help each other achieve our goals.

7/8 The Arts
During this fortnight the students have been further exploring the concept of Physical Theatre. We have focused on creating freeze frames, by using mime, levels and spacing to reflect ideas.

9/10 The Arts
The 9/10 the Arts class have been exploring different locations to film their Harlem Shakes. Provided these are all filmed by Tuesday afternoon, we will be showcasing these on Thursday, in the second part of the lunch break, in the senior room. All students are welcome to attend to see the ideas the 9/10s have come up with.

11/12 Social and Community Studies
In Social and Community Studies, the students have been looking at the voting rights of Australians and have been looking at the policies of the two main Australian political parties. We were even graced with the presence of “Julia Gillard” and “Tony Abbot” to present their policies to our class, in the hope of convincing us to vote for them in the upcoming election.

9/10 Technology
This fortnight the students have further explored the countries of Vietnam and Thailand. We have cooked delicious and nutritious “Chicken and Corn Soup”. The students are discovering that as budding chefs, they need to appreciate different ingredients in their cooking, even dastardly vegetables!

2/3 Drama
In Drama, the 2/3 class have been looking at different ways to create characters, by using different voices, movements and gestures. They have practised their script reading techniques as well. The class is progressing, to create their own performances, without scripts.

P/1 Drama
The P/1 class have also been looking at creating characters. They have been researching different characters found in stories and in movies, then making voices and movements that would match these.

4/5/6 Drama
This class has pushed themselves even further with their characters. They were given random characters and had to create not only their voices and movements, but also their story. The groups had a mixture of random characters, and had to justify, in a skit, how all of the characters came together.

Miss Sunny Mutton
ROCK POP MIME!

Afterschool rehearsals are going fabulously! We are already almost halfway through our choreography. Miss Sunny has now joined the team and is already sharing her great dramatic arts expertise with the group. We are defending our title with a great entry, ‘Willy Wonka’! We will be heading to Mt Isa on the 25th October for another fun adventure. Keep an ear out for the dates of our pre-view show and any working bees.

Mrs Emily Lawrance

SHOCKWAVE

In less than 2 weeks, teenagers from Winton will be travelling to Blackall, with Youth Worker Sheree Miller, for the Shockwave festival. The Winton State School students have been practising weekly for their great performances. A small group has also been asked to perform a special dance to Black and White. I will be there too – running a couple of Cabaret dance workshops for the festival. We are so lucky to have great events like this come to our region. Thank you to Sheree for all of you hard work in organising transport and all your other efforts.

Mrs Emily Lawrance

DANCE & SINGING EXCELLENCE

Singing and dancing classes are running 4 days a week at Winton State School. With students from all grades attending, it is a fun and creative way to pass the lunchtimes away! Miss Jensen and Mrs Lawrance have been preparing singers and dancers for some upcoming events such as; Shockwave, Winton Festival, and the School Spectacular. Afterschool dance will resume this Thursday from 3:00 - 3:30pm for the P-4 group. All other classes run during lunchtimes.

Mrs Emily Lawrance

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is still running in our library. Students and parents can come into the library and purchase books, posters or stationery to take home. Community members are also welcome – please sign-in at the office first.

LIBRARY NEWS

Our library refurbishments are coming along nicely. The new carpet is in. The new blinds are going in next week, and the fancy new digital T.V/D.V.D player soon thereafter. Old books are being culled and lots of new books for all ages being added.

We are now giving out Library Hero Awards to students who are returning and borrowing books during their library lesson. Once a student has borrowed 20 times, they can select a free book to take home and keep!
NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

NAIDOC celebrations will happen from Week 8. This year, we will celebrate aboriginal artist Arthur Conlon*. His experience and expertise will be shared with the students in what will be our best NAIDOC Week yet!

Thank you to the wonderful school and community members who attended our last meeting. Some great ideas were shared, and our programme is looking fabulous, including:

- Learning Aboriginal dance
- Playing traditional indigenous games
- Making ochre and body painting
- Retelling Dreamtimes around the campfire
- Making traditional head pieces
- Learning to play traditional instruments
- Learning basket weaving and to make traditional tools
- A BBQ to taste traditional meats like kangaroo and goanna

ALL ACTIVITIES OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY. EMAIL EMILY AT elawr29@eq.edu.au FOR MORE DETAILS

Our next meeting will be on THIS FRIDAY from 3pm in the staffroom. We would love to see you there!

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*Arthur was born in the Sherbourg Aboriginal settlement, south east Queensland, and is a descendant of the Wakka Wakka tribe. One of 14 children, Arthur trained as a teacher and for several years taught Aboriginal art to children from pre-school age to high school level. As a child, Arthur acquired an interest in art and his many skills through stories and traditions passed to him from his uncles. All of his designs depict the motifs and symbols of hunting. His inspiration comes from the native fauna of the Kabi-Kabi region in Queensland. His designs are featured on fabric, T-shirts and canvasses. Using water based paint and ochre colours, Arthur creates scenes of ceremony, the hunt and celebration, all male activities.
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WINTON STATE SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Thank you to the following staff who have volunteered their time to run the following after school activities.

**Tuesday**
- Geek Club (all ages) 3:00 - 5:00pm  
  Mrs Martyr
- Sewing Club (all ages) 3:00– 4:00pm  
  Rev. Anne.
- Singing (all ages) 3:00 - 4:00pm  
  Miss Jensen

**Wednesday**
- Athletics Training (all ages) 3:15 - 4:00pm  
  Mr Barrow
- Rock Pop Mime Rehearsals 3:15 - 4:15pm  
  Mrs Lawrance

**Thursday**
- Junior Dance (P-4) 3:15 - 3:30pm  
  Mrs Lawrance
- Arts and Craft (all ages) 3:15 - 4:00pm  
  Miss Sunny and Miss Martin

New P&C Executive Elected

Last Wednesday our school P&C held its AGM. Congratulations to the following people who were elected to the executive committee of the Winton State School P&C.

- President: Reverend Anne Nixon
- Secretary: Mrs Dana Heslin
- Treasurer: Mr Jai Yong Gee
- Vice President: Ms Amanda Smith

Welcome also to our P&C members who had their applications for membership endorsed at the AGM. We all look forward to seeing even more people attend the next meeting on June 12th 2013 at 3:30pm.
Did you know that each year, almost 10,000 Australians die of a heart attack? That’s one Australian life claimed every 53 minutes.

To celebrate Heart Week 2013, the Winton Health Action Team is providing a pedometer, a walking plan and a map of the 10000 steps walking tracks. Please call in and see Megan the Sport and Recreation Officer at the Neighbourhood centre to collect.

Why walk?
Physical inactivity is a major risk factor for heart disease. In fact, people who do no physical activity are twice as likely to die from heart disease than those who regularly exercise.

Walking Benefits
Brisk walking is a great activity for people of all ages. It’s free and almost everyone can do it. Just pull on a pair of comfortable shoes and you have all the equipment needed to start living a more active life. An Initiative of...

W.H.A.T
Winton Health Action Team

Improving the health of our town

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**Under 8’s Day**

Celebrating Community

Sharing Music, Movement and Culture!
Come along for storytelling, making musical instruments, dancing, bubble blowing, painting, craft and lots, lots more!
Special guests include: the Police, Ambulance, Fire Brigade and SES.

Wednesday 22nd May from 9-11am
Little Swaggies Day Care
Bring a plate to Share for Morning Tea
Contact Dana for more information.

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**FREE Triple P Teen Seminar**

The Power Of Positive Parenting

**DATE:** 15th MAY 2013
**TIME:** 7pm – 8pm

**VENUE:**
Winton State School – Multipurpose Learning Space

**PRESENTER:**
Jon Williams – Winton Hospital Director of Nursing; Accredited Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) Facilitator.

**BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION**
Contact Rebecca Crapp
Winton State School
467/2032

www.triplep.net
Position Vacant
BP Winton

BP Winton is currently seeking hard working and dedicated individuals to complete shift work.

Duties may include work in the kitchen, console operations and stock control and maintenance.

Only hard working and dedicated individuals should apply.

Students in years 10, 11 and 12 should consider this opportunity.

Please drop C.V’s into The BP Roadhouse Winton.

For further details contact Pam Stokes at BP

Position Vacant
Winton State School

1 x Teacher Aide Position – Identified Position
Temporary Part-Time
Starting ASAP → Concluding 06/12/2013
25 hours / week.

How to apply.
Applicants should write a letter on how your experience, abilities and knowledge are relevant to the position and include a current resume with two referees. Please clearly outline in the letter what position you are applying for. An Application Package with the Role Description is available from the school. If you have any queries, please contact the Principal on (07) 4657 2333.

The Role Description with a list of specific jobs can be downloaded from OnePortal at the following weblink - http://education.qld.gov.au/hr/recruitment/role-descriptions/teacher-aide/taoo2-teacher-aide-identified.pdf

Applications can be returned, marked “Confidential” to: - The Principal, Winton State School, PO Box 290, Winton QLD 4735 or via email - the.principal@wintonss.eq.edu.au or by Fax - (07) 46571711.

Additional Information.

- The Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 requires the preferred applicant to be subject to a “working with children check” as part of the employment screening process. Further information can be obtained from Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian at the following internet address: http://www.ccypcg.qld.gov.au/ or on the Commission’s website at: http://www.bluecard.qld.gov.au/. Confirmation of employment is conditional upon the preferred applicant being issued with a Blue Card from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian.

- Please note that the possession of a criminal conviction or record does not automatically exclude you from employment with the Department as the nature of the circumstances of any offences is taken into consideration.

- It is a genuine occupational requirement that it be filled by an Aboriginal person or a Torres Strait Islander person as permitted by and arguable under Sections 25, 104 and 105 of the Queensland Anti Discrimination Act, 1991. The Department of Education and Training is committed to inclusive workplaces where diversity is valued, and to fair and equitable treatment of all current and prospective employees.

- Applicants will need to nominate at least one Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander person who is recognised and accepted within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community as a referee to support their ability to meet point 1 of the ‘How you will be assessed’ section of the application package.

- Candidates must have a Job Seeker ID number. Job seekers registered by Centrelink or a Job Services Australia provider are issued with a unique identification number.

- The successful candidate will be required to provide proof of heritage prior to commencement of duties.

Closing Date for Applications – Thursday 30th May 2012

Position Vacant
WINTON STATE SCHOOL

Temporary Part Time Teacher Aide
20 hours / week working until December 6th 2013

To apply send letter of application and current C.V to the.principal@wintonss.eq.edu.au by 24/05/2013.

For further details please contact Mick Lawrance on 4657 2333.

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