Naidoc Week 2013

Last week, our school held its annual Naidoc Week Celebrations. Joined by a wonderful artist, Arthur Conlon, students and staff worked together to create a wide array of beautiful artworks throughout the school. The week was a wonderful chance for staff and students to celebrate the rich diversity of indigenous culture we have in our great country. The week ended with a feast which was prepared in The Big Red Truck—roast beef, tender vegetables and oven roasted potatoes, accompanied a delicious kangaroo stew. Thank you to everyone who helped make Winton State School’s 2013 Naidoc Week a massive success. More photos are located on page 8.
Dear Students, Parents and Friends

Welcome to our final edition of The Winton Way for semester one 2013. It has been a fantastic semester with some fantastic results being achieved right across the entire school.

The end of the term has been busy with our school’s NAIDOC Week Celebrations being held last week. A massive thank you to Mrs Lawrance who coordinated this magnificent event. Also many thanks to all the staff who prepared some fabulous lessons for this week. Arthur Conlon has now worked with students to decorate many parts of our school with beautiful indigenous artwork. I invite you all to come and view the work that students have created with Arthur.

On Friday this week, we will be sending report cards home. You can also expect teachers to be sending home invitations to participate in parent teacher interviews. I encourage everyone to meet with their children’s teachers and discuss new learning goals with them for semester two.

We have recently welcomed three new teacher aides to our team. Miss Angela Stout, Miss Jaycee Stanley and Mrs Marjory Brown. This represents an additional 70 hours of teacher aide time each week for our school. All ladies are working brilliantly with our students and I am sure you will join me in making them feel very welcome.

Next term we will begin a 6 month program to support students in our middle and upper primary years. This program will involve the school purchase of an additional full time teacher who will work with students in years 4-6. This will mean that Mrs Emily Lawrance and the new teacher will work together to support students in their learning of English and Mathematics. Further, Mrs Lawrance will be redirected to strengthen our learning support program while the new teacher will work with students on the other Key Learning Areas.

Finally, this Friday we will be holding our whole school inter-house athletics carnival. Please feel free to come along and support your child and their house.

As this is our last newsletter for semester one I wish you all a safe and happy break. Thank you all for your ongoing support of our school, I look forward to working with you through semester two.

Sincerely
Mick Lawrance
Principal

PRINCIPAL’S MORNING TEA

Next week I will be hosting a special Principal’s Morning Tea for students who have achieved excellence with their schooling this semester.

Students will be invited to the event if they:
1. have received exceptional effort marks on their report cards (equivalent of A’s and B’s),
2. have had zero major behaviours incidents recorded against their name this semester; and,
3. Have attendance for the semester of 95% or more.

There are 12 students from across the school who have qualified for this event.

Please check report cards on Friday for your “Golden Ticket” (invitation).

At Winton State School we reward excellence.

Sincerely
Mick Lawrance
Principal

Winton State School

As learners and leaders: We are Safe
We are Responsible
We are Respectful
This is “The Winton Way”

Every Day Counts

At Winton State School every day is important!

Is your child at school today?
P/1 News

Last week, Prep/1 students engaged in a range of activities to celebrate NAIDOC Week. We learnt all about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people’s culture throughout the entire week. We attended the opening ceremony with some special people. We made traditional head pieces, learnt about rock art and created our own stories to go with our rock art and much, much more! But the best part of the week was spending time with Deadly Arthur who taught us how to draw animals that are important to the Aboriginal culture. We had a great time!

News from 2/3

What a busy couple of weeks we’ve had at our fantastic school! Last week we celebrated NAIDOC week in style and were lucky enough to work with some truly talented people. Everyone enjoyed the activities and loved the feast. In class we’ve continued working on our procedural texts and all students have been hard at work putting the finishing touches on their Revolting Recipes. Some of their ingredients would make your stomach churn! In maths we’ve moved on to the topic of money. We’ve all agreed that we’d like to have some more. It’s a short week and on Friday our kids will take part in our athletics carnival. It would be great to see your smiling faces there helping us cheer on the kids. Go Flynn!!!!

Year 4/5/6

WINTON ‘ADOPT-A-GRANDPARENT’ GROUP

The 4/5/6 class has been developing an ‘Adopt-A-Grandparent’ community organisation. For the SOSE (social studies) subject, the students were asked to come up with a community group that would meet the needs of Winton. The students came up with the idea of the ‘Adopt-a-Grandparent’ organisation where they can build relationships with some of the 60s and Better members, and offer help, skill swapping and companionship. The kids have been really excited about this project and have even designed a logo and motto. If all goes well, and our committee is successful, we will enter the NAB Schools First Awards Program, where we can win a $15000 funding award to put towards our ‘Adopt-a-Grandparent’ community organisation. See www.schoolsfirst.edu.au for more details of the award.

Last Friday, we had a last minute chance to meet some of the 60s and Better ladies at the Winton Neighbourhood Centre function room. Each of the students got to introduce themselves and discuss how they would like to be helpful ‘grandkids’. We had a lovely morning tea and a great time!

This will be a monthly event. We decided that next time it will be the students’ turn to provide morning tea and a little gift for our adopted grandparents (we will make these school). After discussing some ideas at our first meeting, we decided that at our next meeting we will skill swap – Ipad lessons for knitting lessons!

Thank you so much for all of the great people who helped organise this event – HACC and 60s and Better. Also a big thank you for those who organised morning tea; it was delicious!

If you would like to join us and see what we are up to, we would love to have you get involved. Email Emily at elawr29@eq.edu.au for more details.
Uni Skills

Recently the year 10 students visited CQ University campus in Rockhampton for the annual Uni Skills program. The program provides students from rural and remote settings with the opportunity of travelling to Rockhampton to visit university and TAFE campuses and experience firsthand activities that these institutions offer students. Highlights of the trip included the creative writing activity, the music department's jazz demonstration and a visit to the workshops at CQ TAFE. On behalf of the year 10’s, I would like to thank Stacy Hixon from CQ University for organising the trip and giving our students the chance to be involved in this unique experience.

Mr Jai Yong Gee

Year 11/12 Agriculture and Multi Arts

The Multi Arts class have completed their mosaic assignment. Once the projects were complete, the class identified areas in the school to compliment their artworks. As a cross circular activity, the Agriculture class and the Multi Arts class refurbished the school corner garden on Cork and Werna street. A new prep/1 sign has been erected with photos of the prep/1 class enjoying themselves at school.

Mr Leigh Holmes

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Hospitality

Congratulations to Thomas and Hannah who have both been working in the Big Red Truck (Outback College of Hospitality) the past two weeks. Both students have worked with Mrs Hamilton to deliver our NAIDOC Feast and lunches for students from Thomas and Hannah’s Truck Stop Café. There is still one more day to order so I encourage you to support the program by purchasing your lunch tomorrow. The cost associated with keeping the mobile trade training centre on the road equates to about $50000.00 each year.

Above: Thomas and his roasts for the NAIDOC Week Feast

Miss Jensen’s Karaoke Party

Every Tuesday from 3 – 4pm, students are invited to meet in the music room to sing the afternoon away. Students make their own choice of songs (approved by Miss Jensen) and sing along to backing tracks with the words projected onto a screen. There is no pressure, with some students choosing to simply watch or sing along from the comfort of their seats. Other students choose to sing their songs with friends. If you love to sing, even if you think you are no so good, we’d love you to come along and join us on Tuesday afternoons!

Winton After School Activities.

Tuesday: Geek Club, Sewing Club and Karaoke Party
Wednesday: Athletics Training and Rock Pop Mime Rehearsals
Thursday: Arts and Craft

TRUCK STOP CAFÉ

Soup of the day
Creamy Pumpkin & Carrot served with garlic croutons.

$4.50

Beef Hamburger
Fresh burger bun layered with homemade beef patty, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, carrot, cucumber and BBQ sauce.

$8.00

Vegie Burger
Fresh burger bun layered with chickpea, vegetable/coriander patty, lettuce, tomato, cheese and tomato chutney.

$8.00

Ham and Salad Wrap
Tortillas wrap with fresh ham, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, carrot, cucumber and seasoned.

$6.50

Sweet and Sour Chicken
Battered Chicken pieces served with rice and Asian inspired sweet & sour sauce.

$9.00

Beef and Bean Nachos
Beef & beans, nachos chips, salsa, melted cheese and sour-cream.

$8.00

Vegie Nachos
Nacho chips, melted cheese, salsa and sour-cream.

$7.00

Warm pumpkin and feta salad
Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, honey roasted pumpkin, topped with feta cheese and roasted pine-nuts and a balsamic dressing.

$9.00

Sweet Potato Fries
Served with sweet chilli sauce and sour-cream

$5.00
Leadership Camp

The student council members headed off to Camp Fairbairn in the early hours of Monday, week 6. They enjoyed five days of climbing up and jumping off high things, team-building exercises, canoeing, camping, BMXing and most importantly cooking and cleaning. Poor Mr Heslin had to put up with the terrible music while he drove us to and from our destination, and even got roped into jumping into a canoe; luckily no one flipped their boat because I wasn’t prepared to jump into the cold water to save them. Thank you everyone that helped out with our camp and please check out our photos!

Mrs Collett-Dyer
Above: Some of the lovely artwork created during NAIDOC Week with and by Artist, Arthur Conlon.