Planet Ark’s National Plant a Tree Day

Mr Leigh Holmes

Last Friday, students from Prep to Year 6 participated in National Plant a Tree Day at the Winton Hospital. The hospital organised a wonderful event that every student enjoyed immensely. The plant a tree activity started with a sit down lunch. After a steak sandwich and a quick browse of the health stalls students quickly got stuck into some tree planting.

With full bellies and happy minds students went about planting the pencil pine trees the school provided for each year level. Students carefully carried out this activity before lining up to receive their free Planet Ark tee shirt. This day and the trees planted by Winton State School will soon be marked with a plaque to commemorate the event.

There are many benefits associated with contact with nature. These include improved mental health, physical benefits, intellectual development and a stronger concern and care for the environment.

Thanks to the team at the Winton Hospital for organising such a wonderful event.

Coming Events

August 2nd  
Matt Scott Rugby League Cup at Ilfracombe

August 13th  
ICAS Mathematics Competition

August 26th  
School Photos

No Tennis with Joanne this Friday August 2nd.
From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

It has been a very busy fortnight here at Winton State School. I am so delighted to again be able to report that all of our students are working diligently and happily in their classrooms. I am frequently finding myself reflecting on just how far our fantastic school has travelled in the past 20 months.

Thank you to those parents who have already returned parent opinion surveys. If you still have surveys at home they can be returned up until this Friday. Staff and students are likewise completing surveys. These provide us with a great sense of where we are as a school—what we are doing well and also what we need to continue to work on. I thank you all for your honesty and kind contribution.

I am excited to be able to report that for those of you who have “smart phones” you can now access our school information through a ‘groovy’ new application. The app called QSchools is available for download from itunes and Google Play for Iphone and Android phones. The app provides updates on school events, access to newsletters and news. Please feel free to download the app for free and add Winton State School as a favourite.

Today I am travelling to Longreach with a group of our high school boys who are participating in the Australian Rugby League 7’s competition. I wish all the boys the best of luck and know they will represent our school well.

Last Friday a large group of our students attended the District Athletics Carnival. All students were fantastic ambassadors for our school and performed brilliantly. Congratulations to all who participated and particularly to Carlin Ellis who won age champion, and also Mitch Fogarty, Destiny McDonald and Kade Banset who together won a number of events. Finally a huge congratulations to our School Captain Tayler Gale who not only won her events but broke a 17 year old record when winning shot put.

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

Yours Sincerely
Mick Lawrance

Every Day Counts

At Winton State School every day is important!

Is your child at school today?

$$$$$ GET STARTED ROUND 2 $$$$$

The second round of the Queensland Government’s Get Started Program is now open, offering vouchers worth up to $150 to help families pay membership fees for children to join a registered sport or recreation club.

Children with a parent or guardian who holds a health care or pension concession card are automatically eligible to apply, while other families will need to submit recommendations from two referral agents. Applications are processed on a first come, first served basis.

Details are available from the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing’s Get in the Game website.

HOC SPOT

A spotlight on literacy

During Years 4 to 9, young people begin to investigate the world beyond home and school and are required to become more independent learners.
Students learn to write for particular audiences and purposes such as describing, explaining, instructing, arguing and narrating. They read and comprehend different types of texts and visuals. This involves identifying the purpose, audience, main ideas and order of events in a text, as well as making connections between ideas and information in different paragraphs and drawing conclusions.

New parent resources – achieving with literacy and numeracy

Literacy and numeracy skills are vital to ensuring your child has the best chance to succeed in their schooling and life.
A new suite of parent resources, Achieving with Literacy and Numeracy, has been developed to assist parents with their children’s literacy and numeracy skills. The new resources include a range of fact sheets and activities for the early, middle and senior phases of schooling.
Parents and carers are encouraged to visit the new website, which also includes video clips of parents sharing their literacy and numeracy tips. The website also provides useful information on how to get involved within your school community, support services available and details about the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy.
If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s literacy and numeracy skills please contact your class teacher.

The resources can be downloaded online at: www.education.qld.gov.au/literacyandnumeracy

Happy Children: Happy Parents (Palmer Educational Publications).
Set a good example: If you do not want your children to shout and rage when they are upset, then stay quiet and calm when you are upset.
If you want your children to tell you about their day, then tell them about your day. Show them how to recount the funny bits and how to talk honestly about the bad bits.

Rebecca Crapp
Head of Curriculum

New QSchool app

You can now download the QSchools app and subscribe to receive the latest news from our school on your smart phone or tablet. QSchools is free and available from the iTunes store and Google Play.

From the Science Laboratory

In science students have focused on Physics, conducting various Science experiments to explore how energy is transferred and transformed. Further science experiments will be conducted over the next two weeks to assess their learning, so look out for some revision sheets for homework. The Science Department has acquired some exciting new resources just in time for National Science Week from the 10th August to the 18th August. It will be an interesting week of mini-experiments to expose students to fun and interesting elements of science. The Science Department also welcomes Miss Taddy to the laboratory.

Miss Raine Marin
The Prep / Year One Class

We're nearly halfway through the term already and the past few weeks have seen us very busy with our learning. Before the holidays, we began learning about how to keep our teeth healthy. Now, every day after Afternoon Tea, we spend 2 minutes brushing our teeth to keep them clean and healthy. The students enjoy checking out their pearly whites in the mirror after they have finished brushing!

Miss Debbie Jensen

4/5/6 Legends

Lots of great learning is happening in our extension group. We are currently in our novel study of Charlotte’s Web. We have been looking at; the complications and lulls that happen throughout a book, lots of grammar, comprehension, spelling and reading skills. We are even learning to play Scrabble!

During Maths, we have really been challenging and extending our mathematical knowledge. We have been perfecting order of operation - BOMDAS (Brackets, of, Multiplication, Division, Addition, and Subtraction). Check out this sum that the kids had to work out!

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Everyone, keep up the daily reading and maths skills at home!

Mrs Lawrance
(P.S. The answer is 6)

ADOPT-A-GRANDPARENT

Next Meeting - 16th August – 9:30-10:45am - Winton Neighbourhood Centre

On a car trip, my grandparents stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. There on a table Grandma left her sunglasses, which she didn’t miss until she and Grandpa were back in their car on the highway. By then, they had to travel some distance before they could find a place to turn around. Grandpa fussed and complained, but gradually quieted down as they neared the restaurant. As he got out of the car it was in a humble voice that he said, "Well, I guess while I'm in there I might just as well get my hat."

DANCE WORKSHOP COMING TO WINTON

Monday 5th of August 2013 3:15 – 5:15pm

DandeBOX

The Dancenorth team will teach the Winton State School students a section of Fugue. The workshop will consist of a contemporary warm up, then into learning a section of our company repertoire, followed by our DandeBOX project. This work is one of the pieces that the company has been performing around Australia this year. It will then be filmed in sections, all the sections get edited together and the edited version will be screened at a later date through social media. This workshop will be available to year 5 to year 12 students only (please pick-up a permission form from Mrs Lawrance).

There is no cost!!!!
Technology
In technology we are learning about pet houses and we are making them out of boxes. We are learning about how to look after animals and what they need to survive like water and food, shelter, oxygen and a bed that they can sleep in at night.

Written by David, Abbey & Sophia

Plant a Tree Day
Last Friday after lunch we planted a tree for our community. Prep to Grade 6 went to the hospital and planted trees. We had a barbeque lunch and got some gifts.

Written by Tahvornia, Clayton & Connor

Behaviour
Mrs Martyr gives us prizes if we get 8 donkeys and she gives us cool prizes. Mrs Martyr gives out prizes to people that behave in 2/3 class. It even teaches us to be good and we have been good so Miss has been handing heaps of prizes out.

Written by Koolee, Rikki & Josie

Beans
Beans are good to grow because you can eat them. We are learning about the lifecycle of beans. If we learn the lifecycle of beans then when we're older we can teach kids what beans do.

Written by Noah, Blake & Dylan

Spelling
How to help kids remember spelling words.

On Fridays we play spelling games because it helps the kids remember the words. It helps them get better grades. It’s a race to get the word on the board first. To score a point you put the word on the board and you have to get it right.

Written by Blair & Harley
In the 7/8 Social and Emotional Learning unit, the students have been focused on the effects of bullying. We have explored different forms of bullying and watched a video based on bullying. We have also made “Goal Trees” which have helped us to reflect on ourselves and what we want to achieve in the future.

During this fortnight the students have been further exploring Music. We have looked at the duration of certain notes, and are discovering how to understand different time signatures. The students have even created some of their own music using a variation of time signatures.

The 9/10 the Arts class have been delving into more musical concepts. They have progressed from duration on to pitch and are learning how to read the notes in music. This will come in handy for one part of their assessment, where they have to translate and then play a small piece of music on the keyboard.

In Social and Community Studies, the students have been looking at the Australian identity and what has shaped it. We have explored how many different nations come together to make this country and have researched the results of this. The students even embarked on a mock citizenship test, and we were all surprised with the unexpected difficulty of it. Lucky we were all born citizens.

This fortnight the students have witnessed their first cooking demonstration, and assisted with the preparation and cooking of our first recipe, pizza. Although slightly disgusted with the choice of ingredients, they helped to cube and batonnet the vegetables required. Next Monday, the “Tomatoes” will have their first go at creating a pizza, followed by the “Capsicums” the Monday after that. A copy of the recipe will be sent home so parents and guardians can obtain ingredients. Remember that students need to bring a tea towel and container every time they cook. Thanks to our cameraman, Ky Banset, for taking some great photos yesterday.

In Dance, the Prep/1s and the 2/3s have been continuing to learn new (“old”) dances. Last week it was Jump Jim Crow, and before that, Dingle Dangle Scarecrow. The best dancers from each lesson will be awarded a student of the week on parade for their efforts. As we move through the term, the dances are becoming more and more difficult!

This class has pushed themselves even further with their dancing. The 4/5/6 class are continuing to explore the history of social dancing in Australia. At the moment, they are mastering the “Cheshire Rounds” which is a confusing partner dance. I am impressed with the level of concentration, as these new dances have a lot of steps to them, and require cooperation from all.
9/10 English

So far this term the nines and tens have been reading the novel 'Deadly Unna?' It's a story about a teenager named Blacky and how he deals with the pressure of living up to local football expectations and the racism that exists in his home town. Now that we have finished reading it, we will be pulling apart the text to find out how the author managed to create such a great story and characters.

Assessment and Treatment of Fears and Anxiety In Children

Griffith University

Parents, is your child fearful of certain situations or do they seem to experience ongoing feelings of anxiety? At Griffith University, we are conducting a large-scale study for children (7 to 13 years of age) with anxiety that includes a thorough assessment and a novel, home-based treatment using computers and telephone contact from a trained clinician. We are providing this service at no cost to families.

To find out more about this project, please contact our team on 07-3735 3418 or cadrp@griffith.edu.au.

At this moment, 1.1 million Australians are having difficulty communicating with their friends, family and co-workers...

5% of Australians have trouble swallowing food or drink – that’s over 1 million people who have difficulty eating a meal or swallowing a drink...

20% of children about to go to school have trouble understanding or using language and 14% of 15 year olds only have basic literacy skills...

At least 30% of people who have had a stroke suffer a loss of language (aphasia). They are also up to 60% more likely to have mental health problems...

Almost half (46%) of the young people in Australia’s youth detention systems have a language impairment...

Over 13,000 Australians use electronic communication systems to get their message across...

Most people who have Parkinson’s disease (85%) will have a problem with their voice, speech or swallowing...

... and speech pathologists can make a real difference in these people’s lives.

Start the Conversation about communication

Speech Pathology Week 2013
25-31 August

Speech Pathology Australia
**Students of the Week**

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**New Facilities Work**

From today access to our school through the front main gate has had to be closed. This is to allow concreting works to take place.

Winton Outback Constructions have won the tender and are commencing work. This work includes the removal of the concrete path from the front gate to the base of C-Block. The path will be fully replaced with a new path with channel grate drains and new garden edging.

While this work is being completed please use the side access gates. We thank you for your cooperation.