Academic Success in Science During Science Week

This year students from Winton State School achieved outstanding results when they participated in International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) - Science Assessment. Students from our school who achieved outstanding results were awarded Credits and Distinctions.

The ICAS tests are developed by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), UNSW Global PTY Ltd. EAA have been developing these assessments for over 30 years and are a leading educational assessment organisation specialising in large-scale measurement and assessment programs in Australia and in 20 other countries.

This year I would like to pay particular mention to following students who achieved fantastic results:

- Stacie Mitchell - Distinction and achieving in the top 5% of students her age in Qld.
- Lexie Mitchell - Distinction and achieving in the top 8% of students her age in Qld.
- Emelie Williams - Credit and achieving in the top 18% of students her age in Qld.
- Jacinda Hona - Credit and achieving in the top 29% of students her age in Qld.

Congratulations to all who participated. We look forward to some fantastic results to come from the other ICAS assessments. The release of these results will be a little later in the year.

Mick Lawrance
Dear Parents, Students and Friends

Well it has been another fantastic fortnight at Winton State School. I am so impressed with the exceptional effort being displayed by all our students. From attendance to academic engagement our students are raising the bar and pushing themselves to new levels.

The momentum of success is well and truly apparent at our school. The famous motivational speaker and Dean of Personal Development, Earl Nightingale, once said: “People with goals succeed because they know where they're going.” This is so very true and indeed a premise which we build upon at our great school.

Every student in every classroom has individual learning goals which they set for themselves in collaboration with their teachers. These goals are constantly reflected on and enhanced to ensure each individual at our school is always striving for personal excellence.

Further teachers, students and parents at our school have developed Individual Student Action Plans which set academic goals and map out the pathway in which the school, student and parents can support attainment of the goals.

Albert Einstein stated: “If you can’t explain it simply you don't know it well enough”

At Winton State School we have the recipe for success. Put simply Winton State School is a boiling pot of success. The reason, we work together with students and parents to share exactly what we are thinking and what needs to be done to move students to the next level. We don’t leave people guessing why and we strive to engage every learner every day.

Be part of something great and enrol at our school today. We don’t settle for second best as we strive for excellence every single day.

Sincerely
Mick Lawrance
Principal

Parent and Community Engagement Framework

Winton State School is developing a Parent and Community Engagement Framework to help our school, parents and the community work together to maximise student learning. Research tells us parent and community engagement that is effectively focused on student learning can deliver powerful outcomes (OECD, 2011).

There is strong consensus, supported by a variety of evidence dating from over 40 years, that positive parental engagement can and does significantly influence student academic attainment.

Research tells us that the most successful schools engage students, parents, carers and the community as partners in supporting student learning.

For these reasons we are inviting parents and community members to share your thoughts about the way in which you would like to see the school engaging with you and the wider community.

A meeting of minds will occur in the Professional Learning Space in the main admin building on Monday August 26th 2013 at 5:00pm.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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ADOPT-A-GRANDPARENT

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

To celebrate National Science week we will be doing various fun and messy science experiments in the science lab from 3pm – 4pm on Thursday 15th of August. These will include construction kits, electrical circuits, volcano eruptions and more. I looking forward to seeing you there to celebrate the amazing world of science!

Miss Raine Martin
Barcaldine Gifted & Talented Camp

On Saturday the 3rd and Sunday the 4th of August, students from Aramac, Winton & Barcaldine participated in a variety of mind-bending activities! The students interacted happily and very productively as they worked through many challenges in small groups.

The first day of camp began with some tricky ice-breaking and team building tasks provided by Tim Berry at Wampanola Matilda Outback Education Centre. The students quickly learned to think outside the box and find solutions to problems together.

Later in the day Dr Peter Eastwell (Director of Science Time Education) arrived with a horse float full of science secrets and surprises! Students were challenged to brainstorm hypotheses for some of Dr Eastwell’s clever demonstrations then a wide variety of practical science experiments were set up for the students to work through at their own discretion. The students were thoroughly engaged and took notes about their discoveries to attempt again at home or at school. The highlight of Dr Eastwell’s visit was undoubtedly the demonstration of his Water Rocket Launcher that shot a plastic rocket nearly 100 metres into the air.
On Sunday the children were transported to the Barcaldine State School’s Performing Arts building where they were met by Trevor Schulze to warm up for some ICT/Performing Arts activities. After some role-playing games, students were each given an iPad to use for the morning. Mr Schulze introduced the fantastic new app ‘Garage Band’ and gave examples as to how students could use the app to produce stories through manipulating instrument sounds to create sound effects eg, a person walking through a forest, animal noises, environmental sounds etc. The results of the students’ hard work were astounding! Some would capture the attention of the likes of ‘Universal Studios’ I’m sure!

The children then had the opportunity to use the instruments in ‘Garage Band’ in another context, an iPad orchestra. Groups were allocated instruments in ‘Garage Band’ and they used graphic notation to score their arrangements.

The last experience on the camp included a variety of higher-order thinking tasks with Craig MacEachern. Students once again used the iPads; this time to scan QR codes. They participated in a ‘treasure hunt’ style race, scanning QR codes to receive riddles, mathematical problems and even physical challenges. Once again it was outstanding to see such cooperation between the students!

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the Barcaldine Gifted and Talented Camp and for their positive attitude towards learning. I trust they not only had a fun weekend interacting with like-minded peers but left with some clever ideas and new understandings!

Mrs Angela Rafter
Gifted Education Mentor,
Barcaldine State School P-12 Campus
HOC SPOT

It has been an amazing and productive two weeks since our last newsletter. Last weekend four of our students were lucky enough to travel to Barcaldine to be part of a Gifted and Talented camp. Emelie Williams, Stacie and Lexie Mitchell and August Crapp were excellent ambassadors for our school and participated in all the activities with enthusiasm and dedication. Check out the article sent in by Mrs Rafter from Barcaldine State School.

The first of our University of New South Wales ICAS competition results have also come back. Winton State School received 2 Distinctions and 2 Credits. This is an awesome result. Congratulations Stacie and Lexie Mitchell on your certificates of Distinction and to Emelie Williams and Jacinda Hona on your certificates of Credit in the Science competition. Winton State School funded the participation of all students in this competition.

Not only have the students of Winton State School been busy learning, but so have the teachers. All of our teachers are currently undertaking professional development around the area of Junior Secondary to further enhance their skills in working with this amazing age group. The main area of focus so far has been around the physical changes that happen to adolescent brains. Given that we are trying to effectively get information to stick in their brains, it is really important that we know what is going on in there! This is a highly fascinating topic that everyone has been keen to learn more about. Mr Jai Yong Gee will be leading the staff through the rest of the training modules.

Earlier this year I featured a segment about the Parent and Community Engagement Framework. The staff have recently undertaken a consultation group and Mrs Emily Lawrance has volunteered to run the rest of the consultation process with parents and community. This is a great opportunity for parents and other community members to provide valuable input toward the development of this framework in our school.

Happy Children: Happy Parents (Palmer Educational Publications)

TAKING THE BLAME:

Angry adults put kids into emotional overdrive. Denial and blame shifting are the most common reactions “I didn’t do it…she made me…it wasn’t my fault”. Help kids to take responsibility for their own behaviour by preserving their dignity. Keep the emotion low key. Make any punishment a natural consequence. Give them help to solve the problem they caused.

“I can see you were upset, but what you did was not OK. How are you going to let Mrs Quinn know that you are sorry?”

Rebecca Crapp
Head of Curriculum

Chappy’s Chatter

Last week I was away at the State Chaplaincy Conference at Alexandra Headlands - a delightful spot! Too bad I didn’t get time to even set foot on the beach, let alone have a surf as Mr Lawrance suggested!

The conference was interesting and it was good to meet other Chaplains, especially those from similar areas. There were about 700 people at the conference, so that was a bit overwhelming!

It’s great to be home again! No matter how good the place and company when away, it’s really good to be back!

Breakfast Club continues. Each morning a collection of students gather for a simple breakfast and a pleasant chat. I see many benefits in Brekky Club. Of course, it is always good to know that the students enter class with a full tummy, and are therefore better prepared for learning, but it’s also good to watch and listen to the conversations that take place, and the interactions between people of different ages. I enjoy chatting with the students and catching up with what they’ve been doing on the weekend. I also see older students helping younger ones, and students having pleasant, informal chats with staff. Everyone is able to be relaxed and show good manners, and to get to know one another in a casual atmosphere.

The Chappy’s Cave is open at the first lunch break for students to have a chat or to play some simple games (I also have some playdough for those who enjoy that). Tuesday is Primary School day, while Wednesday is for the secondary students.

Anne Nixon
We’ve been very busy little bees this past fortnight. We are learning all about Media in the area of the Arts this term. The past few weeks have seen us practising using digital cameras and taking photos to tell a story. Here are a few photos we have taken so far:

We were also very excited to visit the Science lab during our Science lesson last week. We learnt about the parts of a flower and got to sit at the big kid’s chairs and tables.

Miss Jensen and the Prep/1 Class.

**4/5/6 Legends**

Time is flying by; can you believe it is week 6 already?! One of our favourite little challenges to do each Monday is a ‘Vocab Quiz’. Last week’s theme was ‘types of roads/streets’. This week’s theme was ‘colours’. How many can you list in 5 minutes?

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All students are working beautifully. I look forward to another great fortnight!

Mrs Lawrance

**Winton State School**

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

**P&C Progress**

On Friday, August 23rd, the P&C will be catering breakfast for a Rally group who are touring through Winton. There are anticipated to be about 320 participants. If any parents or citizens are willing to assist, please contact Anne (4657 1620).

Further, if you are able to donate some eggs or bacon etc. towards the event please also talk with Anne.

**Every Day Counts**

At Winton State School every day is important!

Is your child at school today?
Sports Brief

Congratulations to the girls who participated in the Vikki Wilson Cup netball competition recently. You all played great and finished a respectable 5th overall. Well done—Makayla and Alina. Likewise to Dylaurence, Mason and Injarra who all participated in the Matt Scott Cup rugby league competition you also represented Winton well—top work boys.

Please remember that Active After School is running each Tuesday and Wednesday this term from 3:00pm to 4:30pm—we are playing and learning the skills of basketball.

This Saturday and Sunday Tayler, Destiny and Mitch will be competing at the Central West Athletics Championships. We all wish you well and know you will represent Winton and the North West well.

Regards
Mr Kurt Barrow.

Hospitality

Hannah and Thomas organised a Spider Surprise for the high school students, as part of their hospitality studies—and just for the fun of it. They ordered all the equipment and ingredients, and organised the event. Congratulations for taking the initiative!

Year 9/10 Technology

The technology class have been constructing an iPod amplifier and speaker kit. The kit came with a printed circuit board, which is to assist with the position and orientation of all the electrical components. Most of the students have a working amplifier and one to four speakers. Next week, the class will work through the design process in preparation for constructing the speaker box.

Year 11/12 Arts

This term, the creative arts class have learnt about a variety of ways to produce an animation and each student is to create a 10 second short story. Tayler has begun a cut out animation, Bradley is developing a rose growing in a flip book animation and Carlin and Jai are creating a cell animation using transparency sheets. The class have been enjoying this assessment and have been productively bouncing ideas off each other.

Mr Leigh Holmes
Facilities Work

Concreting Works - Front Pathway (approximately $60 000.00)

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support of our school and patience during minor construction works. The guys from Winton Outback Constructions are doing an amazing job working in with the school to minimise disruption as best as possible. The work is well underway with the old pathway now completely removed and new concrete now starting to be poured. We expect this work will be complete by the end of next week.

Science Block—Microscope Studio (approximately $15 000.00)

We are currently in the process of fitting out a mini microscope studio in the old office in the Science Block. New tables have been ordered, microscopes are in the school with new digital scopes and microscope cameras on their way. Some minor electrical work is being complete to install new power outlets. Finally a 42 inch 3D T.V has been mounted on the wall. This T.V has the ability to swipe and share with Smartphones, tablets and other digital devices.

New Sunscreen Blinds (approximately $12 000.00)

Justin Lenton from House Proud Longreach recently won the tender to install sunscreen roller blinds to almost all classrooms across the school. These blinds will be installed in the coming weeks. The effects this has already had in making the library and 7/8 classroom more comfortable and conducive to learning has been witnessed and greatly endorsed by students and staff.

In the Pipeline (approximately $160 000.00)

We are currently in the process of receiving tenders for the following items:

1. A new 10m x 12m shade structure with sandpit for the 4-7 play area.
2. A new travelling irrigation system for the school oval.
3. New signage for around the school.

Further to this we are hopeful about seeking tenders for the following works in the very near future:

1. Internal repainting of the Prep Building and A and B Block classrooms and offices.
2. Additional concreting works for the covered eating area with some landscaping, beautification and drainage of this area also.
3. Plus much more........
DNDANCEBOX

Last Monday the Dancenorth team taught Winton State School students a section of *Fugue*. The workshop consisted of a contemporary warm up (where we found muscles that we didn’t know existed), then we learnt a section of a company repertoire followed by the DNDANCEBOX project. We were quickly taught solos, duos and trios which were filmed in sections, all the sections get edited together and the edited version will be screened at a later date through social media. It was a fun and interesting workshop, enjoyed by all! Thanks DanceNorth for including us in your tour.

Mrs Emily Lawrance
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.

Student Council

Thanks everyone for supporting our Blue Day. We raised $130 for beyondblue on the day. We have another dress up day next term as well as a bake sale coming up. Please see our flyer attached to this newsletter.

We would love for our school community to help us out and donate bake goodies to sell and raise money for such a great cause.

We are also organising a ball game afternoon during the last week of school. Again check out our flyer for details!

Café Assistant - casual

The Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum seeks a casual Café Assistant to work two three-hour shifts a week (11.30 am to 2.30 pm), being Monday and one other week day, plus other occasional weekend shifts. This casual Café position requires someone who:

- is reliable and friendly
- enjoys delivering excellent customer service and
- is keen to be part of a busy and co-operative staff team.

No experience is necessary as full training will be provided. Own car is essential as the Museum is 25k from Winton.

This is an opportunity to enhance the visitor experience at one of Australia’s new and innovative tourist attractions.

To find out more about the Museum, the position, the type of people we need and how to apply, please visit the Home page of www.australianageofdinosaurs.com for the Café Assistant (Casual) Info Pack. Enquiries to Maureen Power on 07 4657-0712 or maureen.power@aaod.com.au

Applications will close when the position has been filled.
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL
WINTON STATE SCHOOL

WHO?
All Winton Residents ages 5-13 years.

WHAT?
Active After School Basketball & FREE afternoon snacks

WHEN?
Tuesday & Wednesday 3:00pm – 4:30pm (July 23 – September 11)

WHERE?
Winton State School Shed

FREE EVENT

The Active After-school Communities (AASC) program is an Australian Government initiative that provides primary school children with FREE sport and other structured physical activity programs after school.

The program aims to engage traditionally inactive children in sport and other structured physical activities, and through a positive and fun experience, develop a love of sport that motivates them to join a local sporting club. At the conclusion of the activities all student participants will be offered a FREE afternoon snack.

The biggest difference is made at
WINTON STATE SCHOOL
THE BEST IN THE WEST