The Unfolding of a Digital Revolution

A child born today will enter the workforce around 2030, when computing power will be capable of human-like intelligence and function.

This rapid advancement in technology will facilitate a convergence of trade, culture, economics and government on a truly global stage. By today's standards, we will have experienced a monumental shift in the fabric of human interaction. In these uncertain times, we look to the past to predict the future, but technology is changing this paradigm: human progress has become exponential and is no longer linear (Srikhanta, 2011).

At Winton State School we are responding to these pressures and a digital revolution is strategically unfolding right before students' eyes. In a massive overhaul of information and communication technologies the school is stepping right into the 21st century with some of the latest and greatest learning devices.

In a bold move by the school every student in P-3 will soon have access to their own laptop/tablet. These, early years friendly, devices will be equipped with wireless and Bluetooth connectivity, learning tools and linked to global learning networks which will support student learning. Staff in these teaching areas are currently undertaking training around these new devices and we hope to have orders placed for all present and new enrolments by the end of this term. Parents considering enrolling their children at Winton State School should consider this fantastic investment we are making in our students' future technological capabilities.

Further to this we have just rolled out Acer Iconia Tablets to every student in Years 11 and 12. Students report these touch screen, Windows 8 enabled devices are a fantastic resource and greatly enhancing their learning opportunities. Our library now boasts a 42 inch 3D Bluetooth and Wireless Television, as does our developing Digital Microscope Studio. This studio is soon to be equipped with class sets of stereo microscopes, new high definition digital binocular stereo scopes for senior studies and a high definition digital microscope camera.

These fantastic additions all support an already rich and diverse network of digital technologies in operation at our school. Every classroom at Winton State School is equipped with interactive whiteboards or projectors, we have two fully operational computer labs, a class set of laptops, ipads, digital cameras and much, much more!
From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents, Students and Friends

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. This was the closing statement in my last Principal’s Report.

This fortnight I wish to expand on this statement further. At Winton State School we believe that “success breeds success”. The great soccer player Mia Mann made this statement some years ago and it resonates with sincerity through our school. In reflecting on the term success we must consider it to be a mental attitude that translates into tangible results. When we want to succeed, we will pull out all the stops to achieve our goals. We who succeed put in superhuman effort to meet our targets. Once we achieve success, we believe that we are invincible. It is this self-belief that carries us towards the next success. Hence there is no doubt that success will truly bring further success.

With this in mind our staff look for each and every success our students achieve. We praise these successes, celebrate the achievements and renegotiate with students new goals and targets which will lead to future successes once achieved.

I have stated previously that people with goals succeed. I have also stated previously that every student in our school has negotiated learning goals. It is also important to note that as an organisation striving to move forward our staff have learning goals which reflect the overall direction our school is travelling, as identified in our school’s Strategic Plan.

At Winton State School we are unified in our direction and clear about the aspirations we hold for students. We make no apology for striving to be the best school. We expect excellence of ourselves and our students. If we expected anything less we simply would not be doing a good enough job.

We wish to be seen as a champion school - we will be seen at the end of any year drenched in sweat, bent over and exhausted as we will have done everything possible to support the growth and development of each and everyone of our students. At Winton State School we don’t settle for second best, we strive for excellence every single day.

Sincerely
Mick Lawrance
Principal

Parent and Community Engagement Framework

Parent and Community Consultation Meeting

All Welcome

Monday September 16th at 5:00pm
Admin Building of Winton State School

Thank You

Nothing great happens without the support of many. For this reason, this week, I wish to thank the many staff who are volunteering their time after school. This supports the social, emotional and physical development of our students, through the Winton State School After School Activity Programs.

Namely, a massive thank you to:
• Miss Sunny and Miss Martin (Art/Craft)
• Mrs Martyr (Geek Club)
• Miss Jensen (Sing-Star)
• Mrs Lawrance (Rock Pop Mime)
• Ms Helen (Minute to Win it)
• Ms Jaycee (Minute to Win it)
• Mr Barrow (Basketball)
• Rev. Anne (Sewing Club)
ADOPT-A-GRANDPARENT

The Adopt-A-Grandparent Program is an awesome initiative by the grade 4-5-6 Winton State School students. We had another fantastic time with our adopted grandparents last Friday. All of the students loved the activity our beautiful grandmas had prepared for us – hand-sewing crocheted flowers and other decorations onto woollen quilt squares. It is such a great opportunity for girls and boys alike to learn important life skills such as sewing (and talking with people of all ages). I also taught the students how to make truffles, to show them how simple and easy it is to create some yummy food with few ingredients and little time.

The following Monday, we were invited by the 60s and Better group to a Senior’s Week morning of fun and celebration, to play lots of cool games. Indoors we played Uno, Scrabble and the Wii. While outdoors we learnt some great games that the students have never played before; croquet, boullé and a target game with discus. However, the most loved game was Ladder Golf (also known as Redneck Golf!). Our group then stayed on for a delicious morning tea. Thank you so much for the invitation – it was a great morning.

We absolutely love our visits with all of the beautiful ladies. Thank you so much for helping our students feel even more loved and special. You really are helping to create some wonderful life-long warm memories.

Mrs Emily Lawrance

Dogs Day Challenge Two

Congratulations to the Pups (students) who beat the Old Dogs (staff) in the second of five Dogs Day Challenges a fortnight ago.

Smashing the Old Dogs 11 points to 6 the Pups were victorious in the game of Netball. Last term the Old Dogs were successful in beating the Pups in a game of Touch Football. With scores now even at one game each, what will the results of the third challenge be in week 11 this term?

Every dog has its day!
The past two weeks have seen us visit both the 2/3 and 4/5/6 classrooms.

Our first visit was to the 4/5/6 classroom. The very clever students became our teachers and spent a lesson teaching us all about addition and subtraction. The students were very patient as they helped us complete our sums. Thank you to Mr Sanderson, Miss Helen, Miss Karrin and the 4/5/6 students for their wonderful help!

In maths, we are also learning how to ask questions, collect the answers and make that data into a graph. We visited Mrs Martyr, Miss Alisha and the 2/3 class and asked the students a question we had created ourselves, such as, “Do you like dancing?” We collected their data to create our very own graphs. Thank you to Mrs Martyr, Miss Alisha and the students of 2/3 for letting us visit you!

Miss Jensen

We have nearly finished our Charlotte’s Web novel study. The little cherubs have just completed a diary entry as one of the characters. A popular choice was ‘Avery Arable’, the menacing older brother of Fern (the owner of the famous pig – Wilbur).

We have had a couple of great visits with our adopt-a-grandparents (see the article in this newsletter). We have also had rewards day and school photos. We are busy, busy, busy, but learning is still our number one priority.

Don’t forget that Every Day Counts!

Mrs Lawrance

This term in the workshop the 4/5/6 class have taken on new challenges. This class has continually produced products of a high quality and are more than ready to progress. This new project will require precise measuring and precise tool manipulation. At the completion of the project each student will have constructed a pencil box.

Mr Leigh Holmes
Career Expo

Last Tuesday the year 10 students travelled to Longreach for the annual Central West Careers Expo. This was a great opportunity for students to speak with different people associated with local and government employers, support agencies and tertiary education providers. Students travelled to local businesses in Longreach to see how they operate on a daily basis and speak to local business owners and employers. Back at the expo a few students tried out mock interviews and experienced the thrill of sitting in a highway police car.

Students were also lucky enough to hear a talk from Mr John Coutis, a motivational speaker who spoke to the group about making the most of life and creating their own opportunities. On the whole, the day was a valuable experience for all students who attended and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Year 10 Work Experience Week

Week 11 of this term (September 16-20) is work experience. Local businesses in Winton and Longreach have again kindly volunteered to assist with the school’s work experience program. Students will shadow and sample daily roles and jobs usually performed in each business whilst working regular business hours and getting a feel for the roles they are working in. Watch this space for further updates.

Assessment Timetable

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The Sunny Side

7/8 SEL
In the 7/8 Social and Emotional Learning unit, the students have been looking at how we are different. We have learnt about multiple intelligences, and discovered which intelligences related specifically to us. We are learning how each of us is different and that we need to appreciate and celebrate these differences.

7/8 The Arts
During this fortnight the students have been further exploring the musical concepts related to their unit. They have decoded some more music examples and have begun to practise playing these on the keyboards. We have even begun to move into percussion instruments, playing these to suit a popular song.

9/10 The Arts
The 9/10 the Arts class have continued to work on their musical concepts and band creation. We have explored lyrics, lead vocals, backing vocals, percussion and keyboards to play the song we have been working on. We are working towards presenting and recording a song together as a class. The students are still practising their keyboard skills, to the music of “Waltzing Matilda”.

11/12 Social and Community Studies
In Social and Community Studies, the students have been looking at Nomination Speeches. They need to pick an Australian whom they believe is worthy of the Australian of the Year Award and provide information and evidence of this in a speech and PowerPoint presentation.

7/8 Technology
At this time in the term, the students are working towards continuing their culinary experiences. They have just finished baking Anzac biscuits, which were more difficult than some anticipated. From this, the class has learnt the importance of careful measurement and sticking to the work plan.

Primary Dance
In Dance, the Prep-Year 3s are learning a new dance called the “Gum Tree”. It is a difficult dance, with lots of steps, so we are learning it in small parts. The Year 4/5/6 class are also learning a fun, new dance called the “Sir Roger de Coverley”. They have picked up this dance very well, and demonstrated great enthusiasm and energy in dancing on Friday.

Miss Sunny Mutton
Victoria Variety Car Rally Wrap-Up

Last week our fantastic P&C along with the P&F from Little Swaggies worked together to serve breakfast to the 286 participants of Victoria Variety Car Rally. Winton State School wishes to extend our thanks to all who were involved. The breakfast service ran smoothly and all participants responded positively to the great spread which was dished up. It is truly amazing just how much scrambled eggs can be made from 540 eggs!
LIBRARY NEWS

P-3 students have all been great borrowers! We have now officially started our library borrowing chart, when a child has borrowed 20 books they will receive a free book to keep! (limit 2 borrows per week)

We have been learning about some great Aussie authors; Nick Bland & Rod Clement.

Nick is a Victorian farm boy who had a passion for illustrating, as he grew up he practised his skills at writing and drawing and wrote and illustrated some fantastic publications. The Very Cranky Bear, The Very Hungry Bear, and The Wrong Book, just to name a few.

Rod Clement had a very different childhood – he grew up in the tropical country of Papua New Guinea, where he first fell in love with illustrating. He is now back in his home country, Australia, where he loves to illustrate Aussie animals. Olga the Brolga and Grandpa’s Teeth are just a couple of his great books!

P-3 Library lesson – Monday afternoon. 4-6 Library lesson – Friday afternoon.

Library opens at lunchtimes for borrowing (all ages). Playgroup families also welcome to borrow from our extensive range of Junior Fiction books!

Mrs Lawrance

Winton Pony Club’s CENT SALE

Where: Winton Club
When: Doors open at 2.00pm, Sunday 1st September (Father’s Day)
Entry Fee: $5.00 per person
School Children free

Cent Sale tickets: $1 per sheet sold at the door

Bar operating, Raffles (Father’s Day & Meat Tray), $100 Board & Lucky Spot Winner

- Heaps of great prizes to be won -
EVERYONE WELCOME
WINTON STATE SCHOOL’S
PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK MEETING

‘Working together to maximise student learning’

MONDAY 16th September 5PM
In the new building (off Cork Street). ALL WELCOME

Dear Winton Community Members,

Whether you are young, old (experienced), a business owner, unemployed, 4th generation local, new-to-the-area, Aboriginal, Indian, a truck-driver, farmer or artist we are looking for you to have your say in Winton State School’s ‘Parent and Community Engagement Framework’.

Parents and the broader community play a vital role in supporting successful learning outcomes for our children. This framework is about schools engaging with parents and communities to work together to maximise student learning outcomes.

The research tells us that the most meaningful partnerships are those where schools, parents, students and the community work together to focus on student learning. Parent and community engagement that is effectively focused on student learning can deliver powerful outcomes.

Currently, the school has established some strong ties within the community; local businesses supply our school lunches and uniforms; some have provided traineeships to our Senior High School students; we have support from locals in our fund-raising events; we have established strong ties with our local support workers.

We would like for you to have your say in ways in which we can better improve in the 5 areas of; communication, learning partnerships, community collaboration, decision-making and participation.

Do you have an opinion about some of these questions, and the ways in which we can improve?

• How does the school communicate with industry and business partners?
• What does the community, including local employers, expect from the school?
• How do the parents and community members participate in school activities?
• Does the school celebrate significant cultural days?
• How can volunteers contribute to teaching and learning?

These are a few questions we would love your input on. Please come along and contribute.

Mrs Emily Lawrance
Parent and Community Engagement Facilitator.
Adidas Fun-Run

We will be holding an *adidas School Fun-Run* as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on **Tuesday September 17th** within the school grounds.

The *adidas School Fun-Run* is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students have received a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase: **New sporting equipment and sporting facility upgrades.**

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Disneyland!

Students wanting to train for our event and to receive advice from sporting heroes like Sally Pearson and Jonathan Brown, can do so by logging onto [schoolfunrun.com.au/students](http://schoolfunrun.com.au/students) and clicking on *mi adizone.*

Finally, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the *adidas School Fun-Run* event day at the school on **Tuesday September 17th** to help cheer on the students.

If you would like to volunteer and help out on the day please contact the school on 4657 2333

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

Sports Coordinator
Kurt Barrow
kbarr118@eq.edu.au

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Miss Jensen’s Karaoke Party

Get excited!! Miss Jensen’s Karaoke Party will now run longer each Tuesday from 3:00 – 4:30pm! Students are invited to meet in the music room to sing the afternoon away. There is absolutely no pressure! You are more than welcome to test out your vocal chords or simply watch from the comfort of your chair. Come along and experience the fun!!

Minute to Win It joins the After School Activities

Thank you to Miss Helen and Miss Jaycee who have joined forces and are running a Minute to Win It after school activity on Thursday afternoons.

Last week was the first week for this exciting new event and it proved to be very popular.
GARAGE SALE

WHERE: SPORTING COMPLEX (THE SHED)
WINTON STATE SCHOOL

WHEN: SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST 2013
7.00AM TO 10.00AM

VARIOUS ITEMS OF SCHOOL FURNITURE FOR SALE
PAYMENT MUST BE MADE ON THE DAY

Bake Sale

Winton State School is organising a Bake Sale!

All proceeds will be donated to beyondblue Hope. Recovery. Resilience.

Please donate wrapped cakes, slices, biscuits etc.

Where: Searle’s Outback Store
When: 31th August 2013
From: 9 am

Bake Sale - proudly supporting beyondblue.