Last Friday, November 25th, our legendary Rock Pop Mime Team headed for Mt Isa - the stage for the 2013 Rock Pop Mime Competition.

Students and staff worked tirelessly all year to put together what can only be described as yet another brilliant Winton State School performance. The judges again agreed, and awarded Winton State School two trophies: Best Costumes and Best Backdrop. We also came a very respectable 2nd place overall.

Congratulations to everyone involved on a brilliant performance. I am sure you are all looking forward to your next performance when Winton goes ‘on tour’ to Longreach later in the year.

A more detailed recount can be found on page 6.
Dear parents, students and friends.

Last week our brilliant Rock Pop Mime Team headed to Mt Isa for the annual Rock Pop Mime Event. This was a spectacular night filled with much excitement. I would like to acknowledge the maturity and poise which students and staff from our school used to handled the bad news delivered to them, after being incorrectly announced as the winners. I also provide on this page a letter from the announcer on the night who is deeply apologetic for the mistake which has been made.

With all this said we look to the future and what is still to come for our Rock Pop Mime Team and members of some of our Glee Groups. On November 27th our super performers will be taking their acts ‘on tour’ to perform a show for the Longreach State School. I know this show will be well received and a brilliant opportunity for the students from our school.

On the sporting front I wish to extend a massive congratulations to two of our boys who have achieved great success with the Rugby League. Congratulations to Mitch Fogarty who was recently awarded Central West’s Under 13’s Player of the Year and to Kade Banset who was awarded the Referee’s Player of the Year. What fabulous achievements!

In our last newsletter I sent home assessment timetables for students in each year level at our school. I ask that parents continue to review this timetable with their child as at this time of year there are many assessment commitments. If you have any concerns with the assessment workload please talk with your child’s teacher/s.

Next Tuesday is our school’s show holiday. For this reason there will be no school next Tuesday. Please ensure you make appropriate arrangements for your child on this day.

With these warmer days now upon us I ask that parents act vigilantly to ensure their children have appropriate sun protection. A full wide brimmed hat is essential and the application of sunscreen prior to attending school will greatly assist in preventing skin cancer.

If I can be of any assistance please don’t hesitate to contact me by email at the.principal@wintonss.eq.edu.au or by simply calling into the office and asking for an appointment.

Yours Sincerely

Mick Lawrance
Principal

Dear Editor

Please allow me space in your newspaper to apologise to the students, teachers and parents who travelled from Winton as entrants and supporters in the Mount Isa Mines Rock Pop Mime Show for the mistake which I made in announcing the wrong team as the winners.

Words will not relieve the heartache which I know my mistake caused all of those people from Winton who had rehearsed and travelled the great distance to participate in an excellent production.

I won’t give the reasons for the mistake on my part, suffice is to say it was a huge error and I trust that those people involved will understand that standing before 2000 people and trying to get every announcement correct does leave space for error.

I apologise unreservedly and trust that the schools will participate again in next years bigger and better 2014 Mount Isa Mines Rock Pop Mime.

Congratulations to Winton School on the Trophies they did take home.

Kind Regards,

Beau Thomas | Account Manager
4LM/Macquarie Regional Radio

NO SCHOOL
TUESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER 2013
This is our school’s 2013 Show Holiday

Junior Secondary Transition Day

Students who are entering Years 7 or 8 in 2014 are welcomed to join us for our Junior Secondary Transition Day on Monday December 2nd 2013 for the whole school day.

Please register your attendance with Maria in our front office by phoning 4657 2333.

Further information will follow in coming weeks.
As I have been walking around the school in the afternoons, it has been fantastic to see the number of students who are involving themselves in the After School Activities being offered at Winton State School. There is something for everyone, from sport to singing, from sewing to dance. The dedication of our staff in providing this excellent program of extra-curricular activities is unparalleled in a small school. Our offerings rival those offered by the larger schools on the coast!

Research has proven that being involved in extra-curricular activities is an important part of building student well-being. It builds resilience, routine, commitment and perseverance. These skills transfer into the classroom setting and help build more successful learners.

If there is an activity that you as a parent or community member feel you can offer our students, please feel free to contact me. We would love to build some community and parent input into our offerings. Likewise to the students, if you have an idea for an activity you would like to see included in the 2014 program, please feel free to come and see me – after all – this is all about helping you!

Until next time,
Rebecca Crapp
Head of Curriculum

Happy Children: Happy Parents (Palmer Educational Publications)

Learning the rules:

Rules that describe behaviour “Be gentle” or “Stay close to me” are the easiest for young children to understand.

Rules that tell children to stop behaviour “Don’t push” or “Don’t run off” are much harder for them to follow.

Rehearse rules that your child may forget. “What do you have to remember when I am on the phone?” “Tell me the shopping rules before we get the trolley”

Praise and reward your child for remembering the rules.
In science over the past few weeks, we have been investigating the materials that are best suited for different objects. Last week, we considered what the world would be like if all objects were made of paper. The students performed an experiment to design and create a chair that was made only of paper and sticky tape. Unfortunately none of the paper chairs survived after the ultimate test of being sat on, and the students decided that a world made only of paper would not be a good thing at all!

Miss Debbie Jensen

Mr Sanderson’s Year 4-5-6 class is presently in an intense period of preparation for our series of assessments that begin next week. Here, in group work, students are developing important emotional (empathy) and literacy skills by reflecting on a character’s actions and feelings—from the character’s perspective—from the 1952 novel “Charlotte’s Web” by E.B. White. In other parts of the curriculum we are looking at the contributions of immigrants to Australian culture (History), the growth and survival of living things and the complex, yet fragile, relationship living things have with the environment (Science), fractions and decimals (Mathematics), shadow and light (Art), and PowerPoint and Paintshop (ICT).

Dr. Don Sanderson

Mrs Lawrance’s 4/5/6 group have been working hard on evaluative and persuasive writing skills in preparation for a Movie Review. We have now also completed our Chance and Data assessment items in Maths. We are now moving on to Number.

This group is improving out of sight – I truly love coming to work and teaching such beautiful children!

Mrs Emily Lawrance
5am, alarm rings, it is finally the Rock Pop Eisteddfod day! Nineteen Winton State School students meet at the bus and head off on what will end up being a crazy roller coaster ride of emotions.

Thanks to our great bus driver, Mr Heslin, we made it safely to Mt Isa. KFC was the most popular choice for lunch (dubbed Kids Fattening Centre by student, Hayden!), a spot of shopping then off to stage rehearsals at the venue. All ran smoothly and all were ready for the big performance.

Almost 2000 people were in the crowd. The standard of acts was amazing, costumes colourful and creative and the music pumping. We were the final act of the night. We had been talked up on the radio and newspaper. Winton State School’s Willy Wonka did not disappoint! It was colourful and clever, and ran very smoothly. Then… time for the winners announcements…..

Minor trophies first – Winton took out Best Costumes and Best Backdrop and Props. Then the BIG one, overall winners……… “Winton State School!” We erupted in cheers and screams, cuddles and happy tears! When back stage for a photo shoot, I was grabbed by the organisers and a judge. I joked “ooh, I hope we haven’t been disqualified” (which of course I knew we hadn’t). The mood sombre I started to worry. I was told that the MC had mixed up his announcement and we were in fact Runners Up and not the overall winners! I was horrified. Not at the fact that we had only missed out on first place by a point, it was the fact that I had to go back to the students and take the big trophy back.

Back at our sleeping headquarters (at the Mt Isa PCYC), we had a debrief. I assured the students that they were perfect and amazing – even better than at our local performance by far, and that they should be super proud of what they achieved. During the bus trip home, all students were in high spirits – discussing our next lot of performances, and even discussing the idea of maybe producing a school musical in 2014.

What an amazing and gorgeous group of students. After the way they were treated, they dusted it off and returned with their heads held high and proud of themselves. Congratulations Winton State School for bringing home some more trophies, and more importantly, grace and maturity.
Senior Engineering

Friday last week was the last day the Engineering students had the opportunity to complete their competencies for TAFE. The class have learnt some valuable skills over the duration of the course. All the students in the class are now able to weld with a combination of oxy acetylene, stick or MIG. These skills will without a doubt come in handy in the future.

While out at the slaughter yards, the engineering students were able to demonstrate their welding skills and help the butchers out by welding new rails in the lower part of a fence to keep the smaller sheep in the yard. Thank you to the engineering students for giving up your lunch break and completing the project.

Mr Leigh Holmes

Senior Agriculture

The Agriculture class completed their second last assignment for the year. They separated chickens and fed them two varieties of grain feed. Carlin, Jakk and Thomas found their chickens gained more weight than Hannah’s and Makayla’s chickens with a mature grain diet opposed to a chicken crumble for younger chickens.

The Winton butchers are still preparing for a fencing project to commence at the slaughter yards. They will purchase the materials and clear a corridor in preparation for the agriculture students to begin the fencing project. In the meantime the class has visited the slaughter yards and cleaned troughs, rolled out hay bales and watched the butchers, including Hannah, go through the process of walking a cow into the slaughter room, killing and cleaning.

All excursions to the slaughter yards have been relevant to the curriculum content the students have covered at school and the opportunity to participate in these practical activities have been beneficial for all.

Mr Leigh Holmes
7/8 SEL
In the 7/8 Social and Emotional Learning unit, the students have been focused on themselves as individuals, and how it is important to celebrate our uniqueness. They compared their shoe sizes to find that we are all different, and therefore we all need different things.

7/8 The Arts
The students are continuing to work on their Spectacular Show scripts and choreography. We will begin rehearsals and filming as soon as possible.

9/10 The Arts
The 9/10 Arts class have continued planning their music clips. We will plan our filming and take our first look at Windows Movie Maker, as a class.

11/12 Social and Community Studies
In Social and Community Studies, the students have been continuing their motivational speech aimed at high school students on the topic of “Relationships”. They have been gathering information and statistics from a range of sources to include in their presentations. They will present them at the end of Week 5.

7/8 Technology
On Monday the Tomatoes created their own individual scones for their assessment. Through this, they had to adapt a basic scone recipe to make it more appealing to their class. They took photos of their process.

Primary Spectacular
The students are all busy working towards their Spectacular performances. They are still rehearsing their dance moves. The 4/5/6 class will find out which part of their song they will choreograph this Friday.

Miss Sunny Mutton

CREATIVE ARTS
For the last assessment this year, students are required to produce a one page advertisement for a new sporting brand. Bradley has been researching the culture of skateboarding and has been targeting the typical skateboarding clientele. Bradley is photographing some action shots at the skate park this week. Taylor and Carlin are productively working away with their ideas and I’m expecting some impressive pieces of commercial art.

Mr Leigh Holmes
The senior Biology students are developing their Extended Experimental Investigations this term. They have been given the task of selecting their own EEI research question and undertaking experimental research on a concept related to, or extending from, topics studied this year or any other scientific concept that interests you. They will conduct a fair experiment and compile their findings/data to inform the scientific community about the findings.

The Year 11 girls have chosen to investigate the effects of sugar and caffeine in soft drinks. They will be undertaking a selection of fitness tests while under the influence of soft drinks and energy drinks.

Brad is looking at the effects of different chicken feed on the growth and development of chicks. He was working closely with the Agricultural class.

Mr Kurt Barrow
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.

Who:  All Winton residents aged 5 – 13 years of age
What:  Active After School Touch Footy (Tuesday), Pool games (Wednesday) & FREE afternoon snacks
When:  Tuesday & Wednesday 3:00pm – 4:30pm (October 22 – December 4)
Where:  Winton State School Shed and Community Pool
Cost:  FREE

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Every Day Counts

At Winton State School every day is important!

Is your child at school today?

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SCHOOL SPECTACULAR, SPECTACULAR!!!!

Pencil in this date – Wednesday 4th December @ 6:30pm

Singing, Dancing, Acting, and fantastic displays of students’ creative arts, manual arts and more!

Everyone is welcome!!
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### Notes:

- **TENNIS WITH JOANNE** – Friday afternoon 4.30 – 5.30 older children
  
  Younger children and beginners on Saturday morning from 9.30 - 10.15am. Please note the new time. We are trailing Saturday morning due to the hot weather.

  Any further enquiries call Joanne on 4657 1249.
Rock Pop Mime 2013