Welcome back to Term 2, I hope that everyone managed to enjoy the out of school time. We are all ready to get back into the swing of things and I have to say our great students are off and learning.

One of the best things about working in a school is that you feel like you have lots of children (albeit by proxy) and by having lots of children you have many opportunities to feel proud of their achievements, their behaviour, manners and general activities. I was particularly proud of all of our students who were able to come and march on ANZAC day; they behaved impeccably and our older students showed they understood the significance of this day. The dawn service was a respectful commemoration and again our students who represented the school had my chest bursting with pride. The breakfast was a lovely occasion to chat to some old diggers.

A special mention must go to our own Mrs C who organised the event. On behalf of the school, Mrs C we would like to say a big Thank You.

As previously mentioned we are being more rigorous around the wearing of broad brimmed hats. For students who want to play more in the sun; No hat = No play. Caps are better than no hat, but they do not offer adequate protection therefore the hat must be broad brimmed. We have stocked a number of hats for students should they need one, the cost is $10 which I think you will agree is reasonable.

Aurasma: I will no longer be embedding videos into or newsletter as it was pointed out to me that more people access our Facebook page, ‘Winton State School’. Therefore I will post the videos onto the Facebook page. However if you still would like Aurasma vids, please let me know and I will certainly put them back in for you. We also have a massive following on Twitter @WintonSS.

Our NAIDOC week group met again on Tuesday 4:30 and we agreed on this year’s celebrations and activities. Please feel free to come and join us; we would love to have you there. If you are in doubt, you can speak to some of the group for information: Myself, Janelle Collins, Tracy Harbour, Margaret Sing to name but a few. We will be publishing (very soon) a list of activities etc. and we will be approaching some of our parents and caregivers to provide their support, knowledge and time to help this celebration be the best that we can make it.

The tuckshop is open every Friday.

Popcorn / Jaffles / Slushies (fruit juice) / Cake

We are looking for volunteers to help run our tuckshop. Do you have some time to spare?
Over 14000 positive rewards were given out in term 1!

**SWPBS lesson - We are safe when we wear sun safe hats**

Oohh shiny sink

Home Ec has a new sink! I’m sure that the hospitality students are keen to use it during their weekly prac on Thursdays.

Take home a big brother or big sister

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email [scceaus@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaus@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Homework Club

Students are able to have a little extra support with their work, with Mr Barrow on Tuesdays 3-4:00 pm.

Dance Troupe

Those of you who are interested in joining Dance Troupe, or just want to see what it’s all about, come to the drama room Tuesday at 3:00pm.

Rock Pop Mime

**Term 2 Schedule**

This year Winton State School is *Puttin’ on the Ritz 2014*. There is a schedule for rehearsals that has started this week. Rehearsals for the **Charlie Chaplins** will be Wednesday 7th May, at lunch from 11:25 - 11:45 and 3:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon.

Next Week!
**Charlie Chaplins** will be needed Wednesday 14th May, at lunch from 11:25 - 11:45 and 3:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon. If there are any issues see Mrs McGrath in the C block staffroom.

Geek Club

Geek Club with Miss Helen is on every Tuesday, straight after school until 4pm. Don’t forget!

7-10 English

This term’s spelling has started for years 7 to 10 English. Students have their spelling lists in their diary and can practise using spellingcity.com. However if you do not have internet access after school, some spelling sheets can be sent home instead. Our spelling rotations this week have included Spelling City, look-cover-write-check while listening to an iPod, and a word sort.