



## Principal's Address

by Corey Kempthorne  
**G'day,**

The final weeks of the school year are an exceptionally busy time for everyone as we close-out on the processes and procedures for 2023 and plan for effective teaching and learning throughout 2024. In a small school, planning for 2024 always presents a challenge! The added complexity of being geographically isolated makes planning even more difficult!

As most of you would now be aware, Winton State School has some very aspirational staff members and as they transition out of our school I must extend my absolute and most sincere congratulations to them. Firstly, congratulations to Susan Martyr who is moving to Dalby after an impressive tenure at Winton State School, the Winton Hospital and Little Swaggies. Susan's contribution to our Early Years program will be missed in 2024. Secondly, congratulations to Rachel Dempster who has been successful in her application for the Head of Department – Curriculum role at Richmond State School. Rachel's positive influence on our 3/4 class has been noticed in 2023. Thirdly, similar to Rachel, Campbell will be moving to Richmond State School to take up the Health and Physical Education role. Campbell has contributed hugely to Winton State School in the past 2.5 years and he will be sorely missed! Finally, Terri Searle has been successful in her application for a principal position at Boulia State School. After 26 years of teaching, with a great amount of those at Winton State School, it will be quite odd not having her around. I would like to wish luck to all of our aspirational teachers.

While I am genuinely pleased for each of the above individuals, it is the staff turnover that makes planning for 2024 staffing so difficult. With teachers coming and going at different times, the planning and timing of a release for a 2024 staff plan is difficult to coordinate. Too soon and you risk having to change the plan as additional staff announce their departure. Or, you have to announce the plan without actually determining backfill options – this is where the geographical isolation component comes in to play. Too late and students/parents aren't given adequate time to consider their options.

As always, I appreciate your understanding as my staff and I manoeuvre through this challenge. You will find the 2024 staffing model later in this edition of the newsletter.

Have a happy and safe holiday.



## WINTON STATE SCHOOL Newsletter

Term 4 Week 8 2023

### UPCOMING EVENTS



YEARS 10 & 11 LAST DAY  
24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

YEAR 6 GRADUATION  
27<sup>th</sup> November 2023

WORK EXPERIENCE FOR YR 9  
27<sup>th</sup> Nov – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

POOL PARTY  
1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 2023  
1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

FIRST DAY FOR 2024  
22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY  
26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

*Happy Holidays*  
STAY SAFE AND BE HEALTHY



## Kindy-Year 2 Corner

What a whirlwind the last couple of weeks have been! We have working hard to show off all of our learning and have really impressed our teachers with what we can do! We all enjoyed our transition day where we got to experience life in the grade we will be in next year. Construction has been a favourite activity of late, with all sorts of materials being used to create marble runs, giant car parks, Lego masterpieces and amazing box creations. We've been involved in lots of discussions about being a good sport, a good winner and a good loser. We talked about why games have rules and strategies we can use when things don't go the way we wanted. Playing board games gives us an opportunity to practise using these strategies and we are working on reading and following rules, taking turns and building resilience. We are looking forward to a very fun last week of school, with lots of surprises in store!





## Curriculum Corner: Years 3-4

There it is – the final week of the year is upon us. As we look back on what has been an incredible year, we remember it all. The highlights, the challenges, the surprises... and the students of 3/4 want to remind you all of what we have done this year.

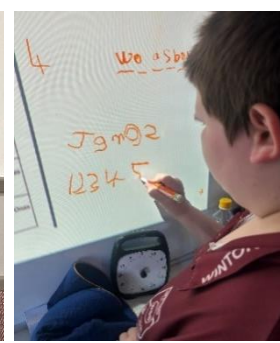
We started the year with a new class, a new teacher and a new classroom! We learnt about procedures in English and planted seeds for Science. Then in Term 2, we had our class sleepover! We watched a movie, made our own ice cream and then got up early the next morning for the ANZAC Day dawn service. We had dance and drama visitors, and tried our hardest to persuade Miss Dempster to let us get a class pet (we're still working on it...). In Term 3, we welcomed Ms Rhoades, a pre-service teacher to our class. We learnt about fractions from making pizza, and we WON our group section for the bush poetry competition! In Term 4 we learnt about statistics and probability in Maths, wrote our own short stories, had the swimming carnival, cricket and NRL sessions, and had transition sessions with the Year 2s, in preparation for the 3/4/5 class in 2024.

It has been an incredible year of growth for the students in the 3/4 Class. Most notably, the effort and achievement results in English have improved, as has the attitude towards reading. At the beginning of the year, we had a class of individuals with differing levels of interest in reading. Now, we have a group of students who independently choose to read a book, and have a dedication to improving their skills in reading. It has been remarkable to see. Keep up the great work!

As a teacher, it is always hard to say goodbye to your class at the end of each year. It is especially challenging this year, as teaching this class has been a highlight of my career, and a year I will never forget. Thank you to James, Jock, Maggie, Ozzie, Ayden, Cohen, Aaron (and Cienna, Ruby and Ericson). I have LOVED being your teacher, and I look forward to seeing your many successes in the future. You should be very proud of all you have achieved this year - thank you for such a fantastic year full of fun.

We wish everyone in Winton a wonderful holiday break. Stay safe & have fun!

Miss Dempster & the 3/4 Class





## 5-6 Cooking with Ms Hite



## New Sports Uniform!

This week students received a brand-new school sport uniform! This uniform reflects the traditional colours of the school as well the new Winton Raptors sports logo as well as the house colours of Flynn and Paterson. The students absolutely fantastic in their uniforms. They will be able to wear this shirt every Friday, as well as the timetable PE day and any sports carnivals throughout the year.





## Curriculum Corner: Years 5-6

### 5/6 Report

The past week, students have been working diligently through completing their assessment pieces. It has been impressive to see their effort and conscientious behaviour towards completing their best work.

In English, students have been looking at how to market the school for prospective parents, creating snippet videos of the best parts about Winton State School. They have thoroughly enjoyed working through this assessment, making it enjoyable, but also a very effective learning experience.

To culminate our science learning, students created homemade handballs, mixing borax, glue & cornflour together. Students explored the properties of the handballs and made recommendations to improve the method for next time.

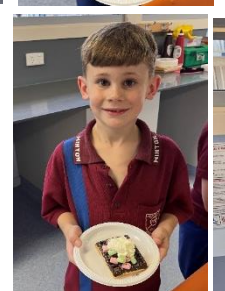
Tonight, we will be celebrating the grade 6 graduation with a class dinner at the North Gregory Hotel. I look forward to this event celebrating the year with the students and their families.

I wish all the families and wider community of Winton State School a safe and enjoyable Christmas break.

### Mr Evans and the 5/6 crew



### Kindy-2 students made waffle pizza desserts with Ms Hite



### A Message from Mrs Searle

Hello Everyone,

I would just like to congratulate all my students on the effort they have put into their subjects this year. This year I have taught students from Year 3 right up to Year 12 and I appreciate all your hard work and dedication to your learning that you have all shown. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday and Santa comes to you all!

Mrs Searle

### Wet and Wild – Last Day of School

Students in grade 3 and up will be participating in wet activities on Friday afternoon, during the last day of school. Please make sure to pack an outfit that they can get wet in!









LET'S CELEBRATE!

# End Of Year Celebration!

**YOU'RE INVITED!**

TO CELEBRATE THE END OF 2023 WITH ROAST MEATS LUNCH COOKED BY HAWTHORNE KEW AND LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN.

**PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD!**

WINTON STATE SCHOOL SHARED AREA	TIME <b>12PM</b>
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**FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER**





## Curriculum Corner Years 7-8

### Year 7/8 Digital Technology with Mr Carrello

The Year 7/8 Digital Technology class completed work on their Binary assessment and all students attained a satisfactory result. Behaviour and the work attitude continued to be excellent.

### Year 7/8 Maths with Mr Carrello

During Week 7 and 8, the Year 7/8 Maths class completed all lesson material and worked for the most part on their Probability and Statistics assignment which is to be completed at the end of Week 8. Behaviour and the work attitude continued to be excellent.

## Curriculum Corner Years 9-10

### Year 9/10 Maths with Mr Carrello

The Year 9 and 10 Maths class focussed during Week 7 and 8 on the completion of their Probability and Statistics assignment which was to be submitted by mid-week during Week 8. Behaviour and the work attitude has been generally good.

### Year 9/10 Science with Mr Carrello

During Week 7 and 8, the Year 9/10 Science completed all lesson material in the Genetics related Biology unit and also had 2 lessons for revision for their Genetics Exam. All students completed the exam at the end of Week 7 and the beginning of Week 8 and the vast majority of students attained a satisfactory pass result. Behaviour, work ethic and effort by students was only just satisfactory.

## Design & Technology with Mrs Smith

For Transition Day, the 7-10 students created their own wall plaques/nameplates. They used different techniques such as wood burning, carving, routing, and the rotary tool.



### Reminder to Junior High School English students:

Please remember to return the novels you studied in English this term if you have not already done so.

- 7-8: 'Parvana' by Deborah Ellis.
- 9-10: 'Tomorrow When the War Began' by John Marsden.



## Curriculum Corner Years 11-12

### Year 11 General Math with Mr Carello

An exam which covered the entire year of General Maths Unit 1 and 2 work was completed during Week 7. All students attained a satisfactory result. Student's willingness to learn and behaviour and effort continued to be excellent.

### Year 11 Biology with Mr Carrello

Students submitted a Research Investigation assessment for Unit 2 during week 7 and all students achieved a pass result. An exam for all Unit 1 and 2 Biology work was also conducted during Week 7 and all students attained a satisfactory result. Student's willingness to learn and behaviour and effort continued to be excellent.

### Year 12 General English 2024

Students that have notified the school that they wish to do General English in 2024 have been given a copy of 'The Crucible' by Arthur Miller. They will be analysing this text for their first Internal Assessment. The expectation is that the play is read by the time school starts back next year. Happy reading!

## Years 10 & 11 Work Experience



Mali has been completing her work experience at the Winton Shire Council Library. Not only has Mali been learning the ins and outs of the library, but she has also been lending a hand at '60s and Better'. She has been applying herself so well that the library staff think they might keep her!

Daniel has been completing his work experience this week as a teacher aide in the early years class this week. While initially it was something he wasn't sure of he has enjoyed himself and has worked hard.



Charlie has been working at Central Motors this week he has been shadowing Adrian learning how a mechanic shop runs. Charlie has been arriving on time and eager to follow instructions.

Over the last few days John has been gaining experience of the behind the scenes operations of all areas of the Waltzing Matilda Centre and Outback Regional Gallery including Tuckerbox Café, Tourism and Marketing, Museum and Art Gallery.



**Jovi** has been working hard at the Winton Saleyards, completing lick runs, weighing cattle, and feeding out hay. The yards have been a bit quieter this week, but Jovi has still found there is plenty of work to do.



**Emily** has been out at Cotswold Hills with Jimmy and Sandra Smith this week, and judging by these photos she is having a blast! Some of the jobs Emily has undertaken include putting out dry mix for stock and installing fence droppers.






YOU ARE INVITED TO A

# COMMUNITY BBQ

THURSDAY | **14** | AT 6:00 PM  
DEC

AT THE WINTON SHIRE  
COUNCIL COURTYARD

To thank the Work Camp Men  
for their contribution to our  
community!





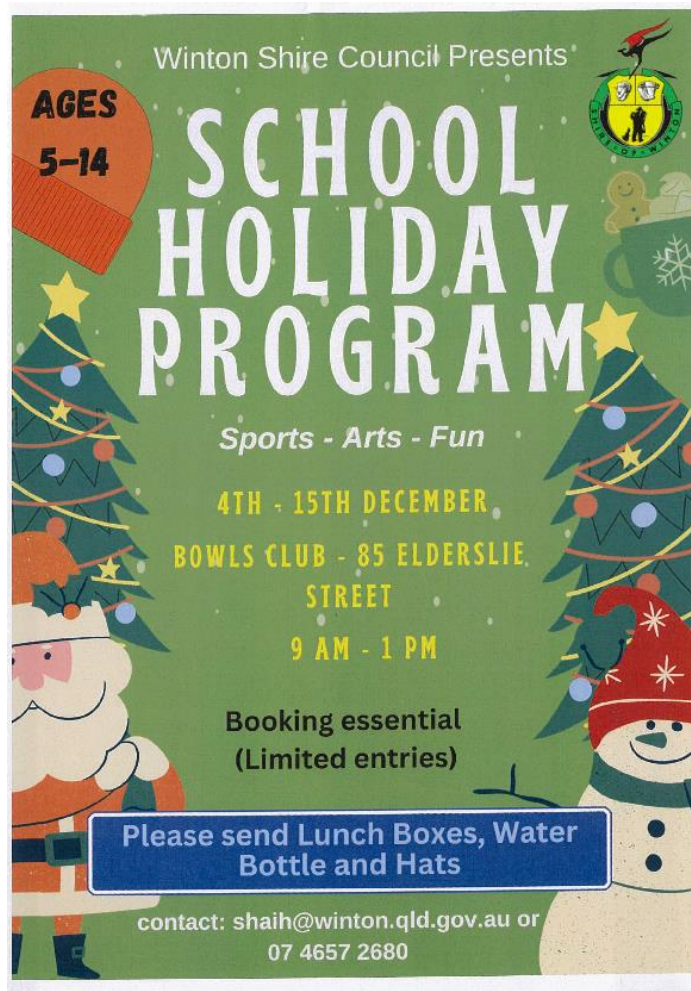
# CHRISTMAS STREET PARTY

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 8TH @6PM

Live music with Attori  
Bush Beatz performing  
Winton Choir singing  
Christmas Carols  
Free BBQ  
Jumping Castle w/ slide  
Santa Claus!

For further information please contact  
Shai Howard on 46572685 or  
shaih@winton.qld.gov.au



Winton Shire Council Presents

**AGES  
5-14**

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Sports - Arts - Fun

**4TH - 15TH DECEMBER**  
**BOWLS CLUB - 85 ELDERSLIE  
STREET**  
**9 AM - 1 PM**

Booking essential  
(Limited entries)

Please send Lunch Boxes, Water  
Bottle and Hats

contact: shaih@winton.qld.gov.au or  
07 4657 2680


# CHRISTMAS

## Lights Competition 2023

FIRST PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED IN THE  
FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

- BEST COMMERCIAL
- BEST RESIDENTIAL
- BEST RURAL PROPERTY

\$600 WORTH OF PRIZES UP FOR GRABS!

JUDGING TIME: DECEMBER 15TH BETWEEN 7-10PM

\*Rural properties please email photos to  
helenf@winton.qld.gov.au or  
shaih@winton.qld.gov.au by 4:30pm, December 13th\*

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON THE WINTON  
SHIRE COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE ON FRIDAY THE  
22ND OF DECEMBER!








PRESENTS



## TRIATHLON

Details of participation (category wise):

**Kids** : (6 years to 10 years) – 50m swim / 3km cycling / 1 km running

**Mid-year** : (11 to 16 years) – 150m swim / 5km cycling / 1 km running

**Open (IND)** : (17 AND ABOVE) – 400m swim / 10 km cycling / 3 km running

**Open (TEAM-LIMITED ENTRIES)** : (17 and ABOVE) – 400m swim / 10 km cycling / 3 km running

**SPECIAL PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED IN TEAM CATEGORY**

**26th of JANUARY 2024**

For further enquiries Contact: (07) 46572680  
helenf@winton.qld.gov.au

## CHRISTMAS CHOIR

PLEASE JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS CHOIR TO PERFORM CAROLS AT THE STREET PARTY

JUNIOR CHOIR : AGES 5 - 8 SENIOR CHOIR : AGES 9 AND UP

MUST BE ABLE TO COMMIT TO PRACTICES TUESDAY AND FRIDAY MORNINGS 8 - 8:30 AM UNTIL STREET PARTY ON 8TH DECEMBER.

THIS OPPORTUNITY IS FOR ALL SCHOOLS INCLUDING LSOE AND WSS  
PLEASE CONTACT LUCY HOLM 0431740384 FOR DETAILS. PRACTICES HELD AT ST PATRICK'S ART ROOM.

### Bandy Bee

says



I am respectful  
when I interact  
positively with  
my peers

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE!

FRIDAY THE 1ST OF DECEMBER  
@6PM  
ELDERSLIE STREET WINTON

BBQ AVAILABLE  
BRING A CHAIR OR A BLANKET TO  
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**FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER**



**BRAND NEW!**  
**WINTON STATE SCHOOL**  
**TRUCKER CAPS**



**ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR A HAT WHEN OUTSIDE.**  
**NOW DO IT IN STYLE, WITH A CAP THAT WON'T FLY OFF!**



**\$25**

**AVAILABLE FROM**  
**SEARLE'S OUTBACK STORE.**  
**DON'T MISS OUT!**



## School Shirts & Hats

### Kindy Shirts

Kindy shirts are available from the school office in sizes 4, 6 and 8 (kids).

\$20 per shirt payable to the Winton State School P&C.  
 P&C bank details available from school office.

### School Hats

Reversible school hats may be purchased from the office. Available in Small-Medium or Medium-Large; one side is school colours and the other side is either green for Flynn house or yellow for Patterson house.  
 \$12.00 per hat payable to the P&C.

## Everyday Counts!

### Presence + Participation = Success

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begins with students coming to school each and every day.

## Restorative Questions I

To respond to challenging behavior

What happened?

What were you thinking of at the time?

What have you thought about since?

Who has been affected by what you have done? In what way?

What do you think you need to do to make things right?

*As we advance with honour, be safe, be responsible, be respectful, belong!*

## Bits and Bobs

### P&C Levies

P&C Levies are now due. Thanks to those families who have already paid. The levy is \$40 per family per year and can be paid to the school office with cash or via direct deposit to the P&C.

Internet banking details are as follows:

Name: Winton State School Parents and Citizens Association

BSB: 084990

Account No: 50-901-1482

Please use your family name and initial as the identifier.

### School Uniforms

We are a sun safe school, and as per our sun safe policy, students are required to wear a school shirt (with a collar and sleeves), full-brimmed hat, and shorts.

If you have purchased new uniforms please consider donating the old uniforms to the school. We use these uniforms when students attend school without the correct clothing, or when a student is in need.

Thank you for your consideration towards this request.

### Student Absences

Safety and wellbeing is our highest priority.

Parents need to know if their child hasn't turned up for school, and the school needs to know when and why a child is absent.

Please remember **to call the student absence line 4657 2366 or respond to the SMS absence text** if your child is/is going to be absent from school.

### School Details

Phone: 07 4657 2333

Student absence line: 07 4657 2366

Email: [principal@wintonss.eq.edu.au](mailto:principal@wintonss.eq.edu.au)

[admin@wintonss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@wintonss.eq.edu.au)

Mailing address: PO Box 298, Winton 4735

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the team at Winton State School.

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### Check out our website!

<https://wintonss.eq.edu.au/>

### Get the Qparents app!

<https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/login>







CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
2023 YEAR 12 STUDENTS





# 2024 Winton State School Staff List



Leadership Team	Primary Team	Secondary Team
Meggin Bahr	Amanda Sciascia	Phil Carrello
Pammy Collett-Dyer	Ashlee Brock	Millie Chapman
Mandy Smith	Tania Bradley	Victoria Smith
Admin Team	Helen Parkin	Betty Hite
Maria Kavanagh	Teacher Aides Team	Darcy Clarke
TBA	Janelle Collins	Kerri Christopher
Cleaning Team	Jayci Jack	Aaron Bahr
Nat Conlon	Danielle Taylor	Grounds Officer
Toni Lenton	Grace Elliot	Kendal Batey
Bronwyn Searle	Kristen Lenton	

*Be safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible  
Belong*



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Our Website  
[www.wintonss.eq.edu.au](http://www.wintonss.eq.edu.au)







# Winton State School

**Crayon to Career**

**State Delivered Kindergarten to Year 12**

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AS WE ADVANCE WITH HONOUR, BE SAFE, BE RESPONSIBLE, BE RESPECTFUL, BELONG

Dear Winton State School Community,

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of November I informed the staff of Winton State School that I have accepted an acting principal position at Capella State High School commencing term 1, 2024. With a heavy heart, I would now like to inform you all of my departure at the end of this year.

I came to Winton State School in 2021 as an acting principal. I completed three weeks and was extended until the end of term 3. At the end of term 3 I was given the opportunity to apply for an extension until the end of the year, which I did. At the end of the year, I applied once again and was made the permanent Principal of Winton State School. Since this time, I have learnt a lot, made some excellent friends and participated in some unforgettable experiences. I'd like to extend a special thank you to my staff, students and community members who made me feel welcome during my time at Winton State School and supported me as I led the school in its improvement priorities.

In my place, the principal in term 1, 2024 will be Meggin Bahr – Please see some remarks from her below:

*Hi Winton SS.*

*We are really excited to join your community in 2024. We are relocating from Logan, where Aaron and I both work at Marsden State High School. Matilda is turning 7 this week and will be going into grade 2 in 2024. Archie was recently 3 and is dinosaur mad. We have a caravan and love to go on adventures, exploring this beautiful country. We are very keen to explore Winton, the surrounding areas and some school holiday trips towards Cairns and the Top End. Enjoy the school holidays and have Merry Christmas.*

*We look forward to meeting you all in the new year.*

*Meggin & Aaron Bahr*

I feel certain that Meggin's extensive leadership experience will continue to set Winton State School on the right path as it progresses towards educational excellence.

Once again, thank you for letting me share the last few years with you all.

Wishing you good health and luck for the future.

Corey Kempthorne  
Principal  
Winton State School



**Queensland  
Government**