Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome back! I hope everyone has had a relaxing Easter break? This term is 11 weeks and every day at school will ensure that all students at Windera State School are succeeding. Attendance is a critical factor in any child’s school success. Children should attend school every day, except in cases of illness or emergency. It is impossible to replace the learning that happens on any school day with make-up work. Regular attendance and promptness are good habits that are expected and appreciated at all levels of schooling and in the workplace. Commit to excellence in attendance, your child’s future depends on it!

EVERY CHILD MATTERS AT WINDERA STATE SCHOOL

Make every day count in 2016 – Make 2016 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If student’s aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV.

http://www.youtube.com/DETEQueensland

TELLING JOKES IS GOOD FOR KIDS!

Q: What vitamin helps you to see?
A: Vitamin C.

Q: Why did the ice cream cone take karate lessons?
A: It was tired of getting licked.

Q: How do you make fire with two sticks?
A: Make sure one is a match.

Q: Why did the belt go to jail?
A: He held up a pair of pants.

Q: How do hair stylists speed up their job?
A: They take short cuts.

Q: Why can’t you tell a joke while you’re standing on ice?
A: Because it might crack up.

Visiting the School

Please remember that if you are visiting the school or are volunteering in the school please sign in at the office and collect a visitors badge to wear.
Windera P&C

The P & C play a vital part in the success of our school. Like all committees, associations and businesses there must be a competent and supportive leader to guide the team. In 2015 the P&C were a wonderful support of the school and I would like to take this opportunity to thank President Tim White, Secretary Zelda Brunner and Treasurer Sue Aiton for your tireless efforts throughout the 2015 year. Thank you!!!

2016 has brought with it a new President and Secretary, so I would like to extend a warm welcome to new P&C President Liam Frawley, Secretary Natasha Lewis and Treasurer Sue Aiton. I look forward to working with you all this year. Our first P&C meeting is on Tuesday the 19th of April at 3:30pm, please keep this date free to come along and support your children and your school.

Windera State School Values

At Windera we continue to follow our four values:

Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be Positive
Be a Learner

As a school we are continuing to be active learners and great role models of the Windera State School values.

Magical Water Mixing & Tissue Paper Collage Leaf

Children learn about the three primary colors: red, yellow, and blue. Demonstrate "magic" water mixing to show children that the three primary colors can be mixed together to create the secondary colors. After the water mixing, children experiment with color mixing by overlapping colored tissue paper and predicting which new colors would be created! After their tissue paper collages dried, the children can work to trace the shape of a leaf and cut it out. Discuss the parts of the leaf and draw in the veins. At the end you will have a collection of beautiful and colorful autumn leaves.

Materials:
6 clear cups
water
food colouring (red, yellow, and blue)
large leaf shaped tracers
12"x18" white drawing paper
markers
watered-down craft glue
large paint brushes
tissue paper cut into 2" squares

Learning Objectives:
To show children the three primary colours and how they can be used to make all the other colours on the colour wheel.
To give children the opportunity to experiment and mix their own colours with the tissue paper overlapping.
To give students the opportunity to work with glue in a new form by spreading it on the paper using a paint brush.

A very BIG THANK YOU!!!!!

On behalf of the students and staff at the Windera State School we would like to thank Adrian and Michelle Sanewski for the wonderful hay that they donated for our vegie gardens. THANK YOU!
Help your child to enjoy learning

Children develop their attitudes and beliefs in their abilities from their parents. Characteristics such as tenacity, persistence, planning and organisation and the important ability to ask for help are often qualities children model from their parents. If your child has a positive attitude to learning they are more likely to complete Year 12 and go onto further study. Encourage your child to learn from their mistakes and to keep trying even if they find something difficult. Praise your child for their effort and progress.

Be positive about school and respectful of teachers. Show interest in what happens at school and talk about what your child is learning.

Show your child how you plan, set goals, and follow through when you start something. Children who master these kinds of skills have learned how to learn effectively – and these skills will help them not only during their years at school, but throughout their lives.

TIPS - THINGS YOU CAN DO

Demonstrate a positive attitude and good work habits to your child.

Talk with your child about what they are learning at school.

Help your child to learn how to deal with distractions and to re-engage with their work.

Help your child and encourage them to keep trying if they lack confidence or doubt themselves.

Common things children say when they lack confidence could include:

“I don’t know how to do that”
“I can’t remember”
“It’s too hard”
“It’s boring”

Praise your child for their effort and persistence when they are reading or doing homework.

ANZAC DAY MARCH

All Windera State School Student will be expected to attend the ANZAC DAY Service and Parade on Monday the 25th of April 2016. Students must wear their formal uniform, hat and have a bottle of water. Students are to assemble at 9:30am in the car park at the rear of the RSL building in Lamb Street Murgon.

Something to Do at Home (with Help of an Adult).

what you need...

- large square plastic water bottle
- scissors or knife
- soil
- tack or pin
- plant
- string (optional)

1. Cut the bottle so the top half (which will be the planter) is just a bit larger than the bottom half.
2. Use a tack or pin to puncture holes in the bottle cap and add a layer of soil to get ready to transplant your plant.
3. Place the planter in the other half of the plastic bottle with the bottle cap facing downward.
4. Place the plant in the planter and fill with soil.
   (optional) pierce the sides of your planter with a knife and attach a string to make it a hanging potter.
   Now you have a semi- self watering reused planter. Add a little green to your environment and save a little green on planters!

Every Day Counts

This year our school’s attendance target is 97%.

Current Attendance is

P—3 95.56%
Yr 4—6 98.89%

Kindest Regards

Samantha Berlin
**Dates to Remember**

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**Under 8's Day**

**REMINDER**

- **Date:** Monday April 18
- **Time:** 10.00am—11.30am—Students will travel from Windera by bus, leaving school 9.15am and returning to Windera School at approx 12.15
- **Where:** Murgon State School “The Shed”
- **Who:** All students from Prep to Yr 3
- **Cost:** No cost to students

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**Leaders Ceremony**

It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that on Thursday the 21st of April at 9am the Windera State School will be holding our Leaders Ceremony. Councillor Kathy Duff is our guest of honour and will present the students with their Leader badges and senior shirts. I would like to extend an invitation to parents and family of the school leaders and ask that you join us for the ceremony and a light morning tea that will be provided by the Windera Parents and Citizens Association.

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**Student Reporters**

Student Council.

Student Council meetings will be held on Wednesdays at lunch time. So far we have planned to hold either a Disco or an Art Day at the end of Semester One. The Student Council ideas box will continue and will be circulated by Jazmin each morning. IOU’s will no longer be available.
Next Friday April 22 the annual Barambah Small Schools Cross Country/Ball Games Carnival will be held at Cloyna School. Parents are requested to transport their children to and from the carnival—please make sure that they are at Cloyna school by 9.15am to have their names marked off the roll. Attached is a Program for the day. Below is a list of food available on the day. Parents, please come along for the day to support your children and your school.

**Menu for Cross Country/Ball Games Carnival**

- Hamburgers $5.00
- Sausage in bread $2.00
- Hot chips $3.00
- Home baking 50c - $2.00
- Poppers $1.50
- Bottled water $2.00
- Tea/Coffee $2.00

This term, on Tuesdays we will again be travelling into Murgon for our PE/Music lessons. From April 19 to June 7 the students will also be having Indoor Hockey instruction for our Sporting Schools program at PCYC. Please make sure the students have morning tea, lunch, water bottle and hats with them. The students will be returned to school by 3.30pm Please complete, sign and return the Permission Form by Monday April 18.

I give permission for my child/children to be transported by bus to and from Murgon for PE/Music lessons and to partake in Indoor Hockey instruction at Murgon PCYC.

Signed by Parent /Caregiver Date
Welcome back to Term 2. Hopefully you all had a wonderful holiday break and spent some time having fun together. Holidays are a good time to slow down and make family memories. I enjoyed having time to do things that I don’t usually get a chance to do on our farm and also spent time with my horse.

This week I thought I would include my favourite lunchbox food idea. It is so tasty for lunch and can be made the day before, which is always a bonus for busy households. If you don’t have any flat bread like Tortillas, you can substitute a slice of bread that has been flattened slightly with a rolling pin. Enjoy!

**TORTILLA PINWHEELS with Chicken filling**

Finely chop ½ cup cooked chicken, 2 tbsp of red and green capsicum, 2 tsp parsley.

Mix 125g of Philadelphia Cream cheese with chicken, capsicum, parsley, ½ cup grated cheese, ½ tsp chili powder to taste.

Spread filling evenly on the tortilla. Roll up tightly. Repeat.

Wrap the rolls with plastic wrap and chill for 2 hours at least.

Unwrap and cut each roll into 12mm slices.

Rewrap together and place in lunch boxes.

**Food for Thought**

Put aside some special time with your child to talk with them about their day at school. Being open and receptive to how your child is feeling, as well as demonstrating how to problem solve, will build your child’s resilience and help them develop life skills for the future.

Bye for now, Chappy

**Playgroup**

Playgroup Thursday morning April 21—9.00 to 10.00am organised by our Chappy, Janelle Allen. Please bring morning tea, hat and a water bottle.

If you have any questions, please see Sam at school or phone on 41686153(phone before 8.30 or after 2.30).

**Calendar**

Please find attached the Calendar for this term. Put this in a convenient spot so you can check what is happening at your school—there will be some additions and alterations throughout the term, so please update your calendar when you are advised of the changes. Thank you.......
Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

On behalf of the Windera Parents & Citizens Association, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning families for 2016, and invite you to our next meeting on Tuesday April 19 at 3.30pm at school.

This year I would like to focus on building parent and community involvement. We are a small rural school, so your contribution is vital to providing the resources, and opportunities that country kids like ours deserve.

You can participate in many ways depending on your time and inclination. You can choose to actively involve yourself in meetings, volunteer in the tuckshop, assist with fundraising, or simply share your innovation and vision to help keep Windera State School great.

So that we can better include parents in the P & C, please take a moment to indicate some preferences and provide some contact details below. Your contact details are used to provide you with minutes of meetings, newsletters and to provide relevant information. They will not be provided to any other party.

Please tear off the tabbed section and return it to the office or reply via email to winderapandc@gmail.com. I am also contactable on 41686032.

Kind Regards,
Liam Frawley.

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