Dear Parents and Community Members,

Week four is nearly over and next week is the beginning of the half way mark for this term. The weeks are definitely flying by. It is important that every student attends school every day so they can receive the best education and preparation for their future. If your child is going to be away please make sure that you notify the school.

The Windera School tuckshop opening was held on Friday the 10th of February. We were honoured to have Councillor Kathy Duff present to officially open the tuckshop. We are extremely proud of our School Captains Sydney Lewis and Claire Courtney who participated in the opening and closing ceremony. Thank you to all of the community members and school families who attend. (See photos in the latter part of this newsletter.)

With the extreme heat waves we have been having it is important the children bring a water bottle to school. When your child has their water bottle with them in class it reduces interruptions to their lessons and learning. Please support your children and the school by becoming an active member of the Windera State School P&C.

vi snakkes (Meaning: "Talk to you later"     Pronunciation: VEE-snuck-es)

Sam Berlin

GOSSIP What is it?
Gossip is slightly different from a rumour. Usually, gossip involves a juicy detail of some sort, which means the information is shocking or personal. What’s more, gossip is usually spread behind a person’s back and can be very hurtful.

Schools should be a safe haven where this is not a significant problem. However, the truth is that all too often schools are the focal point of gossip in the community. I encourage you to bring these issues or concerns to me, the Principal of the school, where we can sit down together and talk/discuss these issues and you can receive the correct information. It is better that we take this approach than to have gossip being passed around the community which can lead to bigger issues down the line. Gossiping affects your children!!

We need to promote the school and the fantastic students who make up the school body, your alliance should be with Windera State School and providing a positive picture of how exceptional Windera State School’s staff and students are.

Let’s BE RESPECTFUL,
BE SAFE and BE POSITIVE
and BE A LEARNER too!
Windera State School Values - At Windera we continue to follow our four values:

Be Safe
Be Positive
Be Respectful
Be a Learner

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup will meet on Thursday mornings 9:00-11:00am at the Windera State School. Please remember when arriving at the school you are required to sign in at the office and sign out when departing. Thank you to Chappy for doing a tremendous job of co-ordinating this for us.

Remember families are welcome to stay and spend morning tea with our students from 10:30am.

We look forward to seeing you at the next Community Playgroup meeting. Please spread the word to families in our community.

DRIVER SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL.

Each year in QLD children are injured and sometimes killed around schools. You can help to make our school a safer place by obeying the road rules. When driving in and exiting the school parking and drop off area the speed limit is 10km an hour. Please watch your speed and share this information with family members who collect students from the school. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Did you know?

- More children around schools are killed and injured at the start of school (8:30 to 9:15am) rather than at the end of the day due to parents rushing to get to work and there being more freely flowing traffic.

Bus Zones

- This sign means that in the direction of the arrow you are not allowed to stand your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please remember that no student should be at school before 8 am. There are no staff at school to supervise the student before this time. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in this matter.

Does Your Child Have a Chance of Being Successful?

EVERY CHILD MATTERS AT WINDERA STATE SCHOOL

Make every day count in 2017 – Make 2017 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 do you call a fake noodle?
A: An impasta.

Q: What happens if you eat a dinner of yeast and shoe polish?
A: You’ll rise and shine in the morning.

Q: What do you call a cow with no legs?
A: Ground beef!

Q: What animal needs to wear a wig?
A: A bald eagle!

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.
On Tuesday we went to the Dairy Museum. First my group went to see the dairy shed. Next we went to see the chooks but there was only three of them. Then we went to see the old machines and one of the machines took the corn off the cob. After that we went to the old church. It was white on the outside and we got to sit down inside. It was very nice. Finally we went to see old stuff like an old mixer and we saw pretty rocks.

I enjoyed going to the Dairy Museum because we saw whale teeth. Also I enjoyed the coloured rocks we saw that were on display.

Joshua

On Tuesday we went to the Dairy Museum and we watched a lady make butter. Next we looked at Kelvyn milk a cow and after that we looked at some chickens. Then we looked at some old cameras and some tippers. Finally we went to the rock room and I saw a real diamond and an emu egg.

I enjoyed the trip to the Dairy Museum because I learnt how to make butter. I also liked the displays that had different kinds of rocks.

Gabriel

On Tuesday we went to the Dairy Museum where we saw some pigs and we saw three chickens. We saw some old stuff and a lady made butter. It was yummy!

The Dairy Museum was a great day because of the old machinery and the old buildings like the house and the church.

Imogen

On Tuesday we went to the Dairy Museum. First we watched a lady make butter. She put pure cream in a glass jar and mixed it until all the cream was together. Next we went to the old Dairy. It had two cows in it, one was called Dolly and the other was called Peggy. Then we went to an old house with gun holes in the walls to attack enemies.

Connagh

We went to the Dairy Museum. I had a look around and saw old tractors and a trailer. I saw how to make butter and I ate some on bickies.

The best part was going on the bus.

William

On Tuesday we went to the Dairy Museum. First we ate our lunch and then we watched a lady make butter. We had some of the butter on biscuits.

Kayden

On Tuesday we went to the Dairy Museum. Firstly we ate lunch and watched the ladies make butter. Next we got to eat some butter on bickies. Then we had a look around and we saw all the old buildings. We even found out that one of the Kelly gang’s cousins lived in one of the huts there. After all that we got on the bus and went back to school.

I thought it was an educational trip and I’d love to go back there in the future.

Kelvyn

On Tuesday we went to the Dairy Museum and we watched butter being made. Then we went to the dairy and Kelvyn asked if he could milk the pretend cow. Next we went and visited the dairy shed and the building that contained information about the olden days including dresses and phones. After that we saw the old Castra building as well as the old NSW Bank Building.

I had a fun time at the Dairy Museum because I learnt a lot of information about the olden days...

Sydney
On Last Tuesday we went to the Dairy Museum. First we tried home-made butter on Jatz biscuits. Next we went into the dairy where were two cows and a calf and a dog. Then we went to the old school building—here were lots of old phones, some were from the Cloyna exchange. Then we into the old house. The kitchen and bathroom were in a building away from the house. Finally we went to the old church, old Castra and train station. It was cool. I think the Dairy Museum is great to look at with its old buildings and machinery.

Josie

Jelly Cups

Jelly cups are now back on sale
Monday second break 20c
Money will go toward children’s charities, eg Leukaema Foundation.

Community News

Kids on Tour 2017 – Free Workshop

Workshop is open to all children aged from 6 to 11 years

*All material & equipment is provided. *Morning Tea will be provided. *Parents are encouraged to attend *Bookings are essential

To register please call in at the Wondai Regional Art Gallery.

The Gabori Sisters: Gathering by the Sea on Tour introduces young visitors to the Kaidilt artists, Elsie, Dorothy and Amanada Gabo, and their homeland of Bentinck Island in Queensland’s Gulf of Carpentaria. Through specially designed, hands-on making and multimedia activities children are invited to consider the unique and important relationship the Kaidilt people share with the sea and discover the creatures that inhabit the waters around Bentinck Island.

Booubyjan Bus Meeting

There will be a bus meeting on February 20 for the Booubyjan Bus run. This will be held at Windera State School at 4.30pm.

Thank you Cathy 4168090

PIANO LESSONS, twice-weekly

with Music Tutor, Miss Ruth Drew, ATCL
(Associate Diploma in Piano Performance, Trinity College)

Face-to-face, at Ruth Drew’s home, or over the phone, to aid students who live at a distance away.

Please contact Ruth Drew for information on fees and enrolment.
Ph: 07 4168 6127

(You might find that between 8:40am and 9:40am EST, on a week day, is the best time to try contacting me with an inquiry, as there are, at the moment, no lessons scheduled during that hour.)
Feb Tue 21  PE/Drama/SS-swimming
Mon 27  RI commences
Thur 23  Yr 6 Canberra Camp Info night Goomeri SS—6pm
Tue 28  PE/Drama/SS-swimming

March
Wed 1  Assembly
Tue 7  PE/Drama/SS-swimming

Birthdays
February
Claire 25th

Our Teacher Likes Minecraft

Our teacher likes Minecraft. She plays it all day. She tells us to study so she can go play. She'll dig in her mine, going deeper and deeper, then fight off a skeleton, zombie, or creeper. She'll engineer buildings from dirt, wood, and stone, then go out exploring the landscape alone. She’ll build and collect and she’ll run, jump, and swing. There’s only one problem... we don’t learn a thing.

By Kenn Nesbitt

New Tuckshop