Hello Windera families and community members,

We are already five weeks into a ten week term with so, so much still to do. Staff and students are completing and polishing the learning that has taken place over the year. There are also still a number of significant events on the calendar before the academic year finishes. Still, my motto is ‘better busy than bored’ and I am sure that all members of the school community will give their best over these last few weeks.

Tuckshop was a great success on Friday and everyone enjoyed the wonderful food that Anna Schloss prepared. Remember that tuckshop will be on every Friday, so don’t forget to place your orders in the basket in the morning.

You may have noticed that we have been busy cleaning up around the school. The gardens are being overhauled, trees being trimmed and a general tidy up of the grassy areas. Thank you to Liam Frawley for all of his hard work in making our school a safer place.

Friday night was an awesome night, community and school families joined together to enjoy pizza, great music and good-humoured conversation. The night was a great success, thanks to everyone who attended and a very big thank you to Anna and William Schloss, Maree, Liam and Lakota Frawley for all of their hard work in making the night so enjoyable.

La revedere (Romanian for goodbye)

Sam Berlin

Please remember to notify the School by 8.30am if your child is absent for any reason.
**PBL School**

Windera State School is a proud Positive Behaviour Learning School.

**Windera State School’s PLAY GROUP**

When: Every Thursday – 9am to 10am  
Where: Windera State School  
What: Hat, morning tea, water

**Windera State School Values**

At Windera we continue to follow our four values:  
**Be Safe** **Be Positive**  
**Be Respectful** **Be a Learner**

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

**TELLING JOKES IS GOOD FOR KIDS!**

What kind of school do you go to if you’re...  
...an ice cream man? Sundae school.  
...a giant? High school.  
...a surfer? Boarding school.  
...King Arthur? Knight school.

Q: What do you call a fish without an eye?  
A: Fsh!

Q: Why do fish live in salt water?  
A: Because pepper makes them sneeze!

Q: What do you call a thieving alligator?  
A: A crookodiile!

Q: What do you call a girl with a frog on her head?  
A: Lilly.

Q: How does a dog stop a video?  
A: He presses the paws button!

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**Tongue Twisters!!!**

A box of mixed biscuits, a mixed biscuit box.

Purple Paper People, Purple Paper People, Purple Paper People

How many cans can a canner can, if a canner can can cans?  
A canner can can as many cans as a canner can, if a canner can can cans.

Swan swam over the sea,  
Swim, swan, swim!  
Swan swam back again  
Well swum, swan!

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**Fire Brigade Visit**
Next meeting is on Tuesday November 15 at 3.30pm in Senior Classroom. Please support your children by supporting the P & C meetings.

Yr 5 & 6 Gala Sports Day

Our Yr 5 & 6 students will be involved in a Sports Day at Murgon on Friday November 18, participating in a chosen sport for the day. A bus will pick up our students from Windera at 9.15am, and deliver them back to school at approx. 2.45pm. Mrs Ann Morgan will be accompanying the students. They will need to take their own morning tea, lunch, hat, and water bottle.

Please return Permission Form by Wednesday November 16.

End of Year Rewards Day

The ‘End of Year Rewards Day’ will be on Thursday December 8. Students will be picked up from school at 8.00am, transported by bus to Hervey Bay, where students will have fun at the waterpark. They will then be treated to a lunch of fish and chips, walk along the beach and back to school by 5.00pm. There will be no cost to students—further information and a Permission Form will be sent home shortly.

Senior Swimming Carnival

The Senior Swimming Carnival for the Cluster schools will be held on Friday December 2. Parents are requested to transport their own children to and from the carnival. It would be great if you are available to stay and support your child and the Windera School community. We will pass on to you more details about the day when this information has been sent to the school.
**Dates to Remember**

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**Birthdays**

- November
  - Kelvyn 10th
  - Jazmin 15th
  - Sydney 19th

**Swimming Reminder**

- Long hair tied back and out of eyes
- Swim shirt or t-shirt
- Bathers / togs
- Towel
- Jacket
- All articles labelled
- Extra food

**Tuckshop Reminder**

Please send a small snack for ‘crunch munch’ on Friday when your child orders tuckshop.

**AWARD WINNERS**

**Amazing Artists**
- Gabriel, Sydney

**Master of Maths**
- Lucias, Sydney, Joshua

**Super Scientist**
- Tristan, Isaac

**Computer**
- Josie, Nicholas, Claire

**Young Author**
- Connagh

Great work Students!!!
Talking about tragedy:

How to help kids make sense of the Dreamworld accident

Talking to children about tragedy and death is a tough topic for parents to tackle. The accident at Dreamworld on the Gold Coast may prompt kids to think about life and death more than usual.

It’s natural for kids to wonder, in light of this accident, if theme parks are safe, and it’s normal for people to ponder their own mortality. But if those thoughts are turning into worries or fears, now’s a good time to talk about the tragedy. Most adults tend to swerve in one of two ways when a tragedy happens and kids are curious or worried. They either feel the need to talk about it a lot, or think they shouldn’t talk about it at all. The best place is somewhere in the middle.

Do talk about it in a focused conversation where you can explain what you know and feel. Put the accident in perspective and answer any questions. Then let things be for a few days unless they come to you with questions. The only time I’d bring it up is if my child started doing something different that seemed suspiciously linked to the tragedy.

Here are four things I’d aim to share during that main conversation:

1. Accidents happen in life. We can’t control everything. Sometimes people get hurt or die, not because of something they’ve done. Help kids to see that accidents aren’t a punishment, they just happen. And they happen a lot. Point out all the times they’ve had an accident and survived. That fall off their bike, their broken arm on the monkey bars, the close shave in a car park…

2. Life is for living, not worrying about dying. There are so many great adventures in life that we miss out on if we think too much about dying. None of us know how long our life will be, but we all get to choose what we make of today. We get to choose if we spend it having fun or living in fear.

3. It’s normal to feel sad and scared when a tragedy happens. The best thing we can do is notice that we’re feeling that way and talk to someone about it. These feelings should pass, and will disappear quicker the more we share them with other people. We live in a very safe country. Point out all the people who have a job to look after us and keep us safe. Police, paramedics, doctors, fire fighters and safety inspectors all work hard to make Australia a safe place to live.

For some kids a tragedy won’t be something that passes in a week or two. The negative thoughts can start to embed and develop into fears that impact on their life at a deeper level. If you’re starting to see your child withdraw from things they usually enjoy or act fearful of leaving you, it’s best to get some help. Make an appointment to see your family doctor or a counsellor.
For sale!

Jelly cups $1
Icy cups 50c

To raise money to fix the Wii.

Sold at lunch breaks every day except Tuesday and Friday.