Dear Parents and Community Members,

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!

Awwwww, Mum! Already? Sound familiar? On average children need 8 to 10 hours of sleep each night. Sleep is important for many reasons. Lack of sleep can cause kids to be hypersensitive, impatient, or cranky. It is more difficult for children to concentrate and learn when they are tired. Encouraging quiet activities, such as reading just prior to bedtime offers a transition that helps children relax.

Next Year – Already!
Open enrolment begins for families outside of the school in November. Applications for next year are available from the school office or by contacting the office you can have one e-mailed to you.

TELLING JOKES IS GOOD FOR KIDS!
Q: How do the fish get to school?
A: By octobus!

Q: What does a snake learn in school?
A: Hiss tory.

Q. Why did the jellybean go to school?
A. To become a smartie!

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.

Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.
Mark Twain
**SMILING**

Smiling is infectious; you catch it like the flu. When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too. I passed around a corner and someone saw my grin. When he smiled, I realized I had passed it on to him. I thought about that smile and then I realized its worth. A single smile, just like mine, could travel around the earth. So if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected. Let's start an epidemic quick and get the world infected.

*Author Unknown*

**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 State School Uniforms**

Uniform Co-ordinator: - Susie Pick-Thompson; 41686069

Please note that as of the beginning of October you will only be able to purchase uniforms on the on the Playgroup Tuesdays of each month from 9am to 11am. The uniforms have been moved from the school staffroom and Susie is more than happy to help you with all of your uniform inquiries and needs. Uniforms must be paid for before the uniforms will be given out.

Who doesn't know a child or two who whines?! This is one of the most prevalent irritants to adults, as well as one of the most simple to handle. With some children, it can become a major issue. Whining develops into a habit because it gets attention. It's a learned behaviour. It's most prevalent from age's two to four, but can last longer. Children have needs and whining can develop as a communication form to get those needs met. How long it lasts depends on how the adults in the child's life handle it.

**Some Quick Tips:**

How do we take care of it? By simply refusing to respond to it.

- If a child is not ill or suffering from a speech impediment or handicap that makes it difficult to speak--ignore it! If the whining child's basic needs are being met, tell the child you will not respond to whining.
- Most children will stop when you say something such as, "I can't understand you unless you talk to me." "Tell me what you want". Or "I don't like it when you talk to me like that. If you want a cookie, say it like this..." Then model the exact tone and words you want the child to use.
- In severe cases, you may need to tell a child to go and whine in another room and when they are ready to talk, you'll be happy to listen to them. On a personal note, I've had the experience with one child (grandchild, age 3) who got into the habit of whining. When she started speaking to me, I calmly said, "I want to hear your 'Sarah voice'-not the whining voice." In this case, it worked after the third reminder. I seldom hear the whine anymore. Sarah (not real name) learned the difference between a whining tone and a regular speaking tone. (We also need to be good role models ourselves--and keep the whine out of our own voices!)

Give tons of attention when behaviour is appropriate. Kids crave attention-and they quickly learn what works to get it! Give attention to appropriate and positive behaviour, not to behaviour that is undesirable!

Barb Shelby

**Does Your Child Have a Chance of Being Successful?**

**EVERY CHILD MATTERS AT WINDEREA STATE SCHOOL**

Make every day count in 2015 – Make 2015 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](http://www.youtube.com/DETEQueensland)
PAINT WITH COOKED NOODLES!
1. Cook spaghetti and add some oil to the water so that the noodles do not stick together.
2. Drain and place in a small container for the kids.
3. Set out 2-3 plates filled with different colours of tempera paint and some white paper.
4. Show children how to drag a piece of spaghetti through the paint to create interesting designs on the paper.

Have a great week
Samantha Berlin
Acting Principal

Every Day Counts
Our school’s attendance target is 95%.
P – 3 is 93.29%
4—6 is 93.96%

Our Improvement Agenda
Improving Reading, Comprehension, Spelling and Writing for all students.

Measures: Positive gains for every student
Year 3 & 5 reading and writing results two bands above NMS (National Minimum Standards) in 2015

*Improvement agenda is drawn from 2012, 2013 & 2014 data

What You Can Do To Help!
Read to and listen to your child read.
Encourage writing every day—shopping lists, birthday invites, diary entries, job list, letters

STAR- Sing, Talk, Ask Questions, Read

Remembrance Day
We will be holding our Remembrance Day Service on Tuesday morning, November 10 at 10.15am at Cloyna State School. The guest speaker at the combined Windera/Cloyna SS service will be John Kratzmann.

Awards
Congratulations
Rory and Nicholas S
for Swan Awards.

Josh Baddows and Connagh
for Reading/Comprehension/Spelling/Writing Improvement Awards
Birthdays for
November
Jazmin L—15th
Sydney—19th
Madison—19th

Barambah Small School Cluster
Swimming Carnivals

Yr 4—6 Carnival
Friday November 13
At Wondai Pool
Commencing 9.30am—to be completed by 2.00pm
A Canteen will be available—menu is to follow, food to be pre-ordered.

Prep—Yr 3
Tuesday November 17
At Goomeri Pool
Further information to follow.

Parents/Carers, you will need to transport your child/children to these events. Students will be supervised by school staff, but it would be great for parents to stay and cheer for the children of Windera SS. Please make sure that all students have their hat and water bottle at both events.
Taking careful aim at the Bowls game

New scooter board

Mask making in Art class

P & C

CENT AUCTION

DON’T FORGET - Combined community cent auction with the Cloyna District Rural Fire Brigade, Cloyna State School and Windera state school will be held on the 7th of November at the Cloyna Town Hall.

If each family from the school could donate goods towards the cent auction to assist with this fundraiser it would be appreciated. Goods can be left at the school office.

If anyone is able to help out on the night this would also be appreciated.

Please see or call Laraine on 41686061 or 0419736756.

P & C Meeting — Wednesday November 11 at 3.30pm in Senior classroom.
Playgroup

Tuesday November 10

& December 1

Where: Windera State School (In senior classroom)

Time: 9.00 to 11.00am

Who: For 0-5 year olds and their parents/carers

What to bring: Toys that are age-appropriate for your child

Plate of food to share.

(Tea & Coffee-making facilities will be available.)

Share with your neighbours and friends about Playgroup at Windera School.

If you have any questions, please phone Susie on 41686069 or Sam at school on 41686153 (phone before 8.30 or after 2.30)
Invites Prep 2016 students and parents to

Prep Transition Day

November 19

9.00 to

10.30am

(Bring your morning tea and join in with the school community)

Please wear closed-in shoes. Bring hat and water bottle.