Hello Windera families and community members,

Welcome back, I hope everyone had a very enjoyable and relaxing holiday? Term 4 is going to be an action packed term. Swimming starts Tuesday October 25 this term and we can look forward to participating in gymnastics at the Murgon PCYC from 2pm to 3pm every Tuesday. The weather has definitely warmed up so ensure that your children have a water bottle for in class, keeping hydrated is essential for good health. The year 5 and 6 students are traveling to Brisbane and will be visiting the Japanese consulate on the 18-10-16, please return the permission and medical forms to the school office. At Windera State School we want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading. If your child is unable to attend school it is imperative that you notify the school immediately. Please remember that your children are not to be dropped off at school any earlier than 8 o’clock. Staff are only able to supervise students from 8 o’clock onwards, so for the safety of the students please keep this in mind. I am looking forward to working with you all to achieve great things this term.

Fins ara (see you soon)
Sam Berlin

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.
For parents and community
School absenteeism and truancy can impact significantly on students’ learning and wellbeing. Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

Under the law, you must make sure your child is enrolled and attends school on all school days unless there is a reasonable excuse. Schools must monitor attendance of students and follow up with parents and caregivers any unexplained absences.

If your child does not want to go to school, or is missing school without you knowing, contact your school immediately for assistance and support.

Schools will:
- monitor student attendance
- notify you if your child has an unexplained absence as soon as practicable on the day of your child's absence and continue to follow-up with you as practicable
- use effective teaching strategies to engage your child in learning
- help you with strategies to encourage your child to go to school
- provide support for families.

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.

TELLING JOKES IS GOOD FOR KIDS!

Knock knock
who’s there?
Howard!
Howard who?
Howard I know?

Knock knock
Who’s there?
Cows!
Cows who?
Cows go 'moo' not who!

Q: What do elves learn in school?
A: The elf-abet.

Q: Why did the boy bring a ladder to school?
A: He wanted to go to high school.

Q: Why did the girl smear peanut butter on the road?
A: To go with the traffic jam!

Q: Why do bananas have to put on sunscreen before they go to the beach?
A: Because they might peel!

Tongue Twisters!!!

The Sign of a Great Jacket
Lesser leather never weathered
wetter weather better.

One Crazy Night
You've no need to light a night-light On a light night like tonight,
For a night-light's light's a slight light, And tonight's a night that's light.
When a night's light, like tonight's light, It is really not quite right
To light night-lights with their slight lights On a light night like tonight.
FUN WITH MARBLES

What do you think will happen if you roll a marble along a flat surface so that it hits a second stationary marble? Let’s investigate.

WHAT YOU NEED

- 6 marbles
- 2 rulers
- Sellotape
- Sheet of paper

WHAT YOU DO

1. Place two rulers on a sheet of paper about 1 cm apart.
2. Tape the two rulers at both ends (to keep them in this position).
3. Put two marbles in the middle of the rulers about 6 cm apart.
4. Gently roll the first marbles into the second marble.

WHAT HAPPENS?

When the rolling marble collides with the still marble, it stops, and the still marble now rolls.

WHY?

The energy of motion from the rolling marble is transferred to the stationary marble. It stops the first marble and sets the second one in motion.

ACTIVITY 2

Now put two marbles between the rulers so they touch and a third marble about 4 cm away.

What do you think will happen if you gently roll the single marble into the other two? Try it.

WHAT HAPPENS?

The rolling marble stops, the middle one stays still and the third marble rolls.

WHY?

The energy of motion went through the second marble into the third causing it to move. On occasions snooker players use this scientific fact to play a ball that’s hidden behind another ball. Experiment by rolling different amount of marbles.

NOTE

Things like to stay still if they are not moving or keep moving if they are already moving. This is called inertia. For more activities on motion see www.primaryscience.ie.

Meeting is on Tuesday October 18 at 3.30pm in Senior Classroom. Please support your children by supporting the P & C meetings.

Japanese Excursion

Please supply extra food as the students will be requiring more snack food. The students will only need to bring $6.00 for purchases at 100 Yen Shop.
**Dates to Remember**

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**Year 6 Students & Parents**

Murgon State High School will be holding an Information Evening for parents for transition of students from year 6 to 7 on **Tuesday 25 October** at Murgon SHS. An invitation has been given to Yr 6 students which includes all the information.

**Swimming Reminder**

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

**AWARD WINNERS**

- **Amazing Artists**
  - Nicholas, Josie
  - Great Progress in Spelling
    - Kelvyn
  - Master of Maths
    - Sydney, Lucias, Josie
  - Super Scientist
    - Tanya, Gabriel, Imogen
  - Computer
    - Joshua

- **Accomplished Writer**
  - Rory

- **Reading**
  - Tristan

**Well done Students!!**