Our Motto — Work Conquers All

Our Vision — Every child improving, every day in every way.

Principal Communication

Dates to Remember:-

🌟 NEXT P & C Meeting 5th MAY - 6:00P.M.
🌟 NAPLAN tests - Week beginning 11th of April

Thank you to all the wonderful people who donated their time and money to help cater at the Wondai Garden Show. It is was a success as the P&C made a profit, no one was injured and there were no complaints from the public - thanks again ladies and gents.

Time to celebrate -
1) Attendance across the school in term 1, was above 93% (the best result in 4 years, higher than the state average)
2) Students level of engagement in learning is very high
3) Negative recorded behavioural incidences, are very low
4) Positive recorded behavioural incidences, are very high
5) 2 students are representing the school in the South Burnett football and soccer teams this year (well done Dylan Goodchild and Ryan Stolzenberg)
6) ANZAC Day march on the weekend—we had 3/4 of our students march with the school, wearing full school uniform (a huge effort from parents and students). Dylan Goodchild and Brandon Clancy read beautifully at the Wooroolin service.
7) Wondai Garden Show—we had 13 parents give up their time to help with the Garden Show at the end of the holidays.
8) Numerous parents listen to children read every morning.
9) Across the school, students are continuing to improve and reach minimum, regional benchmarks across all areas of our standardised tests.

Student council is having a raffle for Mother’s Day. The tickets are $1.00 and we would love your support. Attached are books of tickets for each family.

Best wishes to all the students who have made it into the next level of the Cross Country trials. I am sure they will do well and enjoy the experience. We wish them all the best.

The P and C meeting next week will see the following items discussed -
Business arising -
a) Signatories needing to be changed (follow up)
b) Formal uniforms
c) Thermo-mix raffle
d) Mother’s day stall
e) Pie Drive
f) Fundraising committee
g) Year 6 Senior Shirt

Please keep all new agenda items for the June meeting as we are trying to keep the meeting to minimum time.
**From Miss Matherson**

This week and next, students will be concentrating on areas identified as needing more explicit teaching. The main focus over the next two weeks is on mathematics and literacy skills. Recently, we asked students to complete tests from the 2013 NAPLAN test. We analysed this data for all students in the older grades and found there were some misunderstandings, that needed to be readdressed.

The level of engagement in learning across the whole class is of a very high standard. Students are pushing through the frustrations of not understanding concepts and are working hard to learn. Myself, along with the other teachers and aides, continue to be proud of the attitude of all our children.

Thank you for your continued support in sending great healthy food to school and in ensuring the attendance, is the best it can be.

Congratulations to all the students who put their hands up to be a leader of our school. Those who presented a speech on assembly did a great job.

Next week we have some students from our school running at the South Burnett Cross country. We wish them all the best and hope they have fun.

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**From Mrs Bishop**

Welcome to Term Two. We have begun the term at full speed with many projects getting underway. Our PAT Testing was conducted last week which assessed progress being made in comprehension, spelling, vocabulary, science and maths.

A new Show and Tell program has been sent home but due to timetabling changes I will have to make some minor changes to this program. The children are already eagerly trying some of the new activities, which are designed to help children with their questioning and giving instructions ability.

Homework activities have begun. It is pleasing to see that all children are making an effort to read before school. Thank you so much to the parents who help their children with reading at home and to those who assist at school. Your support is greatly appreciated as you are making a big difference in every child’s learning. Preps now have sight words to learn and in their homework folder there are some activity cards to help make learning fun.

Now that the weather is cooling down it would be most helpful if parents put their child’s name on coats and jumpers. There is already a pile growing outside our room. Please check to see if any items belong to your child.

**Science**

This term the Prep – 2 children will be learning about the way living things grow. It would be helpful if they could bring in a photo of themselves when they were a baby. The children will also be growing a variety of plants in the new gardens they are designing. We are watching meal worms grow. Children can bring in some pieces of carrot or potato to feed them each day.

The Year 3-4 children will be learning about how living things, such as plants, have a life cycle. These children will also be planting and nurturing plants in their ‘boat garden’. The year 3-4 children need to choose a plant to study during this term, preferably one with a big seed, like a bean, pea, sunflower or pumpkin.

The Year 5-6 children will be investigating micro-organisms such as yeast in the bread-making process, moulds and the importance of micro-organisms in the garden.
Sporting Schools

Sporting Schools has replaced the Active After Schools Communities program and is being conducted on Wednesday and Thursday. This program is being run in the lunch time so every child can participate. This is a free program for all school aged children. The older children will participate on Wednesday while the younger children will get their turn on Thursday.

The community coach is Pam Jones who has previously conducted AASC programs in this area. We welcome Pam to our school and hope that everyone will enjoy the program that she has to offer.

This term we are working on netball, soccer and touch footy skills.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Gardening Program

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Gardening Program commenced last week. Miss Nat Eisenmenger conducted lessons on how to use a knife and safety in the kitchen. Then she worked with the year 3-6 children to make Vietnamese Rice Paper Rolls, Tomato and Basil Salad and Lemongrass-ade. The children then set the table and all sat down together to try these simple but very delicious dishes. The kitchen program will happen every fortnight. The recipes are available from school if you would like to try them at home. They are all very yummy!

Most of the ingredients come from our garden which means we will be continuing to work in our garden to have things ready for the cooking sessions. I have a feeling that the next session will involve pumpkins as we have successfully grown some during last term.

Any parents who would like to assist either in the kitchen or the garden are most welcome. Please let the school know if you are available. Gardening occurs on Mondays and the kitchen sessions are every second Thursday.

Book Fair

Next week we will be holding the first Book Fair for the year. The theme for the fair is Kings, Queens and Castles...Welcome to the Kingdom of Books. The fair will be held in the Chapel Castle and will be open from 8.30am to 3.30pm each day next week. There will be a wonderful selection of books on display. Mrs Miller has been transforming the Chapel into a castle with her amazing artistic ability, so please make some time to come in and have a look.

To celebrate the Book Fair, we will be holding a Free Dress Day on Wednesday May 5. Students are asked to come dressed as their favourite book character or dressed in the book fair theme of kings, queens and castles.

As May is National Family Reading Month, in conjunction with the Book Fair will be participating in the Scholastic Read More in May Challenge, where we encourage children to read for at least 10 minutes with their families during May. Attached are record sheets for parents to record their reading minutes.
We congratulate our stars this week. La-Keya Mooney received the Principal’s award for being organised, safe, persistent and getting along. Dylan Steinhardt was awarded the Student of the Week award for his great organisational skills when answering questions and Kaitlin McLeod received her merit award for always doing her best work. Brandon Clancy and Riley Sewell received the Bookwork awards. Bianca Fordham, Anatoli Kuchtin and Riley Sewell all achieved another level in their sight words.