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PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR ENROLMENT CONFIRMED FOR THE 2016 SCHOOL YEAR.

THIS WILL ENSURE THAT WE HAVE MADE PREPARATIONS FOR YOUR CHILD.
HELLO FROM THE P – 2 CLASS!

We have been so busy in class that I can’t believe we are only 3 weeks from finishing. If the children have been coming home exhausted it is because they are working extremely hard in class. We are in the middle of our assessments and hope to have these all finished early next week.

Our focus this term has been on creating a persuasive text and the students have come up with some great arguments on why they like a certain book over the other.

The last couple of weeks in maths has seen us looking at collecting data and graphing it as well as chance and probability and each day we discuss, “will this happen or won’t it happen”. We have continued with our classroom shop and the children are really benefiting from having to buy things and learn how to give change.

In History the Prep’s told us all about their family and as a class we created our family trees. The year 1’s and 2’s are discussing what has changed and what has stayed the same. I can hear how excited the children are when they speak about something they learnt from their grandparent’s childhood. Thank you for sharing with them.

Lastly, a huge congratulations to all who participated at our swimming carnival last night. What a great night it was. Thank you to all parents who assisted to make the event run smoothly.

Trish Smith

REMEMBER:

Last week we looked at local jobs and talked about who works where, what do they do and how they are important. The students made ‘When I grow up I want to be a…’ posters which turned out to be very amusing as their faces were pasted over certain workplace figures.

Over the rest of the term we will be doing lots of fun activities to do with Christmas, continuing with letter, sound and number recognition but mainly focusing on routine and classroom etiquette such as hand-raising, manners, social interaction and sharing in preparation for 2016.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED VIA:

Email: council@bulloo.qld.gov.au
Fax: (07) 46553131
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THARGOMINDAH QLD 4492

Applications will close 4:00pm, Friday 27th November 2015

RFDS will be doing a Xmas hamper collection on the 28th & 29th November 2015.

Hamper goods may also be delivered to the Bulloo River Hotel Motel.

P & C Xmas Tree will be held on Friday, 4th December 2015.
If you have not sent in your child’s details, please contact Jade Nacario, P & C Treasurer, on 0438 061 978 to ensure your child receives a present from Santa!!!
WHICH TYPE OF PARENT ARE YOU?

By Michael Grose

There are three types of parents.

There are those who walk in front of their kids; there are those that walk behind their kids and those who walk beside their children.

‘Walk in front’ parents love to lead the way. “Let’s go” is their mantra. This is the style for task-orientated, busy, enthusiastic types. I was this type of parent when my kids were young. It’s the style I default to. The trouble was, I may have thought I was leading but my children didn’t always follow!

‘Walk behind’ parents usually push their kids hard. “Come on” is their mantra. This is the style for parents with high expectations and parents with a lot on their plate. This style is exhausting as you always seem to be pushing harder than you want. It’s doubly hard when kids are resistant.

‘Walk beside’ parents do a great deal with their children. “Let’s do it” is their mantra. This is the style preferred by relationship-driven, inclusive types. This was my wife’s preferred style. She was a hands-on parent who spent much of her time teaching, talking and explaining to kids. This style is time-consuming, and can make it hard for parents to have their own time.

So which style do you naturally default to?

Effective parents adapt to different situations and different children. There are times when you should be a ‘walk in front’ parent, just as there are times when your kids will want you to be a ‘walk beside’ parent, particularly when life doesn’t go their way.

There are times, and some kids, who need to be pushed hard. They need someone to ‘walk behind’ them and push like mad. You may have been one of those types of kids yourself.

The trouble is, if you are pushing like mad then resentment can build up. If you find yourself always ‘walking behind’ then you need to spend some time ‘walking beside’ your child to build up good will.

Similarly, if you are a ‘walk in front’ parent (more likely to be a male) always miles ahead of your kids, you may need to slow down and spend some time ‘walking beside’ your kids. They’ll appreciate the change.

What style does my child need right now?

There is a better question to ask than “What style do I default to?”

That is, “What style does my child need right now?”

Ask that question often enough, and respond appropriately and you will find your effectiveness as a mum or dad will increase astronomically as you’ll be meeting the needs of your child.

You may prefer one style but try not to get stuck in that style. Remember, great parents are adaptable, rather than inflexible. Try practising different styles so you get used to how each style feels. You’ll also discover the styles that your kids feel most comfortable with.

So explore, experiment and grow as a parent. Your kids will benefit from your flexibility and self-knowledge.

3-6 CLASS NEWS

Last week I sent student progress updates home; I trust that everyone received these. If for some reason you did not receive your letter, please contact me and I will send another home. If you would like to further discuss anything in the note, please make arrangements for a meeting at a suitable time.

All students in the 3-6 class have completed their final assessments for the year. Students should be commended for their efforts in all areas throughout the year; they have done a tremendous job. This week, students will complete their final diagnostic tests across reading, spelling and mathematics, before receiving a much deserved break at school camp next week.

Students have started practising their songs for Christmas Tree. This year we are hoping to include some instruments to our performances – we will see how we go. We have also started making our props – I think everyone will be blown away with what the students are creating for the event.

Mel O’Neill

3-6 CLASS NEWS

We are back from Camp!!! We had a fantastic trip to Thunderbird Park at the Gold Coast. Not only did we get to catch up with our classmates and teachers, but we got to do some pretty cool activities too. The “tree top challenge” took some skills to conquer – it involved ropes, zip lines and nerves of steel. Laser skirmish was also great as we got to ambush our teachers, however some people had close encounters with rocks which wasn’t so good. The mud course involved obstacles and a lot of mud. Abseiling was an eye opener - well more like an “eye closer”! It was a great week full of new, exciting and challenging activities and we all had a great time! AND we saw rain! It was sad to finish the week and come back to reality and back to the books.

Miss Jo would also like to give a huge “Thank you” to Donna Hobbs, Irene, Mr Bennett, Tracey and anyone else who has helped out at the highscool over the last few weeks while I have been unwell. I am looking forward finishing the school year and fingers crossed no more sick days. Thank you again.

This week the Charleville Distance Ed School is holding the awards day and graduation for Year 10 students. Christina and the boys are attending the ceremony and we look forward to hearing about it when they return.

Have fun,

Miss Jo and Jarvis.
Well my time out here in the Great South West is coming to an end. I will be very sad to leave the outback as I have slipped quite easily into this way of life, however a new adventure lays ahead. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for welcoming me into your community over the last 2 years. This has been my first posting as a Guidance Officer and it has been a very memorable and enjoyable journey.

I feel the friendships I have made with so many people from these unique outback towns will last quite some time. Whether it be the school staff, Paul and Ide at the caravan park, the QPS or the guys I would meet in the bush when out for a ride, everyone in Thargo was up for a chat and willing to lend a hand if needed. Something you don’t experience as often in the big cities.

When I walk into Thargomindah State School it reminds me of what a primary school should be. A place where children feel safe, are playful and happy and are enjoying their educational journey. The children were always keen to say hello and ask how I was and would rush to show me some of their most recent work that they were very proud of. It is great to see the region recognising the importance of the social and emotional welling of our children and ensuring Guidance services are extended to furthest corner of the state. I believe this demonstrates a respect for the remote communities and strong commitment to promoting the future success of our children.

2016 will see me and my partner heading to Munich, Germany to live with my brother and his family. It will be quite a change of scenery going from the outback to a major city, however we are excited about this new adventure. Whilst we will be on the other side of the world, the outback will always be a special place to us and we look forward to coming back this way again in the future.

Thank you all again for the hospitality you have shown me over the last 2 years. This area of the world is a truly beautiful and remarkable place, made all the more amazing by the people who live here. Have a great Christmas and I’ll be sure to pop in and say hi when we’re back.

Cheers

Nick

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR GUIDANCE OFFICER

From the Director’s Desk...

Forth Tenn has past the halfway mark and we have held another AGM.

PCCM is now in its 21st year of operation, and held its 21st AGM today, in the library of the Eulo State School. Ten members attended in person, while children enjoyed the activities provided by Natalie & Jane, and a further five members dialled in via teleconference.

As a result of the AGM, we welcome three new committee members, Andrew White, Eulo’s Police Officer, accepted the position of President. We welcome Trish McGurran, one of Wanaaring’s Remote Area Health Nurses, as our new Vice President. Rhysmon Newsham returns to the Committee as an ordinary member, and has agreed to continue as Acting Treasurer until a Treasurer is appointed at the end of January, whichever occurs first. Lyn Hawkins, ED Bourke & Districts Children’s Services, also joins our Committee as an ordinary member. We thank Kyle Batty for returning in his capacity as Secretary.

The position of Treasurer remains vacant, along with one position as Ordinary Member. We urge everyone interested in maintaining this Service, to consider the benefits PCCM provides and how difficult, if not impossible, it would be to re-establish such a service, if PCCM is dissolved, as we cannot function without a committed Management Committee.

If you are interested in joining our Committee or would like further information, please contact me using the details provided at the bottom of this page.

Open Day was well attended with all Wanaaring children attending along with a family travelling in for the day. Our first Pool Session at the Wanaaring Public School Pool was also very well received with 20 children enjoying water activities.

Deb

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