Dear Parents and Community Members,

Last Friday, the students and teachers held a ceremony to commemorate Remembrance Day to pay our respects to all servicemen and women. Our senior students were involved, reciting the Ode, a poem, In Flanders Fields, (written during the First World War by Canadian physician Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae) and the Remembrance Prayer.

We are now entering the last two weeks of school and how this term has flown! We still have a number of important dates ahead, so please keep an eye on the date claimers.

Over the last week, students have been completing assessments in all learning areas, as well as standardised tests. The results will inform our planning for next year. Report cards will be distributed in the last week of school. Students are still undertaking constructive learning and on Thursday, the 1st of December, they will be participating in Science workshops on electricity, air and combustion during which they will taking part in experiments as well as being entertained by fantastic scientific phenomena.

The rehearsals have been going well, but we still need more to ensure the performance is as good as it can be. Next Sunday, the 27th of November, we ask that all students attend a rehearsal from 2 o’clock until 4 o’clock. After the rehearsal on Friday, the 25th of November, there will be a Blue Light Disco. Entry $5.

Thargomindah State School has been fortunate in securing further funding for the Kindy Pilot Program. The guidelines around the number of hours that students attend are very clear and to this end, the Kindy days in 2017 will be from 9.00 until 3.00, 5 days a fortnight.

Our Transition Day for all year levels will be held next Wednesday. We will welcome our new Kindy students, who are invited to attend from 9 until 3, and the Year 2 students will be going upstairs to spend some time in their new class.

Our Awards Day is on Monday, the 28th of November. Invitations have been sent out – if you have not received one, please call the school. It is vital that we get numbers and meal choices as soon as possible (today was to be the last day!). The 3 – 6 class will be catering for the evening and have had “test runs” in the kitchen. The meals are guaranteed to be delicious!

When you read this, students will be competing at the Thargomindah State School Swimming Carnival. Stay tuned for the photos next week!

Until our next newsletter…

Anja
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

4TH NOVEMBER 2016

HAYDEN FERGUSON — FOR BEING AN ENGAGED LEARNER AND WORKING BEYOND EXPECTATIONS.

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JACOB BERESFORD — FOR BEING AN ENGAGED LEARNER AND WORKING BEYOND EXPECTATIONS.

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RONNIE STEWART — FOR SHOWING PERSEVERANCE IN CLASS AND TRYING YOUR BEST! GREAT WORK RONNIE.

SECONDARY SCHOOL UPDATE

The end of the year is fast approaching and the girls have completed their monitoring tasks and assessment pieces for the semester. Their teachers are now busily writing their reports which will be sent out to parents on 28th November and in just a little over a fortnight, the long summer holidays begin. Next year Amity is off to Glennie in Toowoomba while Akasha has spent these last couple of days at a ‘see and try’ at NEGS in Armidale. Jacinta is returning here and Henry Collins will be joining her. I’ll finish my newsletter articles with a light hearted short story (with cartoon images) that Akasha wrote for English. I’m back home to Eulo next year. I want to thank Jenny Swadling, Steve and Anja for their unwavering support for the Secondary Remote Learning Centre here in Thargomindah and wish those here next year, all the very best.

Carmel

3-6 CLASSROOM NEWS

Only two more weeks to go! Assessment is finished and the musical is sounding great. At this stage during class we are doing a lot of revision on concepts, such as editing in English and word problems in Math. In Geography, students have begun making their own globe. Students are required to label the globe with countries and continents, the Equator and the tropics and Cancer and Capricorn. The students are really liking the activity and I am sure they will all look great when they are completed. We have been doing some Christmas craft, which the students have loved doing.

We have a lot of things coming up within the last two weeks- and a lot of things to look forward too. We have swimming carnival, Awards Night, the Year 6 Graduation AND Christmas Tree. I am very much looking forward to all of these events, as I am sure the kids are too!

That’s all from me. I hope everyone has a great week!

Amy

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT CONTINUED

It was a warm sunny spring afternoon and my family was staying at Farmham Plains, a property near Eulo owned by my Pop. We had done all of our jobs and I decided to take my two brothers, Blair and Jacob and my sister, Melquiex for a drive. Although I’m only 13 I had learnt to drive around the paddock when I was 7 or 8 years old.

Blair is a bit of a character being short in build, tough and strong for a boy of only 11. My other brother, Jacob is a mischievous 6 year old boy with lots of blonde hair while 1 year old Melquiex is the clearest of us all.

Farmham Plains is 30000 hectares property that is split by the Paroo river. It makes it’s way through much of the property and so in times of flood the country is covered by water.

We set off in Pop’s 4 wheel buggy, me driving, Melquiex beside me and the two boys in the back. We headed into the paddock where Pop had pushed piles of dirt up to form banks that held back water. Large clumps of mulga trees, with high grass and puddles of water from the rain 3 days before were throughout the paddock. Jacob pointed toward goats that were mobbed together trying to escape from the millions of mosquitos. Meanwhile I was busyly driving through the paddock trying to avoid the scrub when I drew straight into a muddy patch of ground.

At first it didn’t seem to be too wet but the further I drove, the wetter it became. Next minute we were bogged. We tried placing logs and branches in front of all 4 tyres and drove over them. With me in the drivers seat and Blair, Melquiex and Jacob pushing from behind, we tried this a couple of times putting more and more branches and logs infront of the tyres, but nothing seemed to work.

While all of this was happening Blair and I had agreed then disagreed, argued then didn’t argue about what to do to get us out of the mud.

Finally we came to an agreement. There was only one solution—we had to walk home.

Bonnie Stewart

You never fail until you stop trying.
Albert Einstein
DATE CLAIMERS:

18th Nov
18th Nov
30th Nov
2nd Dec
6th Dec
3rd Dec
27th Jan 2017
18th March 2017
April 2017
2nd June 2017
8-9 July 2017
12th Aug 2017
12-13 Aug 2017
16-17th Sept 2017
30th Sept 2017

CLASS DOJO

4th November 2016

Class Dojos is our positive behaviour awards system within the classrooms. These students have shown 95% or above positive behaviour this week. Keep up the good work everyone!

18th November 2016

BEDE’S MODEL CITIZEN OF THE WEEK AWARD

4th Nov 2016
Jordyn Ferguson

18th Nov 2016
Jack Gow

Congratulations and thank you for being great role models for your fellow students.

P-2 CLASSROOM NEWS

Terms is always a busy term. It feels like yesterday was when we started this term. The children have had such a busy week this week with testing. They have done a fabulous job ploughing their way through it. A lot of it is 1 on 1 in the lower years so it is time consuming and not always exciting for the kids. I am in the process of compiling report cards and they will be sent home in the last week of school.

Last week I was very fortunate to attend training at Benowa State School. The purpose for my training was to look at the different Kindy programs on offer as well as be able to refine my teaching practice for the Prep students. At the beginning of last week I was tasked with learning about how to incorporate NAPLAN style activities in the P-2 class, so the transition to online NAPLAN in the coming years is easier as the children will have the tools/knowledge to complete them. It was an interesting two days and the follow up activities will be great for our younger kids.

As we move to the end of another school year, I will start to send home art pieces that the children have completed. Their workbooks will be sent home in the last week of school. Please ensure children are bringing a bag to school for this to happen.

Good luck to all swimmers today in their swimming carnival. GO BURKE!!!

**The awards night is for all children not just the upstairs class. A meal cooked by the children will be provided. Please RSVP on Monday at the latest. Immediate family members welcome.

Thanks Trish

KINDY PILOT NEWS

This week the Kindy girls wrote a letter to Santa, we made an elf and a couple of other Christmas based crafts. started swimming lessons and the girls loved it. We will be enjoying our last weeks together with more Christmas based activities. I can not believe the year is almost over!

Next week the Kindy girls will be spending the week as prep students, part of the transition week. On Wednesday the 23rd we have invited our 2017 Kindy students to come for their transition day, it is exciting times for them starting their schooling.

Kitsa