Kym’s Korner

Last week we had our Curriculum, Teaching and Learning Audit along with our Discipline Audit. Our Auditor was very impressed with our lovely school and commented that he had ‘left the best for last’. We achieved outcomes and highs for our curriculum, teaching and learning and highs in all areas of the discipline audit. Congratulations to all of our staff on the high standard of work they have demonstrated. It is not easy to achieve such great results. A full report will appear on our website in the near future after we receive the recommendations from the audit branch. Following the audit we will now have a Quadrennial School Review process to plan the next four years. If you would like to be involved in this process please let me know as I would appreciate a few parent representatives.

We are now headed towards the close of the 2014 year but it is still important that all students attend school every day until the end of term on the 12th of December. Not only is attendance at school a legal requirement, but being at school helps students to achieve more and builds social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. Earlier this term I set a target of 95% for attendance this year. At present the attendance rate for the classes are as follows:

Prep-1                  94.26%
1-2 class               95.05%
3-5 class               94.68%
5-7 class               93.53%

Well done Year 1-2, you are leading the attendance race!

2015 Staff Changes
Robyn Cahill has been offered a 12-month contract at Columboola Environmental Education Centre. She is still finalising the details but is looking forward to a year in the bush. We wish her all the best for her big adventure. A replacement teacher has not yet been finalised, I should be able to make an announcement in the next newsletter.

Jill Field has also been offered full time work at Nobby where she has been working four days a week this year so she will be unable to continue as our Arts teacher. Negotiations for her replacement are also underway. Cherie McDonald will be taking some leave in term 1 but will be returning to us for term 2. Best of luck to both of you!

Thank you
Kym

P&C End of Year Raffle

Raffle tickets have been sent home. Please return to P&C mail box by 03.12.14. Please see the office if you would like more tickets.

Can we please ask families to help with our end of year multi-draw raffle with donations. Thank you. The more prizes, the more chance you have of winning!!

Some of the prizes so far..............
2 x return economy tickets from Wagners Wellcamp Airport to Sydney (value approx. $600); 2 x adult tickets to the Brisbane International Tennis in January 2015 (value approx. $150); 1 x child’s pass to Australia Zoo; Cinema Tickets; Good Guys voucher; Crazy Gallaghers dinner vouchers; Sizzler breakfast vouchers; Hip Pocket Workers vouchers; Food hampers; Eagle Boys Pizza voucher; KFC voucher; Deluxe Facial from Aroma Touch Massage; Meat trays; Wilsonton Meats voucher; Toys from Toyworld; Wine; Art Supplies; Boys and Girls Toys
We have been learning about ways to make our school more sun-safe and these are just four of the persuasive paragraphs our class has come up with.

**Wear Sunscreen to School**
Wellcamp State School children have been talking about staying Sun Smart. We did a survey and reckon that we should wear sunscreen at school. To stay even safer we could bring sunscreen to keep in our ports and put some on at every break, it’s that easy! When we put sunscreen on our risk of getting sunburnt is getting lower. We should all wear sunscreen this summer to stay safe. By Annabelle

**Play in the Shade**
It is a really good idea to play in the shade. We play in the shade so we don’t get sunburnt. It is much cooler to play in the shade in summer. Playing in the shade is fun because you have lots of energy and when you play in the sun you feel really HOT and you don’t have much energy. So think, do you want to keep safe in the shade or do you want to be hot and play in the sun? By Kita

**Wear Sunglasses**
Did you know that wearing sunglasses at school is important? It’s so our face and eyes don’t get burnt. It’s so easy to put on sunglasses in the playground and put them back in your port at the end of the day. By Kirra

**Wear Long Sleeves**
Did you know that if you wear long sleeves in the sun you will not get sunburnt? Put on a long sleeve shirt then you don’t have to keep putting on sunscreen on your arms. Try to keep sun safe and WEAR LONG SLEEVES!!! By Connor

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**Student Assessment**
Students will be completing assessment activities for the next few weeks, so please make sure they attend school every day unless they are ill and please ensure they are getting enough sleep as this can significantly affect their results.

**Athletics at Wellcamp**
This week Justin Anlezark visited our school to work with the students. Justin, triple Olympian, Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist has teamed up with Little Athletics to assist schools in the five key elements in athletics.

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**Pre-Prep Morning**
Last Thursday six new Preps for next year began their first experience with school. They arrived full of excitement and anticipation. They were not disappointed because they were treated to stories, songs and a little bit of school work. We were most impressed with their attitude to school and their excellent behaviour and we look forward to when they come again for the whole day.
**Wellcamp Interhouse Swimming Carnival**

Our annual Interhouse Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday afternoon, 28th November from 1.00pm sharp. We have not hired a bus for this event as we welcome families to come along and cheer.

Can all parents please ensure the students arrive in time and are ready to swim at Concordia Aquatic Centre by 12.45pm. If you are unable to transport your children from school to the Carnival, please let us know.

There will be events relevant to all types of swimming abilities.

**Go Wirth!! Go McKenzie!!**

**End of Year Concert Costumes**

Notes have now been sent home if costumes are required for the End of Year Concert. Thank you.

**Concert Night & Christmas Breakup**

Our Annual Concert Night will be held on Sunday, 7th December at the Westbrook Hall. All children have roles in the concert, if you will not be attending please let the teachers know by the end of this week so their parts can be reassigned. Entry will be $1 per person to cover the cost of the venue. Wellcamp Students & under 5s free. The concert will be followed by the Seniors Graduation and a BBQ. Students will receive a prize book from Santa and the raffle will be drawn.

**Keep a Watch These Holidays**

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number—

**Elaine Stansbie Handwriting Award**

Students in Years 6 and 7 are invited to enter the Annual Elaine Stansbie Handwriting Award to be judged later this term. Students will be asked to hand in their best copy of Advance Australia Fair. Remember - Practice Makes Perfect!
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**Keeley** - For trying hard and being very brave at swimming lessons.

**Molly** - For having such a positive approach to all of your schoolwork.

**Harry** - For increased effort in completing all tasks.

**Kaitlyn** - For continued HUGE effort in Maths.

**Katrina** - For outstanding effort and behaviour at all times.

**Maddy S** - For continually working hard and for helping others.

180 nights Reading ............ Jeanie, Elihana, Annabelle

150 nights Reading ............ Alex

120 nights Reading
Nic, Jay, Jack D, Declan

90 nights Reading ............. Toby

60 nights Reading .......... Jennifer

30 nights Reading .......... Sean

Great job!
Wellcamp State School : End of Year Concert

Your child has a part in our End of Year Celebrations which will be held at the Westbrook Hall on Sunday, 7th December from 4.30pm. Please return the section below indicating whether your child will be in attendance. This gives the teachers time to re-assign parts/lines if needed. Please return by Monday, 24th November. Thank you.

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Family Name: ..........................

□ My child/ren WILL be attending the Concert
□ My child/ren WILL NOT be attending the Concert

Signature: .............................

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