I felt a great deal of pride in our children last week as they competed at the sports and in the Toowoomba eisteddfod. They showed a great deal of sportsmanship and participation, each child giving their best. It was also wonderful to see so many family members encouraging and supporting their children.

There have been some traffic changes around the school. Council have painted a yellow line from the disabled car park around the corner and down to the office. This line mean ‘No Standing Anytime’. Cars parked in this area may be given a ticket by police or fined by council. The line will assist in keeping the corner clear of traffic and should also keep children away from this dangerous part of the footpath. Please be considerate of others and vacate parking areas promptly so that others may use this space to collect their children.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to ask all parents to spend time reading with their children every day. Kids who read often improve quickly, it exercises their brains, improves vocabulary and concentration. Reading also helps to develop a child’s imagination and empathy for others. Reading to children can relax and calm them at bedtime. Reading is great entertainment and children who read regularly do better at school.

What bullying isn’t, and what to do when it happens

Bullying is a word that’s wrapped in emotion. For many people bullying is associated with bad childhood memories. It’s been estimated that around 40% of people have experienced some type of bullying in the past.

Bullying takes many forms and guises including physical and emotional abuse, intimidation, harassment and exclusion. It also now has a well-publicised cyber-dimension which has moved the goalposts for many kids. Cyberbullying means that kids can’t escape the bully at home like they once could.

Bullying should not be confused with teasing, rejection, random acts of violence or conflict. While children often tease or fight, this bickering is not bullying.

Bullying is about lack of power. Bullying is the selective, uninvited, repetitive oppression of one person by another.

If you think your child is being bullied, we advise that you:
- Listen to their story;
- Discuss their feelings;
- Get the facts;
- Give them coping skills;
- Build their self-confidence; and
- Help to build your child’s support networks at school.

At Wellcamp State School, there is a broad agreement among students, staff and parents that bullying will not be tolerated. We have a number of anti-bullying procedures that we follow and these are outlined in our Responsible behaviour plan. Please ensure that you discuss any of your concerns with your child’s class teacher and/or the Principal.

It’s worth remembering that children who experience some form of bullying often come out stronger and more resourceful because they have experienced difficulties and they know they can defeat them!
After many months of practice, Wellcamp’s recorder group took their talent to the stage at the Too-woomba Eisteddfod last Thursday July 24. They played one piece, ‘Michael Row Your Boat’ and were watched by Mums, Grandmas, little sisters and brothers. The team played well and received a Highly Commended from the adjudicator. It was a great experience for the girls not only fin showing the audience what they had learnt but also as an opportunity to hear what other groups are playing on the beautiful recorder. Thanks girls, we are all very proud of you!
Congratulations to the Age Champions
Sophie, Lauren and Shauna

Students chosen to compete at the Inner Downs Athletics Trial
Ashley, Shauna, Lauren, Katrina, Stasia, Jeanie,
Sophie, Taylah B, Skye, Mitchell, Ted

Our Fantastic parent relay team
Michael, Vanessa, Kylie and Maria

Trophies.................
Ballgames—check
Aggregate—check
Average—check
Clean sweep by Wellcamp SS
Gee whiz......... Seriously!!
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**Behaviour Certificates**

Congratulations to those students who remained on green behaviour all term. Great job!!

- Elihana, Toby, Kirra, Alanah, Blake, Annabelle,
- Molly, Jennifer, Keaghan, Haylee S, Leo, Isabel-la, Haylee L, Jack H, Ella G, Makayla, Matilda,
- Lane, Jack C, Ella C, Georgia J, Miffy, Hope,
- Cameron, Shauna, Taylah B, Lauren, Maddy S,
- Katrina, Jeanie, Ashley, Felicity, Emma, Alex

**Jeans for Genes Day**

Tomorrow (Friday, 1st August) we ask all our students to wear jeans for “Jeans for Genes Day”. We will not be collecting any money—this is purely for awareness.

**Reading Awards**

- 30 nights Reading – Kirra, Jennifer, William K, Ella G, Georgia K
- 60 nights Reading – Chloe, Alisha, Keaghan, Skye, Luke, Georgia J
- 90 nights Reading – Alex, Caleb S, Annabelle, Ebony
- 120 nights Reading – Elihana