Kym’s Korner

As you are reading this I am at camp enjoying myself in the great outdoors. Grandparents day was held this morning and a wonderful time was had by all who attended. Thanks to Miss Dowe, Mrs Richter and Mrs McDonald for organising this lovely event. Next week we welcome USQ students Zoe McCosker and Brittany Mitchell and welcome back Danielle Parry who is returning for another prac. We hope you enjoy the wonderful world of Wellcamp. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the P&C for so heavily subsidising our camp, Amaroo and the upcoming safe cycle course. Without their support all of these excursions would be considerably more expensive. Please support our school by volunteering at the auction on the 30th and 31st of August. We still desperately need your help to make this a success.

Parenting Pointers

With their experience and professional knowledge of primary aged children, teachers are often a source of information for parents regarding the intellectual, social and emotional development of their children. It is our aim – through our regular ‘Parenting Pointers’ articles – to provide tips and ideas to assist you in areas that we believe are relevant to the children at Wellcamp.

You may have noticed that we often quote leading parenting expert Michael Grose, who holds a Master of Educational Studies with research into what makes healthy families tick.

We are pleased to announce that we can now share with you Michael’s new Parenting Ideas Magazines as they are published. You will find Issue 12 on our website. With articles including separation anxiety, raising calm kids and the difference between friendly teasing and bullying, we recommend you have a read!

Science

We have had some crazy scientists working very hard this term at Wellcamp. The year 3/4 class are studying ‘Material Use’ and have been called upon by ‘Professor Polly’ from the Science Academy Head Quarters to investigate certain materials and their properties by conducting investigations. One particular investigation was for students to build a free-standing 1m – tall tower to hold a dictionary for 30 seconds using the specific materials provided. Students made a prediction on what they thought may happen prior to building, followed by a drawing of their tower design and then the construction. There were many interesting designs using different ideas for construction. With the guidelines and materials provided there was no group successful in the complete construction so it was then time to reflect on the materials used and their properties whether they were suitable for this particular purpose. The students developed a clear understanding of the materials used, their properties and specific uses.

Photo 1—Alisha, Ted and Stan working collaboratively on their tower design
Photo 2—Isaiah, Preston and Ebony hard at work on their construction
Photo 3—The most successful tower built, holding a dictionary for 30 seconds however not being 1m tall

With Thanks

Great job! Loughlin/Thompson families

Our fabulous P&C—subsidising our camp for all families

Congratulations

To all our students who competed in the recent Inner Downs trials for Athletics. Special mention to Taylah and Shauna who have been chosen to represent Inner Downs at the upcoming Darling Downs trials.
Congratulations to our students that were invited to the Pizza Party that was held last Thursday.

Invitations were given to those students that had remained on green for behaviour for Semester 1.

Our Learn to Swim lessons have now been booked for Term 4. Students in Prep to Year 2 will travel to Concordia Aquatic Centre on Tuesday afternoons commencing 14th October and finishing on 25th November.

Our older two classes will also be at Concordia but will have their lessons on Friday afternoons commencing 10th October and finishing 21st November.

Our Interhouse Swimming Carnival is booked at the same venue on Friday, 28th November.

The cost for the lessons will be approx. $59.50 per student. This is after full subsidisation of the buses from our P&C.

Forms will be sent home closer to the date, but families are encouraged to make early part payments to help make the cost more affordable.

All students in the 3-5 class are invited to participate in this year’s Bike Ed program which is run by the Toowoomba PCYC. Paperwork will go home in the near future. Students are to pay $12 which covers both days. Our P&C will shout the bus costs. Thank you.
Amaroo Bus Trip

Last Wednesday the P-2 classes went to the Amaroo Environmental Education Centre. The Years 1/2 class took part in a programme called “Mini-Murries” and they had a great day with Mr Carmody learning about bush tucker and other uses for plants. The Prep/Year 1 class participated in the “Harvey, Let’s Play Programme” with Mrs Green and had a fantastic day of outdoor play. They made music on old pots and pans, cooked imaginary sand pies and dug for treasure.

After experiencing these worthwhile programmes, we watched Mr Carmody fed the possum who lives in a box under the tank. We saw him sneak out, snatch the apple and duck back safely into his box. He was so very cute indeed – just like us.

We then had a fun half-hour bus trip back to school and were just in time to finish the day!
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**Star Kids**

**Angus** - For being very well behaved on our day at Amaroo

**Jack** - For consistent hard work and perseverance

**Kaitlyn** - For always doing Marvellous Maths

**Hayley** - She is reliable, respectful and an extremely hard worker

120 nights Reading ..........
Jeanie, Shauna, Stasia, Katrina, Ashley

90 nights Reading ..........
Taylah B

60 nights Reading ..........
Toby, Jarred

30 nights Reading ..........
Makayla, Maddy C
All welcome!

Next Meeting
7pm
Monday, 1st September
Community Room

Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser

Please return money sealed in the envelope provided to the P&C mailbox, at your earliest convenience.

Families are welcome to take further boxes for fundraising, if required.

Please see Nellie or Brenda for more details.

Auction Catering 30th & 31st August

Thanks to all the families who have offered to volunteer for this fundraiser!

Further details will be arriving home soon!

Tennis Court
Available for Hire
See the office for further details

Tuckshop
Thank you to all the volunteers!

Next tuckshop
Wednesday, 20th August

Wellcamp siblings pictured with the Hawk at the annual Harristown SHS Open Day.

THANK YOU

Bakers & Stall Helpers!

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our successful cake stall at the Cambooya District Athletics Carnival.

We made over $600 profit for the day! These funds will go directly to subsidising transport costs for upcoming excursions.

Uniform Sales

Please contact Christal (0437 928 189)

Polo shirt (s4 - s10) $18
Tracksuit pant $27
Hat $27
Spray jacket $28
Polar fleece pullover $27
Polo shirt (long sleeve) $22
Polo shirt (s12 - s16) $20

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We have had a reported case of head lice within the school.

Can all families please take the time to check their children’s hair and treat if lice or eggs are found. Please remember treatment is to be repeated in seven days.

Please note longer hair must be tied back.

Thank you for your support.

Kym Stansbie
Principal