Kym’s Korner

Week seven is here already and we are all busy getting ready for end of term. NAPLAN results were released last week and I am very proud of our year 3, 5 & 7 students who were all above the national minimum standards in all of the areas assessed. Our writing results were better than most across the state, with our school showing improvement while many other Queensland schools had declining results. Congratulations students on a job well done!

We raised an incredible $666 to support the NED show, with sales of yo-yos to our students. Thank you all for supporting this worthwhile cause which provides free shows to schools all over the world. Remember NED stands for; Never give up. Encourage others. Do your best. If our children can live by these words they will do well in life.

Our new ARD (Assistant Regional Director) Debbie Hails, visited our school for the first time last week. She was very impressed with the feel of our school and complemented the lovely grounds. She visited all of our class rooms, speaking to students and teachers about what they are learning in class. We discussed our pleasing NAPLAN results and student achievement and attendance. Miss Hails will be checking in with us every term.

Jodie May, our PE teacher will be finishing next Thursday. She is off on maternity leave and we wish her all the best. Don’t forget to dress up for Book Week tomorrow!

**Behaviour Blog**

“Wellcamp State School is committed to providing a safe, respectful and disciplined learning environment for students and staff, where students have opportunities to engage in quality learning experiences and acquire values supportive of their lifelong wellbeing”.

In our previous blogs, we have looked at why we provide a safe, respectful and disciplined learning environment (better behaviour = better learning). We have also discussed how we do this - in the classroom and across the whole school. Today, we will look at the importance of values.

Values are ideals that guide our behaviour. They help us to distinguish between right and wrong. They outline what is important in terms of our conduct and our interactions with others. Teaching values in schools is an important part of developing acceptable behaviour and in giving students effective strategies to lead meaningful and successful lives.

At Wellcamp, teachers use the ‘Six kinds of best’ model – a concept of David Koutsoukis (2006). This model outlines six core values for becoming a person of good character and uses a play on the word ‘kind’ to make it easy for students, teachers and parents to remember and apply.

The ‘Six kinds of best’ are:

Be KIND to yourself…….(respect yourself)
Be KIND to others……..(respect others)
Be KIND to the environment……..(value the environment)
Be the learning KIND……..(seek knowledge)
Be the achieving KIND…….(achieve your potential)
Be the community KIND……..(contribute positively to society).

These core values provide the framework for our weekly Buddies program. They are also regularly used within the classroom and the playground. We encourage you to get involved by highlighting incorrect behaviours and reinforcing correct behaviours using the language of the ‘Six kinds of best’. For example, if your child makes a negative comment about himself/herself, you may say ‘You’re not being kind to yourself!’ If your child does well in an assessment task, you may say ‘Wow, you are the learning kind!’

If you would like further information, please contact your child’s teacher.

Dear Parents and Friends,

Under 8’s Day is coming up soon and we need your help. If you have any old pots and pans that have holes in the handles (so they can be hung up) we would love to have them. We plan to paint them and hang them up in our musical corner.

If you have any old spoons, egg flips or similar utensils we could use those too. Please note that these will not be returned after being used so please be sure that you don’t want them.

Thank you for your help. Karen

**Volunteers needed to make and serve Cupcakes at Under 8s. We have at least 250 children and their parents coming. Please contact Kym if you can help.**
Hmm, let me think...what is the best way to say “Best Camp Ever!”? I know, just say “BEST CAMP EVER”!! Year 3, 4, and 5 hit Columboola Environmental Education Centre with the rest of the school at lunch time on Wednesday and we didn’t rest again until we arrived back at school on Friday. It was great to see the level of participation from all the students. Skye, Connor, Blake and Rohan were like spiders zipping across the hand holds and foot holds of the rock climbing whilst Elihana, Toby, Stan and William showed great poise and skill on the low ropes with Kirra showing exceptional one handed skills. Orienteering was a favourite especially with those clever students who weren’t tricked by Mrs Cahill’s and Mrs Castles attempts to slow them down. Joseph, Ted, Sophie, Isaiah knew that all they had to do was to read their maps and run like the wind and they would beat those teachers no worries! Alisha, Annabelle, Alannah, Kita and Mia were whizzes at clever campfire entertainment. Ebony, Presten, Harry, Kaitlyn and Caleb would be never short of a feed in the bush with all the yabbies running scared during our yabby catching activity. Can’t wait until the next camp...will it top this one???

The 5-7 class had an amazing time at Columboola. Camping in tents was very exciting even though it was a little bit cold. Jeanie, Kaitlyn and Hayley had the neatest tent by far. There was a bit of a shortage of storage space so some students needed to stow their bags in the spare tents. Our first day was spent getting to know the camp and doing some orienteering, which was later used in a team challenge. Mitchell and Caleb were very quick in the team challenge and obviously know their way around a compass. Archery was next and Stasia showed off her talent, hitting the target every time. Chloe and Alex were also pretty handy with a bow. That night we walked under the stars. The ropes challenge was wonderful, Kaylah, Jorja and Katrina were naturals as they completed every section at great speed. Building catapults was a real team effort. Maddy, Felicity and Taylah B really enjoyed this but Aaron was the only one to hit Mrs S with a wet sponge! Ashley, Shauna and Lauren all showed off their skill at spear and boomerang throwing. Hut building was another fun challenge. Kyle, Taylah K and Emma were pretty good at collecting materials and working with the others on the team to build a great shelter. There were some amazing skits after yet another wonderful meal on Thursday night, everyone was laughing so hard and then they burst into song sing the Wonderful World of Wellcamp. Our final day saw everyone building raft. Felicity and her team tested theirs but unfortunately, just like all the others it refused to float. Everyone did have a good laugh as Mrs S overturned her canoe and ended up in the water.
Grandparents’ Day 2014

Thank you so much to all of our families who came and spent Grandparents’ Day with us last Thursday. We very much enjoyed your company, and loved showing you all of our wonderful work. Here are some of our favourite moments from the day:

I loved that I read a book to my grandparents! My grandparents loved my bikkies. By Hope.
We showed our Grandparents the Lego movies. By Jennifer.
I liked giving the presents and playing cards. By Nate.
It was fun reading books and showing grandparents Lego. By Sean.

Weekend to End Women’s Cancer

Just thought I would give an update on my fundraising for “Weekend to End Women’s Cancer”. Thanks to our great efforts on the last day of school term two I have now raised $1700. As a final fundraising activity I would like to hold a cupcake and sausage sizzle sale on the last day of this term. Mrs Richter has also made some beautiful necklaces which we will sell on this day too. Stay tuned! Anyone wanting to make a donation to this worthwhile cause can log onto: www.endcancer.org.au and put Robyn Cahill or anyone else that you are supporting as the participant.

P&C INFO

Tuckshop—03.09.14
Morning Tea  Sarah T
Lunch        Suzanne Z & Anne C
Fruit Salad Prep Nellie
Home Baking  Marshmallow Slice (Vanessa)
Special      Sweet & Sour Chicken with Rice - $4.00

Mowing
25.08.14—07.09.14 Thompson family
08.09.14—19.09.14 Loughlin family

Please note BBQ Sakata are no longer available, they are being replaced by BBQ cornitos, which are like a corn twisty and are gluten free. Price $1.00
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| Friday, 29th August      | P-7                      | Book Week celebrations
|                          |                          | Please remember to dress up as a book character                                 |
| Monday, 1st September    | All welcome              | P&C Meeting from 7pm                                                           |
| Thursday, 4th September  | P-2 classes 3-5 class    | Under 8’s Day
|                          |                          | Bike Ed                                                                       |
| Friday, 5th September    | P-7                      | Fathers Day Stall                                                              |
| Thursday, 11th September | 3-5 class P-7            | Bike Ed
|                          |                          | School disco from 5pm–8pm                                                     |
| Thursday, 18th September | P-7                      | Interhouse Cross Country                                                       |
| Friday, 19th September   | P-7                      | Free dress day
|                          |                          | Cupcake/Sausage Sizzle fundraiser
|                          |                          | Last day of Term 3                                                            |

150 nights Reading ..............
Ashley

120 nights Reading ..............
Harry, Kaitlyn, Caleb B, Annabelle, Lauren, Jorja, Mia

90 nights Reading ..............
Ted, Sophie, Jack D, Declan, Molly, Nick, Bryson, Jay, Ella C, Billy, Tristan

60 nights Reading ..............
William K, Presten, Kaylah, Kyle

Great job!

Star Kids

Isabella - For working consistently and independently
Bryson - For consistently high effort in classwork and behaviour
Ted - For being a very happy camper
Felicity - For outstanding behaviour at camp
You are invited to
“Calm, Commonsense, Connected Parenting”
- an evening with Maggie Dent -
6.30 – 9.00 pm  Friday 12th September

Maggie Dent, author, educator, parenting and resilience specialist with particular interests in the early years and adolescence, is coming to Toowoomba this September! Maggie is a passionate advocate for the healthy, commonsense raising of children in order to strengthen families and communities. She has a broad perspective and range of experience that shapes her work, a slightly irreverent sense of humour and a depth of knowledge based on modern research and ancient wisdom that she shares passionately in a commonsense way.

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Parents and Carers

FREE Parent evening – Friday 12th September
Toowoomba North State School
Resource Centre, Taylor Street
6.30 pm for 7.00pm-9.00pm seminar
Supper will be served
Tell your friends about this great opportunity!
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