Principal’s Messages

Student Leaders
On Friday, 21st February, students presented their speeches for Student Leader positions. Congratulations to our new student leaders: Sara Schottelius (School Captain), and Lachlan Frankish (Sports Captain).

Clean Up Australia Day
On Friday afternoon school, we held a Clean Up Australia Day at our school. Many hands made light work! Thank you to everyone who assisted to make the area out the front of our school beautiful again.

Staffing
I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Sarah Stanke to our team. Sarah will be working as a teacher aide in our school on Wednesdays from 11:00am-2:30pm and all day on Fridays.

Volunteers to cover books
A number of new reading books have been ordered to support the home reading program in our lower school. At the P&C Meeting on Friday night, a decision was made to send some books home to each family to cover. We appreciate your assistance in this regard. After the books have been barcoded, books and contact will begin being sent home.

School Focus Areas
- Australian Curriculum
- Reading Comprehension
- Spelling

Date Claimers
- 7th March: Rugby League Trials (Clermont)
- 13th March: Netball trials (Clermont)
- 26th March: Fun Run/ Cross Country
- 30th March: Cricket day
- 3rd April: School Photos
- 4th April: Last day of Term.
- 22nd April: Term 2 begins.
Sizzling Starts
Students have been learning how to use sizzling starts in their writing to engage readers. One of the topics for this week was “The Fight.” Here are some of the students’ starts:

“Ding, ding, ding!” (Lachlan)
“Bang! Blood splattered everywhere and silence grew.” (Miranda)
“What do you mean he broke his arm?” (Carter)
“Oi, you…” (Sara)
“I’ll get you for that” (Grady)
“Get off” “No, you get off…” (Cam)

Science
These grass heads were created as a Science investigation for P-4 into plant needs, growth conditions and making observations. Some were even modelled on the students’ family members but names will be kept under wraps to preserve their identities! Students have now moved on to the second phase of the unit which involves examining animals and their environments and factors which can impact on their relationships.
School Camp
We are planning a school camp for mid-July to Kinchant Outdoor Education Centre, to tie in with the Winchester funded Whitsunday Voices Literature Festival camp. Our school camp would go from Monday-Wednesday morning, and from Wednesday afternoon to Friday, students would participate in the Winchester camp with other students from small schools in the Brigalow Cluster. This week, I hope to be able to confirm this camp venue.

Off-Road Drama Show
Howard Cassidy and Tim Mullooly will again visit our school in Term 4 this year to do drama activities with our students. This year’s visit will focus on Captain Cook’s standing on the reef. Students will explore the history, geography and science associated with this topic through drama based activities.

Relief Teacher-Aiding
If you are interested in working as a relief teacher aide in our school this year, please contact the school.

Relief Cleaning
If you are interested in working as a relief cleaner in our school this year, please contact the school.

Regards,

Stacey Werder

Student Awards
Caden Torrisi — For making a great effort to follow instructions. Keep it up!
Sara Schottelius — For showing great leadership skills and helping our new student settle into our school.

Cameron Frankish — For having a positive approach to your work and in your relationships with other students.
Joe Schottelius — For being a caring, sharing member of our class.