Thank you to those who attended the Parent Information session last Thursday evening. This was the first of a series of information sessions I would like to share with the community about what is taking place within our classroom. Early next term I would like to give a more in-depth presentation on our spelling program, Sound Waves.

We have continued our sport at North Star each Friday and this is working extremely well. We are also being joined by Tulloona Public School which is allowing us to now break off into 3 groups, Infants, Stage 2 and Stage 3.

Last Friday our stage 3 students participated in a program called ‘Wider than Gwydir’ via Video Conference along with students from other schools within the district. The aim of the program is to expose students from Yr 5 to Yr 8 to a variety of career options. Mr Van Velthuizen has organised a variety of speakers to inspire and educate them each fortnight and I thank him for all of his hard work.

This week the Stage 3 students and I will also be attending the Somerset celebration of Literature on the Gold Coast. As a school we have been attending this wonderful event for a several years and I am very appreciative of the support provided by the Macintyre Young Writers.

Last week Mrs Reardon sent home a note regarding her photography lessons. We have had to change one of the dates and Rachel Sherman will now be attending on the 16th of March.

As you can see, there is a lot happening in our little school.

Regards
Matt Jackman
Principal
PLEASE REMEMBER
When picking children up before the end of the school day or arriving late for school they must be signed in or out.

On the Sound Waves website there are many activities the students can undertake to compliment what is happening in the classroom. To access this site all students need to do is go to www.fireflyeducation.com.au and click on the Sound Waves link. Once here it would be a good idea to bookmark the page. Click on the Log In tab and then enter the passwords:
Year 1 – fork326
Year 2 – grow604
Year 3 – bang836
Year 4 – pond669
Year 5 – thin501
Year 6 – thing 631

This week we will be looking at the sound ‘d as in duck’. The graphemes that make the d as in duck sound are d and dd.

HELP WANTED!!!
Parent helpers to cover books.
If you can help please speak to Karen

Canteen
There will be no canteen this week.
Next Meeting:
Monday 14 March
7:00pm
Miss Beck and Mr Matt from Waggamba Landcare in Goondiwindi visited us to deliver our very own native beehive, provide us with care information and teach us a little bit about Australian native bees. Students were also able to taste test some native honey. One student said it tasted a little bit like golden syrup.

Students were captivated by Mr Matt and his entertaining presentation complete with sound effects. Mr Matt told a dreamtime story about a boy called Walla. Walla loved honey so much that he ate the honey from all but one beehive in Australia until the last remaining Queen Bee, Janna buzzed into his ear drum and deposited some wax and begged Walla to stop eating all of the honey because there would be none left. She then played him a lullaby with her didgeridoo (Mr Matt impressed us all with his didgeridoo skills). Queen Janna’s request worked and Walla stopped eating the honey which is why there are native bees in Australia today!

Mr Matt plans to return to Croppa in a year to check our hive. By then it may have some honey for us to eat but sadly it takes 1 to 2 years to make only ½ a litre of honey.

Please feel free to come and see our new beehive when you are next at school.
The School hens have been hard at work
Eggs for Sale @ $3 a carton

Participating in Sport at North Star

Book Club

Book Club will be running again this year. While we missed Issue 1, please find the Issue 2 catalogue attached with this newsletter. Could any orders please be returned to Mrs Newcomen at the office with payment by Thursday 17 March.

Perhaps you may think about how you could use the book club to get some early birthday or Christmas gifts, and get off to a great start for any of these celebrations. It’s never too early.

Thank you very much.
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yallaroi Physical Culture Club
Classes are being held at the Yallaroi Hall at the following times:

- Preschoolers of 3 – 4 years 3:30 – 4:00pm
- Tiny Tots of 5 – 7 years 4:15 – 5:00pm
- Teeny Boppers of 8 – 12 years 5:00 – 6:00pm

Any enquires can be made to the following people:
Karen Moxey 0429 344 931 Principal / Teacher
Di Murray 02 6725 4626
Contact via Facebook Message: Lea School of Physical Culture

Child and Family Health Nurse Visits to Croppa Creek 2016

Child Health Checks, Immunisation, support and information to families with young children. Childhood Immunisations are available by prior arrangement.

Dates for 2016:
24th February
30th March
27th April
25th May
29th June
27th July
31st August
21st September
26th October
30th November

Please ring Debbie to book an appointment if possible (or drop in)

Where: Croppa Creek Public School
Time: 11:30 am till 2:00pm
Home visits available 2pm – 3pm
Contact: Debbie Armstrong (02) 6728 9972 or 0429 100 342 for more information.

Wallangra Festival 18-19th March
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Wallangra Festival
18/03 Children's Matinee Concert 3:30-5:30
16/03 Wallangra Gala Concert 6:30-10:30

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