SCHOOL LEADERS had their badges pinned on by family members at last week’s Leadership Badge parade. Our 2014 School Leaders, pictured below (from left to right: Trent, Oliver, Michelle, Clinton and Connor) solemnly pledged to do their best for our school, following our school rules and values, guiding our younger students and representing our school proudly. Mr Bill Muller, P and C Vice President and reading volunteer, also surprised the students with their Leadership shirts. More inside…..

PINK STUMPS GALA CRICKET DAY
Mr Lachlan Dale supported our Wyreema Warriors Cricket 8 at Cambooya SS recently for the Pink Stumps Gala Cricket Day. 4 teams from 3 schools participated, and our team came 2nd out of the 4 overall. Our enthusiastic cricketers, pictured above (Michelle, Connor, Poppy, Lochlan, Noah, Mitchell, Emilie and Brianna) played with excellent team spirit and enthusiastic energy. Connor couldn’t resist hitting sixes and fours, having to retire so that others could get a bat! Mr Dale was very proud of their efforts and their performances on the day!

Please remember that we are a NUT FREE school—particularly as we do have students that can go into anaphylaxis if exposed to nuts (including hazlenuts, which is the key ingredient in Nutella)
HATS: Students who were new to our school this year, will soon be receiving a new school hat! In Term 4 last year, it was advertised in the “On Our Selection” news, that all new students would receive a school hat. The order has been made and hats should be ready to distribute at the beginning of Term 2!

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Teachers have been kept busy will lots of parent/teacher interviews. These meetings have very productive and ensure that parents are up to date with how their child is doing academically, socially and emotionally at school. An appointment can be made at any time with your child’s teacher—just ask!

GREAT FRIENDS ARE MADE AT SCHOOL—as you can see pictured left: Trai, Ashton and Toby. This gorgeous trio of Prep boys have been pictured having a blast at Playgroup. There are plenty of opportunities for physical activity at Playgroup and the boys are doing an obstacle course in this picture.

Have you found us on Facebook yet? Find Wyreema School—view reminders and celebrations relating to your child’s Life at Wyreema State School.

ENVIRONMENTAL TIP OF THE WEEK
It’s great to recycle cow, sheep and horse manure into gardens as a natural fertiliser!
What Went Well!
Pink Stumps Cricket Gala Day

**P and C:** At the third P and C AGM this term, we have 3 newly elected committee members—CONGRATULATIONS to Mr Craig Griffiths (President), Mr Bill Muller (Vice President) and Mrs Donna Sweeney (Treasurer). The position of secretary is likely to be filled at the next meeting on the 30th April (Wednesday) at 6pm.

Mr Bill Muller is pictured left, addressing Parade in his role of Vice President and presenting the School Leaders with their Leadership shirts which were purchased by our P and C and Wyreema Store.

**MATHS WEBSITES**

http://mrnussbaum.com
http://au.ixl.com/math/
http://www.arcadea.com/games
http://www.learnalberta.ca/content/mejhm/index.html?l=0 (Maths Interactives)
http://www.math-play.com/ (Free Online Maths Games)
http://www.mathplayground.com/
http://www.math.com/
http://shodor.org/interactivate/activities/
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/maths/
http://resources.oswego.org/games/   http://themathgames.com/
http://illuminations.nctm.org/

**LOOKING FOR SOME GREAT WEBSITES FOR THE CHILDREN TO USE OVER THE HOLIDAYS THAT ARE FUN AND EDUCATIONAL? HERE THEY ARE!!**

**Wyreema SS Library**
All students are encouraged to swaps books every Thursday with Mrs Gordon.

**Toowoomba City Mobile Library**
Every Friday outside of the school between 9.45 and 10.45 am.
What is bullying?

The National Safe Schools Framework defines bullying as repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. Cyberbullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies, e.g. the internet or mobile devices. Conflicts or fights between equals and single incidents are not defined as bullying. Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

In short, bullying is a repeated pattern of harmful verbal, physical or social behaviour which involves the misuse of power. Cyberbullying is bullying through the internet or mobile devices.

Is every conflict between students bullying?

Not all aggressive or harmful behaviour between people is bullying. While conflicts and aggressive behaviour need to be addressed, it is important to be clear when these behaviours are not actually bullying.

The definition of bullying has three critical aspects - a repeated pattern, the misuse of power within relationships, and behaviour which causes harm; all three aspects need to be present in order for behaviour to be called bullying.

THANK YOU OUTGOING P AND C:

Our outgoing P and C have worked tirelessly in their positions over past years, fundraising energetically to contribute to school purchases and often paying the bus costs so that excursions were affordable for families. They passionately assisted in the proposed school closure process last year and will be remembered for their positivity and perseverance. Outgoing President, Mr Alex Charlesworth has lead the P and C for nearly 4 years, demonstrating community mindedness and has never been shy of physical hard-work. Mr and Mrs Brett and Karen Lewis brought new excitement to fundraising, particularly with the very popular Seafood Smorgasbord evenings. Mrs Ally Ashby took over the Treasurer position after finishing her role in the Wyreema Hall Committee—a lady who is passionate about our local community and school. Mrs Kylie Charlesworth has filled different roles within the committee, always willing to be a part of this driven team that has made such a difference to their local school. It is their children, as well as all of the students at our school, that have and will continue to benefit from their time as the P and C Committee. THANK YOU!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to Angus, pictured left, who recently celebrated his birthday.
Responsible Behaviour at Wyreema SS
We have a very positive culture regarding behaviour at our school—students are frequently, verbally acknowledged for positive and appropriate behaviours, teachers endeavour to communicate to parents and carers about positive aspects of their child’s behaviours, we have awards including classroom awards, Student of the Week and on occasion, Principal Awards. To further enhance acknowledgement of positive behaviours, we have successfully trialled “Spotty Awards” this term. These are a small written notes by a staff member for when a student has been “spotted” for good behaviour (“good” behaviours will fall under a School Rule category). The Spotty award is written into our OneSchool functionality and given to the student after this has been done. All schools use OneSchool to record behaviours, report cards, student information, testing results, unit planning etc.

This term, we have also successfully trialled the “blue slip”. A student’s inappropriate behaviour is recorded onto the blue slip and recorded into OneSchool. Parents are only notified of this if it is a significant misdemeanour or a repeated inappropriate behaviour. Significant inappropriate behaviours are usually followed up with attendance at the Behaviour Learning Class (BLC) during playtime and these are very rarely required at our school. Please refer to your Responsible Behaviour Booklet given at time of enrolment or when it was updated approximately 3 years ago. A new copy is available on request. One advantage of recording behaviours is that when we review the data, it is possible to see if there are particular times of the day, locations, groupings and/or other variables that might create a pattern of some inappropriate behaviours. This enables staff to identify specific problem areas and address them accordingly.

We have also trialled a gold template this year, whereby we note and record contact with parents and carers if it is regarding their child/children. This ensures that we can follow up on decisions made during parent/teacher conversations and/or advises us if we have spoken to parents about pertinent issues concerning their child/children. It is also provides staff with data to assist us to better meet the needs of parents and children.

All schools have always recorded student behaviours and parent/carer contact. Our new system has enhanced our practices in this area, and is a part of our overall school improvement strategies. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Sandy Tetzlaff if you have any further questions.

Starting the day in a healthy way
A healthy breakfast wakes up your child’s body by starting the metabolism. Breakfast provides the energy your child needs for the day. Research has found that children who skip breakfast tend to weigh more. This might be because these children get hungry and eat more later in the day.

Mornings can be a mad rush for many families. Luckily, breakfast can be quick, easy and still healthy – it might be as simple as yoghurt and fruit, cereal and milk, or toast.

School lunch box ideas
In most schools, children can choose to get their lunch from the school tuckshop or bring their own lunch from home. Thanks to recent efforts by parents, the food in some tuckshops is now much more nutritious. Still, it’s probably cheaper and healthier to send your child to school with a lunch box from home, stuffed full of good things.

Here are some ideas for a wholegrain-bread sandwich (or you can use pita bread, wraps, baguettes or rice cakes):

• cheese, lettuce and chutney
• swiss cheese and sliced gherkin (pickled cucumber)
• cottage cheese or ricotta and dates
• brie cheese and cranberry sauce

Excerpt taken with thanks from: http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/school_age_nutrition_nutshell.html
PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is held at the school every school day Wednesday and Friday in Term 1 from 9am.

Everyone is welcome!
UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

Friday 4
♦ Last Day of Term 1
♦ Cross Country at 2pm
♦ Easter Egg Hunt at 2.45pm

Tuesday 22
First day of Term 2.

Thursday 24
ANZAC Day Ceremony at 10.30—11 am. Everyone is welcome.

Friday 25
ANZAC Day—Public Holiday

Tuesday 28
Small Schools’ Cross Country at Drayton

Wednesday 30
P and C Meeting. 6pm. All are welcome!

MAY

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 13, 14, 15
NAPLAN

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

WEEK 7: In the Lower Pod, Emily always tries hard. She is friendly and co-operative. In the Middle Pod, Kristy-Rae is well behaved and focuses on her work. Nick, in the Upper Pod, has settled well into his new school and is a delight to have in the classroom. Congratulations!

WEEK 8: Will has been making very pleasing progress with his reading in the Lower Pod. In the Upper Pod, Mia has been concentrating hard on her learning and completing all of her tasks. Chloe, in the Middle Pod, is a focussed learner. Well done students!

WEEK 9: In the Upper Pod, Zoe has settled well into her new school routines and is trying her best in class. Stevie, in the Middle Pod, works well in class and is very helpful. In the Lower Pod, Brock is trying hard and persisting with his work.