Holidays are here! Wishing all members of our school community a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday. Today we welcomed two QLD Reds players into our school. They spoke to the students about the value of spending time with family and friends and working together as a team to achieve life goals. Both Anthony Faaininga and Lolo Fakaosilea are current players of the QLD Reds team, and spent time training our Western 7’s Rugby Union team today. Our team certainly valued their input.

We have a number of staff finishing up work or taking leave at the end of this term from our school. Michelle Sainsbury, Breanna Nye and Merlin Lumasag have all contributed in different ways to our school. We sincerely thank them for their service in the time they were employed here and wish them well in the future. Jess Bidgood is taking maternity leave as we all await the news of the arrival of their third child.

We have teachers who have requested transfer at the end of the year. Yesterday these were announced and they are all very happy with their transfers. Emily Roth is moving to the Sunshine Coast, Teagan Walch, Tyson Newell and Scott and Carla Langford are heading to Brisbane. We are very happy that they were able to gain transfers to their area of choosing. These schools are certainly gaining amazing teachers with great skills in their chosen professions. Congratulations to you all!

Happy holidays to you and your families.

Kind regards
Mel Austin

ATTENDANCE:
EVERY DAY COUNTS
Cohort Total Attendance Percentages

| Year 3   | 87.4% |
| Year 4   | 86.2% |
| Year 5   | 85.8% |
| Year 6   | 87.8% |
| Year 7   | 82.6% |
| Year 8   | 78%   |
| Year 9   | 82.2% |
| Year 10  | 79.2% |
| Total School | 85%   |

WHOLE SCHOOL WRITING
Writing Awards

Week 9

Warrynlee Yoren – A sizzling start to her short story
Archer Lawson – Using sizzling starts,
Charlotte Curtis – creative sizzling start.
Tully Austin – writing a well-planned, entertaining short story.
Elijah Opie- writing a great short story about a day at the zoo
Jack Lawson – using a variety of interesting vocab and relevant punctuation in his sensational sizzling start.
Mackayla Oakley – using complex sentences in her writing.
Thomas Gela – sizzling starts
Jack Sainsbury – creative sizzling starts

Week 10

Will Everingham – Adding detailed backfill to a sizzling start
Frank Jarick – Working towards his writing goal
Brodie McLellan – Attempting to spell unfamiliar words
Muriel Saltner – Being a persistent writer
Goorthala Rynne – Using onomatopoeia in his writing
AWARDS

Week 9
Anthony Munns – for his outstanding effort in Spelling Mastery and making sure he’s always working towards his writing goals.
Landon Opie – For demonstrating confidence when completing fractions & for completing work independently
Kyneisha Alberts – for writing a well-structured procedure
Miles Evans – Student of the Week
Jack Lawson – Super speller
Kate Rumpf – Fantastic attitude towards maths
D’Shaun Evans – For demonstrating persistence when completing maths tasks
Elijah Opie – Student of the Week
Uujaa Gankhuyag – Following class routine
Dakota Saltner – Student of the Week
Steven Bounghi – Super speller
Tyrell Conway – For consistently engaging positively and working well in both group and individual tasks and discussions
Henry Bahnisch – Applying spelling strategies to correct and edit his writing
Mashayla Yoren – Showing outstanding enthusiasm towards history assessment
Demi Sainsbury – An exceptional assignment that showed fantastic insight and depth of knowledge in maths
Mikayla Proefke – Super speller
Rondello Comollatti – Listening to instructions carefully
Alexis Proefke – Excellent recall of number facts

Week 10
Tibian Evans – Being a confident persistent learner
Jamique Langlo – Being a committed Baralaba student
Mathew Saltner – Working hard to problem solve during maths
Lincoln Major – Student of the Week
Tyneil Barry – Excellent horse riding

YEAR 7 HEALTH

In Year 7 Health this term students have been learning about healthy snack options. Below is two students work who want to encourage everyone to eat more fruit each and every day.
Mrs Bidgood

LET FRUIT BE YOUR SUPERHERO

Do you want your life in danger from an unhealthy diet? Not only is fruit healthy it tastes great too! Packaged food contains sugars and sodium (salt) that we don’t need! Choose a tasty, delicious piece of fruit instead. It gives you energy to be the best learner, sports person and benefits your health. There are so many diseases that are fatal all caused by sugar, salt and saturated fat. An apple a day will do a lot more than keep the doctor away! A medium sized apple contains 4.4g of dietary fibre. An apple is a good source of calcium, iron, zinc, fibre, minerals and vitamins. The best things about apples are that they don’t contain fat, sodium or cholesterol. Your recommended daily intake of fruit a day is 2-3 pieces so YOU better start NOW! There is a wide variety of fruit to choose from to eat healthy so get creative!
By Stella Sainsbury

SUPERFRUIT-BANANAS

Helping your health
Bananas are a superfruit because it helps bowel movement, helps control heart rate and blood pressure with a far bit of energy.
Vitamins and minerals
There is a good amount of vitamins, minerals and antioxidants. The vitamins include Potassium and Vitamin C and the minerals include copper and magnesium.

Fruit facts
1. Every 100g carries 90 calories.
2. People need 2 to 3 serves of fruit a day.
3. 1 banana can provide nearly 10% of your daily requirement of fibre.
4. Vitamin B6 helps against type 2 diabetes and helps prevent an incurable condition which blurs your central vision (macular degeneration).

If you want more info, get on to this website.

By Kate Coralie Rumpf

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9/10 DRAMA
This term, a very diligent group of Drama students complete a unit of Children’s Theatre. Rhett, Shanaya and Hayden wrote an original puppetry play entitled, “Manners.” They not only wrote a fantastic script which aimed to teach the audience about using manners correctly, they also created their very own rod puppets.

As they needed to create a script which demonstrated their understanding of the conventions of Children’s Theatre, they wrote a very entertaining and educational song about using their manners. The Drama students taught the song to the Prep/1s prior to the performance, which enabled the audience to join in during the show.

These 3 students work extremely hard to prefect their performance in order to show the Prep/1 class and should be very proud of their dedication and work ethic. We hope the Prep/1 students enjoyed the show and learnt about just how important is it to use your manners.

The Song
Manners are good,
Manners are great.
You should always use your manners,
If you want a mate.
Please and thank you,
Are the words,
Everyone likes to hear.
So come on now,
Boys and girls.
Use your manners,
Use your manners.
Rhett and Hayden, with their puppets.

Miss Walch

**UNIFORM ORDERS**

ALL uniform orders will need to be placed at the office in the drop box. The money needs to be in an envelope with the order form stapled to the outside of the envelope.

**CORRECT MONEY ONLY.**

Order forms are available at the office.

All polo shirts $30
Junior secondary jerseys $60
Jackets $35
Hats $12