I am very excited to announce that the recruitment for my replacement in the role of Principal of this fantastic school has been finalised and Kate Davies has been appointed. She is currently the Head of School for Intensive English as Woodridge SHS and has been in this position since 2012. Her experience, knowledge and skills will assist in the continued improvement of our school. She has a passion for developing her own and others’ skills in reading, writing and wellbeing. Kate will be undertaking a week of induction within our school next week so I can support her transition into this role. I am sure she will thrive in leading this school and the growth of our students with the ongoing support of the whole school community.

We are still in the process of working with Human Resources (HR) to recruit three positions within our school for next year: HOC/Pedagogy Coach and two classroom teacher positions. Kate and I will be working closely with HR next week in an effort to finalise the recruitment of these positions.

It is essential that students continue to attend school regularly over these last two weeks. They are working hard on assessment to ensure that teachers will be able to accurately report on all students’ outcomes in their Semester Two report cards. Unfortunately, the irregular attendance of some students significantly hinders this process. Remember: ‘Every Day Counts’ for your child’s future.

On Wednesday night, our school competed in the Annual Powers Swimming Carnival in Biloela. Our students demonstrated persistence and natural ability as they represented our school. Today, I have the pleasure of taking our two Year 10 graduates to Rockhampton as a celebration for completing Year 10. I will have them back at school by 2:55pm for our official Year 10 School Clap Out. The school community are encouraged to come along to partake in this annual tradition. Tristen and Hayden, we wish you great success as you move forward in your education and life’s journey.

Kind regards,
Melissa Austin

**ENROLMENTS**

Please take note of the schools procedure for enrolments. Interview days are WEDNESDAYS, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Appointments can be made by phoning or emailing the office. As part of the Departments policy a birth certificate is compulsory at the time of enrolment. If the interview is successful, the student will then start on the Monday of the next week. This allows for teachers to prepare and plan for the new student.

**ABSENCES**

In line with the Departments new procedures the school has implemented SMS text messaging for student absences. If you receive a text message in relation to student absence, you can either respond directly to the text, call or email the school. Don’t forget to notify Admin if your contact details change.

**AWARDS**

**Week 6**

Finn- Student of the Week
Kitty- Superstar Award for being a great helper in her classroom
Lylla- Confidence Award for completing activities independently
Chloe- For improvement in her reading and writing
Mackayla- Student of the Week
Tyneil- For communicating her needs. You are a star!
Clinton- YCDI Persistence Award for working harder at his learning and staying on task
Tyneisha- Responsibility Award for offering to pick up rubbish
Bradley- Student of the Week for persistence in Health class

**Week 7**

Charlotte- Student of the Week and Neat Writing Award for demonstrating neatness at writing
Rachel - Neat Writing Award for demonstrating neatness at writing and for keeping the school clean
Jorja - Neat Writing Award for demonstrating neatness at writing
Archie - YCDI Organisation – you have demonstrated organisation this week
Mystanna - Writing Award for demonstrating a greatly improved effort and achievement in writing stamina and sentence structure and Great Improvement Award for great improvement in spelling
Muriel - For all areas of your learning
Leilani - Super speller
Tommy - Behaviour Award for consistently demonstrating excellent responsible and respectful behaviour
Richard - For keeping the school clean
Damien (Yr. 2) - Sensational Speller Award for consistently applying his spelling knowledge to his writing
Mathew - Student of the Week
Brodie-Lee - For a well presented speech
5/6 Class - Hats off to you for showing great leadership and responsibility for organising and delivering a respectful service for Remembrance Day
Charlie - For being honest and handing in money that did not belong to him.
Andrew - Writing Achievement for consistently producing high quality written work
Esther - Student of the Week
Peter - Student of the Week
From Awards Night:
Rondello - Year 5 Encouragement Award
Michelle - Qld Reds Indigenous Program Congratulations on receiving the 2016 St George Qld Reds Leadership Award and Year 7 Encouragement Award

SPORTING NEWS
Congratulations to Tully Austin, who took out the U11’s Boys Age Champion at the Powers Swimming Meet in Biloela, on Wednesday night.

Good Luck to Rhianon, Shaniqua, Melanie and Marzenna, as they travel to Melbourne to compete in the T20 Blast National Titles next week. The U14 girls’ team won the Queensland Title last week. Representatives from the Queensland Cricket Association have commented that they have never seen such raw talent.

KARANYA COVER DESIGNS
Congratulations to Serenity, Kyneisha, Andrew and Brodie-Lee, whose cover designs were selected for this years Karanya Magazine Covers.

Resource Centre News
Certificates of Achievement for the Premier’s Reading Challenge 2016 last week on parade. What a joy to present our students with their certificates. Special mention to Jack Hynes, who read or experienced over one hundred books and also Allan Dallas, who was the first to complete the Challenge. Thank you to all who participated, encouraged and help record. Well done students! Many of our students read way more than what was required. What an amazing effort!

In library lessons this term the Preps - Year Two’s have been writing their own clues for a “Who am I?” book and the older students have been writing a “Who/What am I?” and riddle book for the younger students to enjoy. All the books are in their final stages ready for printing and enjoying.

As the term draws to a close all library books have to be returned to the library – can parents and caregivers help - we do have some overdue books that need to be found and returned. Thank you to those who have searched and found hidden books during the year – there have been some awesome search and return missions!

Yours in Reading
Julie Webb

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**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

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**FUN ON THE FOOTPATH**

Fun on the Footpath is on Saturday 10th December, in front of Major’s and the Newsagency. Anyone wishing to have a stall contact Polly – There is no charge for stall holders. All welcome from 8.30 to 11.30am. Once again a stall for camp quality will be operating.

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**THE CHRISTMAS STORY**

On Monday, 28 November there will be an afternoon for children aged 5 and older at the Baralaba Uniting Church, Power Street.
The afternoon will be full of games, activities and story time - telling the true meaning of Christmas – the birth of Jesus Christ.
Starting time will be 3.15 pm and pick up at 5.00 pm. Please contact us if you would like help getting your children to the church.
Afternoon tea will be supplied. Hats and shoes please.
All very welcome
Bronny McLellan 4998 1371 /0429 634 121
Julie Webb 4998 1224/0407 580 864

**WOORABINDA HOMEWORK CLUB**
The homework club is now operating out of the new Red Cross building. Times remain the same as last Term. Please contact Candice for more details.