What a wonderful afternoon of NAIDOC celebrations we experienced last Thursday afternoon. Our QLD Future Indigenous Leaders, with the support of Chappy Rachel and Miss Saldez were the hosts of activities they had planned and coordinated over the past couple of weeks. Our school community were involved in traditional Indigenous dancing, a delicious meal of damper and kangaroo meat and contemporary Indigenous Art experiences. We wish to acknowledge the support of our volunteer helpers from Red Cross; Wooralinda PCYC and our parents.

The afternoon culminated with the NAIDOC concert hosted by two of our Future Indigenous Leaders – Mareeka and Goomaine. The concert included performances from our Indigenous Boys Dance group performing Corroboree; dancing lead by one of our mothers’ Nyrula who narrated connection of the dancing to her land and family. The release of our school song and film clip ‘Our School Baralaba’ was the grand finale for the afternoon. It was a delight to watch the joy on the faces of those present as they got to view what the students had created. There has been an extremely positive response by many people, from both within and beyond our school community, in regards to the theme of ‘togetherness – two communities; one school’. Together our students created the lyrics and developed the slogan to ‘Walk the Baralaba Beat’ – following the school rules and developing the five keys to success.

As part of our NAIDOC celebrations we welcomed Indigenous Artist – Arthur Conlon back into our school. He worked with our students last week to create two fantastic murals – one in the Prep play area and the other in the Junior Secondary walkway. Next time you are visiting the school I encourage you to view these two artistic works.

As we come to the end of this long term, I trust you will enjoy the coming two weeks with your family and friends. We look forward to hearing about your holiday adventures when school returns on Monday the 11th July. Stay safe and have a wonderful break!

Kind regards,
Mel Austin
Jack (Yr.2) - Super speller
Tommy - Has made meaningful connections to identify and read scientific words
Goothala - For great writing
Kaylee - Student of the Week
Damien (Yr.4) - YCDI Persistence Award for tackling tough tasks and creating a narrative
Matthew - Writing Award for independently writing a whole page from a narrative starter. Great work
Brock - Student of the Week
Clinton - Writing Achievement for always giving his best
Julian - Student of the Week for being a responsible learner and well organised
Tyrell - For getting 12/12 for Spelling Mastery – Difficult and Challenging Words

Week 11

Darcy - Student of the Week
Blade - Student of the Week
Archer - Super Speller and Student of the Week
Goothala - Super Speller and for moving up 3 levels in reading
Sierra - Super Speller
Damien (Yr.2) - Super speller
Tommy - Super Speller and Super Scientist for successfully made a floating boat
Brodie - Super Speller and Writing Award for correctly sequencing events in his retell
Harrison - For great results in maths assessment
Charlotte - Responsibility Award for taking responsibility for the cleanliness of her surroundings.
Tibian - Writing Award for correctly sequencing events in his retell and writing a cohesive story
Frank - Student of the Week
Isabelle - YCDI Persistence Award for trying to overcome her blockers by asking for help
Andrew - Student of the Week
Dalvin - Writing Award for great effort in writing

If you have answered yes to the above questions, then maybe we can help!
When: Every Thursday Where: Opal Hall
Time: Woorie State School Students 3 – 4 pm
Baralaba State School Students 4 – 5 pm
We are also looking for parents or volunteers to help out on Thursdays to assist us with supervising, setting up and preparation of afternoon tea. If you are interested in helping, please contact Candice at Red Cross or Lesley Bligh at the PCYC. Please note – homework club is not run through the school holidays

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

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS
It is already nearly at the end of Week 5 of 15 for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Congratulations to Allan, Luka and Kaylee who have already read the required number of books for their age groups and are still reading. Fantastic effort!

Book Week 22- 26 August is fast approaching – so time to think about and start organising costumes for the “Come as a Book Character “ Parade on Tuesday 23, August. The judging will take place at our weekly parade time. There will the usual colouring and poster competition and Book Fair. More details about these next term. Great to see so many students at break time making Australian animals with Miss Kyla in readiness for Book Fair.
We have continued to have some awesome borrowing this term – well done students!

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. 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. Application packages can be collected from the office.

WOORABINDA HOMEWORK CLUB
Is your child struggling with homework at home? Are you struggling to understand your Childs homework?

MORNING TEA WITH THE SAFARI TEAM
We invite you to join us for morning tea with the Safari Team - Chris Keith (speaker) and Dawn Smith on Monday 18th July at 10 am at the Community Aged Care Activity Room, Wooroonah Road, Baralaba.
Please bring a plate to share. A range of Bibles/Scripture material will be available for purchase – cash or cheque only. CWCI Safaris travel into regional and remote areas of Australia with Christ’s love and teaching. For more details contact Julie Webb 4998 1224

### NAIDOC DAY CELEBRATIONS

Our students thoroughly enjoyed NAIDOC Day celebrations. A special thanks must go to Chappy Rachel and Miss Saldez for organising the day. Our applicants in the FILP (Future Indigenous Leaders Program) also helped run the afternoon. The school would like to thank everyone who came and volunteered their time to help in the celebrations.