In Brisbane to conduct the review over three days. This is part of our school’s quadrennial school review process, whereby we appraise the past four years and then use this information to inform our school improvement agenda for the coming four years. I will be walking through the process and involving parents at P&C meetings as part of my Principal’s Report. Please feel free to contact me if you’d like to know more information about our School Review.

In addition, keep an eye on our school newsletter and website for additional information.

Our Parents and Citizens Association, as well as our 150th Anniversary Planning Committee met last Tuesday evening. I can report that things are well and truly moving along with plans to celebrate our school’s 150th year in 2017 - honour boards, time capsules, a celebration cake, a photo book, recipe book, a bush cook, special activities which reflect past eras and so forth. Special thanks to the Autumn Festival committee, who are co-planning several activities with us. Our P&C discussed several matters including this year’s very successful Spring Fair, our new school lockers for Year 10s and future plans for fundraising.

There are two dress up days coming up in the next few weeks namely:
• Friday, 28 October – Dress up for the Warwick Rodeo and / or wear red for Daniel Day;
• Monday 14 November – Wear something blue for World Diabetes Day. Given we have students in our school diagnosed and receiving treatment for diabetes, this is particularly appropriate. A gold coin donation is requested to contribute to the research being conducted by the International Diabetes Federation. Thank you in advance for your support and to Mrs Hayley Mason for this great idea.

In 2017, our school will undergo a School Review, with three members from the School Improvement Unit...
MISSING - TWO MINI iPADS

Two school mini iPads (and cases) are missing from the school stock. These iPads were used during the musical and we have not been able to locate them since.

Could you please check with your students to see if the iPads have been caught up in their belongings? If found, please return to the school's administration office.

LIBRARY NEWS

It's wonderful to see so many students borrowing from our school library. Please remember that they must have a library bag. This helps protect the books from being damaged. Also, please note that students only have a few more weeks of borrowing, before books need to be returned for the year. Library books need to be returned by 18 November 2016.

Book club has now been ordered and should arrive shortly. Thank you to all students and parents who support this venture.

Have a great week.

LEA-ANN WEIER

ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- Year 10 Geography Excursion
- Rodeo Dress-Up Day or Dress in Red for Daniel
- Mango orders and payment due
- RSVP - Grandparent’s Day

NOVEMBER

- Awards bus to Toowoomba
- Grandparent's Day, Prep Centre, 9am to 11am
- Connecting Early Education and Childcare in Allora program, Prep Centre, 11am to 1pm
- Combined Schools Concert, Warwick, 6pm
- Emu Gully Leadership Camp - Year 9 students
- Dress in Blue for World Diabetes Day - gold coin donation
- Annual Speech Night - Years 7-10
- All Library Books to be returned to the library
- Year 10 dinner
- Year 10s last day
- Year 7 Transition Day
- Christmas school Church services
- Last day of the school year
- Celebrating 150 Years of Schooling

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New! Year 7 Academic Bursaries for 2017

Allora P-10 State School is offering two academic bursaries for Year 6 students enrolling in Year 7 at the school next year. The bursaries, kindly donated by Mr Lawrence Springborg MP, are to the value of $200 each, which will be used to cover costs associated with Year 7 school fees and uniforms.

Application forms to apply for a bursary are available at the Administration Centre and need to be returned by Friday 4 November. The successful applicants will be determined by the Administrative team and will be notified by mail by 11 November.

ROBYN WESTERMAN
Head of Department (Curriculum)

Grandparents’ Day

Every year Queensland celebrates Grandparents’ Day. This day is an opportunity for everyone to make their grandparent’s day by thanking them for their love, guidance and support. It also recognises the vital contribution of the increasing number of grandparents who are full-time carers for their grandchildren.

Here at Allora P-10 State School, Prep will celebrate on Friday 4 November by inviting the students’ grandparents (of every generation) to visit the Prep classroom from 9am to 11am to participate in a shared activity morning. We will finish the morning with a shared morning tea. All grandparents are encouraged to attend this special occasion and I would appreciate an RSVP by Monday 31 October, to assist with catering please.

This day is a unique day for grandparents, with our Prep students and I looking forward to celebrating this wonderful day with you.

LINDA SHARMAN-BOWMAN

Australian Maths Competition

Results of the Australian Maths Competition held at school last term, are in! Congratulations to the following students on their achievements:

- Distinction – Yr 10 - Cameron R
- Credit – Yr 3 - Matilda L, Connor V & Abbey W; Yr 4 – Oscar B; Yr 5 – Maddison G & Lachlan R; Yr 6 – Dominic B; Yr 10 Shae E & Austin L.

All students who participated in the competition will receive a certificate in recognition of their effort. Well done.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club is on again this Thursday (27 October) at 8:30am in the Undercover Eating Area. All are welcome to come and have a bowl of cereal. Many thanks to Mrs Ally May for getting the program off the ground, Kellogg’s for supplying the cereal, Clare at IGA for allowing us to raise funds for a worthy cause, our wonderful Allora community for supporting our school and finally to Chaplain Brooke for over-seeing this initiative.

Prep Compulsory from 2017

The Queensland Parliament recently made important changes to the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. From next year, it will be compulsory for all Queensland children to undertake the Preparatory (Prep) Year, prior to entering Year 1. The legislation identifies specific exceptions that can be determined by principals on a case-by-case basis. To minimise disruption to schools and families, the new requirement will not apply to children already enrolled in Year 1 for 2017. “We have seen such positive learning outcomes since the introduction of Prep and I am pleased all children will now enjoy this important start to their learning”, the Minister said.
Allora State School P&C Fundraiser 2016

CUSTOMER ORDER FORM

We are selling trays of mangoes picked & packed during the premium harvest.

Cost per Tray is: $25.00
Cost per single mango is: $2.50

| NAME: Kristen Henry | PHONE: 0413 943 114 | EMAIL: krissy_h02@live.com.au |

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Allora State School P&C are selling mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest.

This year you will be able to order single mangoes. For smaller families or those of you who wouldn’t like to order an entire tray.

Once you’ve collected your orders, drop your order form, along with payment into the school office by no later than Monday, Oct 31st (Ask your friends and family if they want orders too so no one misses out!)

The proposed delivery date is Monday, November 28th 2016

$25.00 PER TRAY $2.50 PER SINGLE MANGO

TIPS FOR STORAGE

Mangoes should be stored at room temperature in a shaded or air conditioned area – Ideally 18 – 25°C until they ripen.

It is IMPORTANT NOT TO refrigerate until they begin to soften & smell sweet & ready to eat.

Mangoes should be stored at 20°C until they are ready to eat. They should then be placed in the refrigerator where they will keep for another 7 to 10 days.

If you don’t have time to eat them all, try freezing the pulp. It is great for using in smoothies, jams or desserts throughout the year.
Annual Speech Night

It is almost time to celebrate the achievements of students in Years 7-10, at our annual Speech Night. This year, our 53rd Speech Night will be held in the school’s Performing Arts Hall on Tuesday, 15 November, with proceedings commencing at 7:30pm. Please mark this special event on your calendar. Year 10 students are asked to be there by 7:00pm, with all other students and guests being seated by 7:15pm, so the evening can commence on time.

Each year the school recognises students’ outstanding academic and sporting achievements by the presentation of awards at Speech Night. The awards are financed by parents, friends, service clubs, businesses, sporting clubs and school suppliers. The school appreciates any assistance that families offer each year. The form printed below is provided to accompany contributions, if you are able to assist.

Contribution: Speech Night Awards (return to green box outside the school’s administration office)

I wish to contribute the accompanying donation of $__________ towards the 2016 Speech Night awards fund.

Name: .................................................................
Address: (for receipt)............................................
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Date: .........................................................
Darling Downs Track and Field

Well done to Jackson Pitstock, Reagan McMillan, Cooper Harm, Hamish Gartery and Sophie Otten who competed as a part of the Darling Downs team at the State Athletics Championships in Brisbane last week. Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding performances.

- Reagan M placed eighth in the 10 Years Shot Put
- Hamish G was a part of the 10 Years boys relay team who placed first
- Cooper H placed second in the 10 Years boys High Jump and has gained selection in the Queensland team to compete at the National Titles in Sydney in November.

Well done, students!

Darling Downs Aquathlon

This Friday, 28 October, Maddi G, Macey H, Ashley P, Cooper H and Brock S will compete in the Darling Downs School Sport Aquathlon Championships at the Dalby Aquatic Centre.

The Aquathlon is a race similar to a triathlon except with no cycle leg. It consists of a 1km run, 200m swim and another 1km run. Good luck, students.

Dress-Up Day this Friday!!

As it is Warwick Rodeo week, we are having a dress-up day this Friday, in conjunction with the Day for Daniel (Morcombe).

Students are invited to dress in their best rodeo gear, or come to school wearing red for Daniel. Closed in shoes are a must, along with a hat.

Bring French Culture to Life!

Volunteer to host an international student from France next year. We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local culture, experience our schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. All students speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses and we arrange all aspects of their program. It’s fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you’d like to know more, please email your interest to rl@scce.com.au

Girls Empowerment Workshop

Date: 29 October 2016
Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm (includes morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea)
For: Ages 15 to 20 years
Cost: FREE
Places: Limited to only 20 places
Venue: Cafe Jacqui’s, 8 Albion Street, Warwick
What: Make up, health, beauty, nutrition and fun
Contact: Hailey Cosh - hailey.cosh@sdrc.qld.gov.au
Phone: 1300 697 372

1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching Parent Course

Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-10 years old, including how to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking, how to sort behaviour, choosing your strategy, using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour, how to handle challenging and testing behaviours and 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour.

A three-session program for parents and carers with 2 course options available.

Day time: Wed 2, 9 & 16 November from 12:30 to 3pm
Night time: Wed 2, 9 & 16 November from 6 to 8pm

Course cost - FREE. Register for this course by contacting BUSHikids Warwick on 4667 1200. Please note that there is no childcare available.
Community News

LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM - WIRAC - LESSONS 4661 7955

Warwick Junior Cricket season has commenced - still taking sign-ons - visit http://www.playcricket.com.au Click on "Where Can I Play" box, type in Warwick and follow the prompts. Boys and girls welcome - U10's, U12's, U15's. For more information, contact Andrew Bryson after hours - 4667 3749.

Play NRL – School Holiday Camps – register online at www.playnrl.com – 9-11yrs boys; 12-15yrs boys and 10-16yrs girls. See website for more details.

Monday 31 October - Well Women’s Clinic, Southern Cross Care, Allora. Free service from 9am to 3pm. For information and bookings, contact Southern Cross Care, Allora on 4666 3171.

11 November - Messy Church, 5-7:30pm, games, meals, crafts, lesson - Uniting Church, Guy Street, Warwick - all welcome.

12 November - WATTLES RODEO - Allora Showgrounds - junior rides 5:00pm start. Celebrity Bull rides, Open Bull rides, Steer rides, jumping castle.


Griffith Dental Clinic

Free or discounted dental treatment options for the entire family. Children under 16 receive free treatment (children 4 years and older but who have not yet completed Year 10 at school are eligible for free treatment under the QLD Health agreement). Family members receive competitive discounted rates.

Your family will be treated in our clinic by talented dental students (professional dentists also available), supervised by experts in all areas of Dentistry.

Opening hours: 6:30am to 4:00pm, Monday - Friday.
Location: 56 Locke Street, Warwick (adjacent to Warwick Hospital).
Book appointments: call 4667 1312 today

Short Story Writing Competition

Organised by: Junior Writers Club (because writing is exciting!)
Theme: How I became an instant millionaire!
Entry: Free
Ages: 8-10 years old
Entries close: Friday 2 December 2016
What to do: 1) Write a fictitious story about how you became an instant millionaire, that's between 300 to 500 words. 2) Fill in the entry form. 3) Enter the competition. 4) Maybe win a cool prize.

For competition details and an entry form, go to: www.juniorwritersclub.com.au or email ian@ianmcintosh.com.au

Photographic Competition

Panorama: Healthy Life Healthy You
Help promote healthy living at school and WIN! The Mid North Coast Local Health District has launched a photographic competition to get Australian communities thinking and talking about health. Primary and high school students are encouraged to grab their mobile phone, tablet or trusty camera to capture images that promote ‘Healthy Life Healthy You’ for their chance to win a laptop computer or a family holiday. Schools can also share in more than $16 000 in prizes. Go to the following website for more details: www.yourhealthlinkphotocomp.com.au

Magpie Territory

Please be advised that it is now magpie nesting season. As a normal defensive behaviour during the breeding season of approximately six weeks, magpies may swoop on intruders in their territory.

Protect yourself:
• Move quickly through the area - don’t run
• Wear a hat or carry an umbrella
• Wear sunglasses for eye protection
• Bike riders - dismount and walk
• Don’t act aggressively - this will only make things worse - they are only protecting their young

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