Principals Report

It has been a fantastic start to the term with all children showing an enthusiasm for learning. Students have been respectful, responsible and safe at all times at school.

ENGLISH

Over the past three weeks, Harry, Rory and Brodie have been working very hard on recounting narratives written by Margaret Wild. These stories of *Old Pig* and *Fox* have been wonderful stories to deconstruct and analyse how the author has passed on her message.

Students have enjoyed this work and particularly showing their recount in the visual format of a book which is on display on our learning wall in the classroom.

Meanwhile, Jarrod and Heath have enjoyed reading Colin Thiele’s *Storm Boy* and also viewing the film adaptation of this classic Australian novel. They enjoyed both the film and book and rated the quite highly. They will next be comparing and contrasting the film and the book and making an informed decision concerning which develops the story better and justifying their analysis.

MATHS

The class has been working on place value and being able to demonstrate this understanding in a variety of ways. For this we have been using hands on materials, competitive activities, individual practice and different types of adding and subtracting.

One activity we have been using is a “Hundred Board.” This task asks students to complete a small section of a hundred board with only one number being shown. The numbers we have been using have exceeded 1000 and it is fantastic to see the class taking a risk and giving it a go.

Look ahead into Maths Squared where you can have an attempt at completing a “Hundred Board.”

WINDORAH ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Well done to all the boys for their efforts on the day and to all the parents that came along to support the school. Thank you also to Windorah State School,
Jundah State School and the Longreach School Of Distance Education (LSODE) for making this event such a success. Congratulations to LSODE who won the athletics carnival with an aggregate score of 12.8 points per child. Stonehenge came second with an aggregate of 9.8 points per child.

Stonehenge showed a wonderful attitude in their march past and performed our war cry enthusiastically led by Harry. He also had some wonderful success and took six ribbons home, including first for the 50m race and the 200m race in his age group.

Rory never gave up and worked really hard to represent Stonehenge with pride. He showed a huge improvement in his last discus throw where he demonstrated far better technique and beat his two previous throws.

Brodie was one of the fastest on the day but had some very tough competition. He came home with a number of ribbons including for the 800m race.

Jarrod was very successful at the sports carnival and came home with the perpetual trophy for the Encouragement award. Jarrod impressed members from other schools when he persisted with high jump on a height that he struggled to clear. His determination and perseverance was noticed by others and this is why he was rewarded.

Heath led the school wonderfully on the day by setting the tone for the expectations around behaviour and respect. He was also successful as he won the age championship for boys his age.

CAMP

We will be leaving for camp on Monday at 9am from the school. We will be spending the week at Camp Fairbairn in Emerald with Bedourie State School and Jundah State School. This will be a wonderful fun-filled week full of educational activities and will give everyone the chance to socialise in a larger group than they have at school. We will be returning to Stonehenge State School on Saturday morning at 10am.

READING CORNER

“Read Every Day,” has been on our school sign for the past week. As I have been telling the students, reading is extremely important for building literacy skills and give them the capabilities to access learning in all areas.

This week we have received an exciting delivery of new books for the students to borrow from the library. These books include popular novel series’ such as The Last Thirteen, Tom Gates, Freak Street and some Marvel chapter books of Iron Man, Avengers and other popular titles.

Reading is an escape to another reality without leaving the comfort of home - go on a reading holiday today!

MATHS SQUARED

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, students have been working on completing a hundred board when only part is of the board is visible.

See if you can complete the following hundred boards.