Principal Address:
Welcome back to Jarrod and Rory who returned from their two week journey through the Northern Territory. They had some wonderful tales to tell us when they came to school on Monday and some fantastic photos to show. It was great to see they had a great time and was even better to see the enthusiasm when they realised how much work they have to do before the holidays next week.
It has been a busy fortnight for the students at Stonehenge State School with lots of work being completed towards their assessment. They have faced these challenges well and shown good understandings of the topics we have discussed.

FIRE VISIT

Last Tuesday we had a visit from rural fire fighters, Robyn and Tyrell, to talk to our students about fire safety.

STOP, DROP and ROLL – If you ever find yourself caught on fire, make sure you drop to the ground and roll around. This will limit the oxygen the fire can receive and reduce the size of the fire and eventually put it out.

GET LOW AND GO, GO, GO! – If you ever find yourself in a fire, toxic fumes can be produced from the burning objects around you. To protect yourself and get out safely, move low to the ground so you don’t need to breathe the fumes that travel higher in the air.

GET OUT AND STAY OUT – This message that Robyn and Tyrell gave students is because once you have left your house if it is on fire, do not go back in. When you are out safely, stay there.

CALL THE EMERGENCY SERVICES – If you ever find yourself unfortunate enough to have a house fire, call the emergency services as soon as you can. They have been trained to deal with fires and can do so safely. Don’t try and deal with fires by yourself.

Thank you Robyn and Tyrell for sharing these important messages with the students from Stonehenge State School.

BUSH POETRY

On Wednesday 9th September we travelled as a group to Winton for the Bush Poetry Festival. This was a wonderful festival with all students participating. Harry and Heath were awarded ‘Very Highly Commended’ certificates while Brodie, Jarrod and Rory were given ‘Highly Commended’ certificates.

Our group poem – Ten Fat Wombats, was awarded 3rd in the small group section.

Congratulations to all students on your

UPCOMING EVENTS

14/9 – Science Cluster Day – Jundah
18/9 – Cluster Day - Jundah
18/9 – End of Term
6/10 – Start of Term 4
9/10 – Instructional Rounds – Windorah
10/10 – Ilfracombe Footy Clinic
17-18/10 – Stonehenge Big Bash – Stonehenge
19/10 – Student Free Day
efforts and Stonehenge is very proud of how you represented the school.

**CLUSTER DAYS**
On Monday 14th September we will be attending Jundah State School for Science Time. This is a hands-on day full of science experiments and science shows shown by Peter Eastwell. Peter is travelling from around the region, having put on science days at Bedourie, Boulia and Urandangi this week. This will be an exciting day for all students. On Friday 18th September we will again be attending Jundah State School for a cluster day. Students from Longreach School Of Distance Education (LSODE) will also be attending this day. They will be working together in groups around the curriculum they have worked on this term. This will be a good lead-in to the cluster days that will be happening fortnightly next term to coincide with swimming lessons.

**READING CORNER**
Reading for enjoyment is extremely important for all students. With holidays coming up, it is even more important to do this. At Stonehenge, we have ordered and received a wide selection of new, interesting books for students to take home over the holidays. These book will be great for students to read in rhyme (The Very Cranky Bear Collection/Graeme Base titles), read to laugh (Weirdo collection/Diary of the Wimpy Kid), read to excite (Boy vs Beast/James Bond – Silverfin), or read to escape to another world (Wings of Fire series/The Last 13). These holidays can be full of all kinds of adventure. All you need is a book in hand.

**MATH SQUARED**
Money is an important topic. We all use it and most people would love to have just a little bit more. It is something that we think of every day, whether it is to spend, to earn, to save or to dream. Therefore it is extremely important to understand money. Rory has been working on money this week and building his understanding of how to count with coins and notes. We have been discussing how we can make values of money using different combinations of notes and coins. We have also been discussing that money has different weights and sizes so that everyone can identify what value of money they are holding. It could be quite difficult for someone with a vision impairment to identify money but the different sizes and weight helps with this. This has become even more important today with shopping centres using machines to accept payment and give change.

**CHALLENGE**
How much money would I have if I was holding five notes and six coins? None of my notes or coins are the same value.

**TEACHER TALK**
**LEARNING WALLS**
Students focus on many different areas in school and sometimes it can be difficult to store all of those skills and understandings in your mind. To help students with this we have a learning wall for each student to give them a space at school that is their place to give them reminders on the meaning of key words, display some of their work and track their achievements so far. These walls also store their goals over the next five weeks. Our students have 3 goals that were established at the beginning of the current unit. We have goals so that students have a clear focus on how they need to improve in their writing, reading and number facts. This targets a specific area and makes the achievement realistic and measurable. Students have been working well towards this.

**STUDENT TALK**
Harry – Yr 1
This was my first Bush Poetry Festival and I liked it. I liked it because we got a trophy for presenting a good poem. We did Ten Fat Wombats. The funniest part of the poem was when we had to say, ‘Four fat wombats going for a wee, one fell in the toilet then there were 3.’ It was a tiny bit scary when I stood up on stage. I was happy when I came off the stage because I overcame my fear. I will do the Bush Poetry Festival again next year because I wouldn’t let my team down.
I thought the Bush Poetry Festival was pretty good because I had a go at saying my poem. When I was going to say my poem I got stage fright. I think I got stage fright because there were so many people looking at me. I wasn’t able to do my poem by myself.

After that, we did our group poem. I said the part I needed to say in front of everyone. I was happy after I had said my line to everyone. I think if I had my group poem first, I would have been able to say my individual poem. I think the group poems should go first.

I would do the bush poetry festival again.

**FINAL THOUGHT**

Public speaking is a very scary thing for some of us. We get nervous, we panic that we will say the wrong thing or that we will fall over. However, the relief when we walk off the stage, knowing that we engaged the audience makes it all worthwhile.

Once again, we are very proud of the boys who overcame their fears and walked onto the stage this week at the Winton Bush Poetry Festival.

**Students of the Week**

WEEK 8 – Heath P (Middle School)
WEEK 9 – Harry A (The 65-Storey Treehouse)

**CURRENT ATTENDANCE**

94.43%