Classroom Happenings:

Thank you to all those people who wrote a letter or sent a card / postcard to Brodie and Chloe over the past few weeks. They got immense pleasure when they discovered personal mail when sorting the twice weekly mailbag. Writing letters is a dying art with much correspondence either SMS or emails and your efforts to make correspondence by mail an authentic learning activity was very much appreciated.

Our final week for first term was busy with the students travelling to Winton for the 17th Annual Junior Poetry Festival. We travelled to Longreach after school on Monday and stayed overnight. Everyone was out of bed bright and early Tuesday morning ready for the day ahead. The hall was a buzz of activity when we arrived with eager students running about while the not so sure ones stuck closely to the heels of parents and teachers.

Annameik, Tahnee, Heath and Prue have attended in previous years so they knew what to expect. Heath was the 1st of the Stonehenge students to be called to the stage to face the judging panel. He recited the Sneaky Snake Saga and was awarded 3rd place in the year 3 section. Heath was followed by the preppies. With no outward display of nerves they mounted the steps and walked on stage to take their position ready to recite their poems when their turn came. Brodie’s poem was titled Brolo and Chloe’s recited a poem about a goanna named Paul. Brodie and Chloe are to be congratulated for their sterling performances. It is one thing to stand up in front of your peers at school and another to perform in front of a large gathering of unfamiliar people. Annameik, Prue and Tahnee had to wait until after lunch before they took to the stage. Annameik gave a delightful recital of Horses, Prue recited Barbie Blues while Tahnee had a great rhyming poem about Bugs. For their efforts they received Very Highly / Highly Commendations.

To end what has a very successful day Annameik, Heath, Prue and Tahnee took home the 3rd place trophy in the Small Schools section group for their poem titled Rain.

Stonehenge State School was the only school from the Barcoo Shire to make the journey across to Winton and they were part of the total of 451 students who competed across the two day festival. Our students are already thinking about the ‘winning poem’ for next year’s competition. I am extremely proud of each and every student, not only for their performance but their overall behaviour and conduct. They are fantastic ambassadors for the school.

On Monday night while waiting for the pizza order we ventured over to watch the firemen from the Longreach Fire Brigade who were preparing to go out on a training exercise. The students had the opportunity to inspect the inside of the fire truck. The fireman explained how the communication between the truck and the control centre works.

Today concludes Term 1. School resumes for the 2nd term on Monday 16th April. If you are traveling during this time please take care on the roads.

Have an enjoyable break,
Sandra