Classroom Happenings:
Students in Years 3 & 5 will participate in NAPLAN testing next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Over the 3 days Reading, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, Writing and Mathematics will be assessed. NAPLAN is a national assessment and results are provided to individual students later in the year. Interested community members and the public are able to view the results of any public or private school Australia wide on the MySchool site from September onwards (approx.).

Science:
The Barcoo Cluster Schools had a combined Science Day at Jundah State School yesterday. During the 1st session the focus was on electricity. This session was interactive with many students volunteering to assist the scientist and use his many gadgets. Windorah student Kitty literally had a hair raising experience when a balloon was rubbed over her hair to create static electricity. With Heath as the assistant students explored how the human body is a conductor of electricity. When the circuit was closed the current lit up a small light inside a ball then when the circuit was open (or broken by removing a finger from the ball) the light went out. The Tesla coil lightning simulator was one noisy demonstrate that proved popular with all the students.

Fun aside the dangers of electricity was addressed. Electricity kills many people each year and most of the deaths can be avoid if people take care around electricity. Silly things like sticking a fork into a toaster when toast gets stuck, accessing areas that are clearly marked DANGER KEEP OUT or even long objects coming into contact with overhead power can be avoided if everyone gives it some thought to their actions.

During the middle session the students in years 4+7 worked exclusively with the scientist while the P-3’s made lava lamps and Goop. With their work area cleaned up they had time for a small play in the playground before lunch.

In the final session the students rotated around a number of work stations. The one station that proved very popular with all the students was Slime making. If your child arrived home with a snap clip bag of green matter then they made Slime.

The scientist’s visit was funded through RREAP. RREAP replaced PCAP at the commencement of 2012.

Recipes Wanted
The P & C Association are publishing a recipe book. Please get your recipes to any member of the P & C or to the school by post, email or even drop off your favourite recipes and we can photocopy the page for you. It would be fantastic to see a recipe from each and every member of the community or even the shire. Get those recipes in now.

2012 SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 2

Term 3

Term 4

DATES TO REMEMBER

• STAG meeting @ Hall 4:30pm 15th May
• Barcoo Shire (Stonehenge) Community Plan Meeting 15th May BBQ 6PM then meeting
• P & C Association 17th May @ 3:15pm
• Longreach Show Holiday 18th May
• NAPLAN testing 15 – 17th May
• Central Qld Principals Conference 28th – 31st May
• Ready Reader Workshop 6th June @ Jundah
• Windorah Sports Camp 18th – 22nd June

The next meeting will be 17/5/12

Tuesday 15th May
Please see over for more details on STAG meeting 4:30pm and Barcoo Shire (Stonehenge) Community Plan Meeting 6:00pm

These meetings relate to you and your town. ALL WELCOME
There are ongoing issues with Telstra and many people are unable to access their emails. Please find below a copy of emails from Mayor Elect – Julie Groves and Mike Pratt (STAG).

Barcoo Shire Council invites residents, and those associated with the communities of Jundah and Stonehenge, to attend either (or both) of the following Community Meetings. Council will provide a free BBQ for all those attending. The meetings, facilitated by Mrs Chris Capel, will follow.

**JUNDAH** 14 May 2012
(Monday) BBQ starts 6pm Jundah Hall

**STONEHENGE** 15 May 2012
(Tuesday) BBQ starts 6pm Stonehenge Hall

Your input is sort for ways to improve the quality of life for residents who call our communities home. These ideas to be included in Council’s Operational Plan and Budget.

Even if you completed the survey circulated earlier in the year, your input is still welcome at these meetings.

Julie Groves
Mayor elect
Barcoo Shire Council

Dear STAG Members,
Just a short note to let you know that we are having a general meeting at the hall next Tuesday at 4.30pm, prior to the Barcoo Shire (Stonehenge) Community Plan Meeting which starts with a Bar B Que at 6.00pm.
We are due for an AGM however Judy is away so that has been postponed.
Items for discussion are as follows;

- Shire Ball - Have a think about a suitable date. Judy suggested Sept. holidays which Sue and I agree with, as it will not be freezing like Jundah last year.
- Community Store - We need to fine tune the operation of the shop. Ishta is doing a good job however the opportunity is now there to expand the range of items for sale and open the shop for longer hours during the tourist season, with the help of STAG volunteers.
- Financial report from Treasurer Batt.
- Other general business.

STAG is also running the Bar B Que which Ishta is organising, so she may contact you if she wants a plate of something.
Looking forward to seeing you all there if not before.
Regards Mike