Classroom Happenings:

With the exception of the prep students all students have spent the previous five weeks learning the text structure and language features of persuasive writing. Last Friday afternoon Prue and Anna had the opportunity to present their speeches orally to their peers. Public speaking is an art but when your task is to create an emotional response from the audience the task becomes even more difficult. Both girls put forward strong arguments to support their stance and their efforts have been recorded for the moderation purposes. Tahnee and Heath’s assessment task required them to write a persuasive letter to me. I’m still considering their request!

Prep students have also been writing letters. They are helping Sam locate his missing dog. They have exchanged a few letters providing Sam with some ideas on where to look for the dog and in their last letter they also told him about games they like to play at school.

Earth’s Wild Weather is this term’s investigation in science. Yesterday students began their assessment. Under the guidance of Miss Anderson, Chloe and Brodie used three different soils to construct mud bricks. Next week they will expose their bricks to the weather and then report on how the effect of weather affects the bricks. They will draw a series of labelled diagrams showing these effects. Heath, Prue and Tahnee commenced construction of a bridge. When completed they will select from a range of weather events (rain, wind and flood) to test the effect of weather on the bridges. Anna and Dylan are yet to start their bridges so it will be interesting to see if they select different materials and vary the designs of their constructions.

It might not have been part of the curriculum but the students are still talking about the fun they had trick or treating in Stonehenge on Friday the 2nd. It was a very excited group that gathered outside my house at 6pm and after last minute alterations and adjustments to the costumes we set off. While I was hoping there would have been plenty of tricks played on the kids I was slightly disappointed as everyone was very generous and provided them with treats. We did encounter one ghost along the way but she turned out to be very friendly. It is never too early to start thinking and planning for a trick or two for 2013. Thanks to Mel and Bridget for suggesting Halloween. If we were giving out awards for decorated premises and getting into theme they would surely be the winner.

The sealing of the loop road into the school was completed early this week with Brian Egan’s team undertaking the associated concreting work on Wednesday. I would like to thank the Barcoo Council, the council workers and contractors for sealing our access road and for minimizing the interruptions to the school throughout the period of the road works.

Barcoo Cluster (Windorah, Jundah and Stonehenge schools) are having their second swim camp for 2012 starting on Monday 26th till Wednesday 28th November.

Sandra

Reading

Learning to read is a complex skill that does not develop in a linear manner, or in the same way or at the same rate for all students.

All students are required to do daily home reading. In grades 3-7 it is expected the minimum time spent reading would be 15 minutes each day.

Prep students bring home a reading book each week night. It is expected they will have someone listen to them read.

Tips to help your child learn

Comprehension in the early years is built through numerous and varied experiences with texts: hearing them read aloud, reading them independently, reading with support and guidance, as well as writing about them and sharing them with others.

Your child is encouraged to borrow books from our school library and the Stonehenge Community library. Both libraries are available for parents to borrow from. If you wish to choose books to read to your child please visit the school and we’ll be only too happy to assist you with your selection.

Pick of the week:

Noni the Pony by Alison Lester
Suitable for children 3-6yrs.

2012 SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 4

2013 SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1

Term 2
15.4.2013 - 21.6.2013

Term 3
8.7.2013 - 20.9.2013

Term 4
Dates to Remember
November 26th-28th – Barcoo Cluster Swim Camp
December 7th – Term 4 ends
December 8th – Christmas Tree and Awards Night
January 29th, 2013 – School Resumes

P & C Meeting

The next meeting will be on Friday 23rd November at 3:15pm at the school. All parents and community members are welcome.

Halloween Stonehenge Style

All set for a night of trick or treating

An Indian, plus a vampire, monster, pirate, cowboy & cowgirl plus two witches and a mummy, all out to scare the locals on Friday night.

Local resident joins in with the merriment.

What a scary group!

Friendly ghost

Little cowboy