Classroom Happenings:

Last week I attended professional development (PD) in Rockhampton. Mr Ruzicka came down from Longreach to teach during this time. It was delightful to have a male teacher, if only for a few days. Mr R recognised a few of the locals lads as his former students from the Longreach High School.

This week in Maths Year 5 & 6 have been reading and interpreting a range of timetables. Using this knowledge they will plan a journey up to Rockhampton, using the tilt train, to attend a party. They will need to consider delays, waiting times and travel times between destinations when planning the trip. The Year 7 girls have been calculating the angles in quadrilaterals and classifying and comparing triangles. Do you remember the difference between an equilateral, isosceles and scalene triangle?

The Maths for the Year 1 students has been representing and recording simple subtraction while years 2 and 3 have been describing addition and subtraction situations using part-part-whole terms. As part of our daily rapid recall routines we have been doing skip counting by 2’s, 5’s and 10’s.

Barcoo Cluster Teacher

To assist Miss Jane in the delivery of her lessons at Stonehenge her day has been changed from Wednesday to Thursday. Jane will continue to deliver the KLA’s of Science and History with a hour for Mathematics. This term she will continue to teach the number strand across the whole school and from term 2 onwards this will change to measurement to bring Stonehenge in line with Jundah and Windorah.

Did you know the cost of posting a letter is about to change. From 31st March the cost of posting a standard letter for delivery within Australia will be 70c. Seasonal greeting cards (Nov/Dec only) will cost 65c. Visit the Australia Post website for more details

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Remember when you believed in anything and everything?

Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children’s ability to detect and avoid potentially harmful social interactions, such as being easily fooled or tricked into doing something. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this vulnerability.

We are looking for parents of Kindergarten – Year 6 children across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes).
http://tinyurl.com/childsvq

Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652

P & C Association

The AMG for the Stonehenge P & C Association was held on 6th March. The office bearers for 2014 are:
President: Peter Pidgeon
Vice President: Ann Godber
Secretary: Dianne Pidgeon
Treasurer: Ingrid Miller

The P & C meet regularly. Interested community members are always welcome.

2014 Term Dates
Term 1
Term 2
Term 3
Term 4
Student Writing

Since the last newsletter the students have continued with their persuasive writing. The Saturday night pool comp, I want a pet and The Drought provided our stimuli for writing.

Stonehenge Pool Comp

- Why can’t we play? The children surrounding Stonehenge should be allowed to play in the Stonehenge pool comp. As long as we play by the rules and respect the equipment we use then we should be allowed to play. We make up the players! If there are not enough adults then we should be permitted to play pool. We are there and ready to play. Why cancel the pool comp when we are available? Ask and we will answer.
- Encouragement is what we get from the pool comp on Saturday night at the Stonehenge pub. It moves us forward and we learn to become friendly and respectful. We learn skills and techniques for later in life. We have the opportunity to learn from older people other than ourselves and our friends.
- It’s fun. The pool comp is fun and exciting. You get a chance to play pool against someone other than your school friends. It is exciting and thrilling to see who is beside your name on that blackboard.
- Pool doesn’t affect school. The pool comp is on Saturday night so you can stay up late and it doesn’t affect your attitude at school.

The children surrounding Stonehenge should be allowed to play in the Stonehenge pool comp on Saturday night at the pub. We learn skills and techniques, we make up the players and we get encouragement from others. I hope you will agree with me and stand by my side to stand up for children. Writer: Prue

Stonehenge Pool Comp

I very strongly believe that children should definitely be allowed to play in the pool comp. If children compete in the pool comp when they are young they get a chance to learn the rules so they can play when they are older. When the children grow up they will be able to play in the pool comp where ever they are, but if they don’t play now they won’t know how to. Playing in the pool comp helps kids learn how to play and what the rules are.

I think it is very important that children should be allowed to play in the pool comp because they get a chance to socialise. This helps children to get to know the people around the town. While playing they can have a chat with their opponent and get to know them. Playing in the pool comp teaches children that if you lose just keep on trying till you get better and better.

The pool room is a safe place. I think while you are playing pool in the pool room it is safer because you are not exposed to the drunken adults. When you are in the pool room you can’t hear as much of the swearing. Therefore, I think children should play in the pool comp because the pool room is a safe place to be.

In conclusion, I definitely think children should be allowed to compete in the pool comp because it helps them socialise, it helps them learn how to play and the pool room is the safest place to be at the hotel. Writer: Heath

Pool Comp

I do not think kids should play pool. Kids should play tennis at the tennis court.

When the pool comp starts the children should go home.

Writer: Rory Year 1
The children of Stonehenge think it is important to play in the pool comp.

Children help to make up enough players. If there is not enough adult players to play in the pool comp the comp could be cancelled. Children will help to make enough players.

It is fun to play in the pool comp. Children get better to pool the more they get the chance to play. From bad to amazing they can improve.

Playing in the pool comp fills in your time. If you are playing tennis or playing with toy trucks you can get bored quickly. You can play pool for hours and hours. You can even play your school friends. Write: Jarrod

Dear Dad

I would like to have a major mitchell cockatoo because they are beautiful. I know what he needs. He needs food, water and a big wide log in his cage to sleep in. He also needs a few branches for him to walk on.

I will clean his cage. I will feed it patty melons every morning and afternoon. I will make sure that it has lots of water every day. I want to teach it fun tricks.

I will help out more. Writer: Jarrod

Dear Dad

I would like to have a puppy because I want to play with it and want my own dog. I will feed it dog nuts and meat in the morning and afternoon.

I will help with the chores for the money and meat when dad kills a kangaroo.

I will clean its cage with gloves and the gurney. I will give it water, shade and keep it safe. I will make a cage myself out of wood, mesh and tin. I will wash my dog and I will put the burrs out of its feet. I will put a cloth over the cage for shade.

Please Dad, please can I get a puppy. Writer: Brodie