Welcome to Term 2. Students returned to school on Monday with lots of exciting news about their Easter holidays. I have included their written reflections for your enjoyment.

Classroom Happenings:

Curriculum Intent:
Each term students complete two five weeks English units, 2 Math units, one unit in HPE, Science, Design & Technology, The Arts and SOSE/History. Students in Year 6 also undertake LOTE via elearning.

English - Year 1 students will be exploring characters in stories over the next five weeks using a focus book each week. This week’s book is *The very blue thingsmajig* followed next week by *Giraffes can’t dance, Crunch the crocodile, Rose meets Mr Wintergarten then When Henry caught imaginatis*

Assessment will include a written task with the students creating a character description using writing and an image as well as a reading task to demonstrate reading accuracy, fluency and comprehension of character development.

Students in Year 4-6 will listen to, read, view and about personal conflict and ethical dilemmas faced through a panel discussion and produce an animated story exploring a character’s behaviour when faced with an ethical dilemma.

Sandra

**Medicare local** offer the following services in Stonehenge:

- # Physiotherapist
- # Dietician
- # Podiatrist
- # Diabetes Educator
- # Health Promotion Officer

The services are free and will be run from the Stonehenge Community Centre.

For further information please contact medicare local on the details listed below.

**Medicare local**

Central and North West Queensland
PO Box 256, Longreach Q 4730 Telephone: 4652 7100

**ANZAC DAY**

The community is invited to participate in the annual Stonehenge Anzac Day march on Thursday 25th April. Persons marching are requested to gather at the corner of Stratford & Westbury Streets (Merle’s corner) by 9am to march to the Community Centre. A shared morning tea will be served at the completion of the service. All welcome.

**Country School Photos**

operated by Donna Chapman and Paul Webb are coming to Stonehenge in late August, 2013. They will be taking photographs of individual students and a class photo and will offer these to parents in packages ranging from $15 - $25. Donna and Paul have indicated that they are happy to also photograph family groups. This offer is open to students studying through Distance Education and other families living in our community. If you would like more information please contact the school on 46585916.

**2013 SCHOOL TERM DATES**

Term 2
15.4.2013 - 21.6.2013

Term 3
8.7.2013 - 20.9.2013

Term 4

**Dates to Remember**
25 April - Anzac Day
14, 15 & 16th May - NAPLAN
17 May - Longreach Show

**P & C Office Bearers 2013**

President - Ishita Baldry
Vice President - Peter Pidgeon
Secretary - Dianne Pidgeon
Treasurer - Ann Godber
My Amazing Holiday

“Oh wow” I said. We were at a place called Jourama, it was absolutely amazing. We went for a walk down to a lake and suddenly out of the water popped out the head of a small turtle.

In the water appeared fish about 30cm long and turtles from the size of 10cm to about the size of 20cm. We returned to car and went for another walk in the other direction. We walked and walked and came to a small waterfall, even though it was small it was gorgeous. By Tahnee

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We were at Barcaldine sitting outside the nice motel waiting for Ma and Pa to get there but they didn’t come! Every time I saw a car I would say, ‘I think this is them, I think this is them”, but it wasn’t them. Finally we decided to book in and when we got in they were already there. We went over and had a long chat and then got in mums car and went out to muster Ma and Pas cattle off a property called ‘Thornhill’. On the way we stopped at the bakery and got some yummy food to eat out there.

When we got to ‘Thornhill’ we unloaded my motor bike and then had some smoko. While we were eating the owner of the property turned up. After we finished eating we headed out into the grassy paddock and started grouping up cattle. On the way we saw four dingoes on the flat. We found the cattle and took them to the yard. We had three motorbike breakdowns on the way but we got the all back then we put the cattle on the truck. By Heath

My Fantastic Easter Holiday

I put down my horse book and gasped, I looked at the magnificent green huge countryside. The long grass was green and so was the leaves on the trees, the only brown here was buildings, tree trunks and wood. I stared at it as I elbowed Tahnee in the ribs “Ouch!” she yelled as she gave me a hard punch in my already sore shoulder. “Mum, look pineapple trees!”

We had a big debate whether pineapples grew on trees or not. I watched the ‘pineapple trees’ sway in the strong wind as we drove past them. Tahnee and I thought it was amazing. We drove for a few more hours and came to a place called Jarama falls. Us girls walked down the hill and over the road to the water. We walked into the water, taking photos. By Anna

My Canberra Trip

We’re just about in the city of Canberra when eww! I’m sick all over my pretty pillow. Don’t say yuck! Where else was I supposed to do it. On Mrs Mac, No way! On Chase, I don’t think he’d like that much. Oh well. Anyway, you know how after you’re sick you feel really good to have all that stuff out of you and have an empty turning tummy.

Our next cold stop was the big airport where we had to pick up silly Kurt’s bag. He had picked up the wrong black bag where he got off the crowded plane. He had picked up a girls black bag. Useless isn’t he. After we’d sorted out that drama we went to our nice accommodation which was creamy coloured cabins.

At the accommodation there was a fun jumping pillow, a cold water swimming pool, a cool basketball court and a sand volleyball court. On our activities afternoon we got to use all of these except the pool because it was too cold to swim.

I was in an old cabin with three other girls, Courtney, Kayla and Ella. We unpacked a bit, made our beds and then went to dinner. We got lost finding our way to the dining room. The food was delicious. The first night we had hot bangers and mash for dinner. After dinner we went back to our cabins for short showers then it was bedtime. I ended up in Mrs Mac’s cabin with Miss Di as well. The showers were nice and hot. In the morning we had to be ready for breakfast at about 6:55am then off in the bus to discover Canberra.

By Prue