Classroom Happenings:
Since the introduced in 2012 of the Australian Curriculum the school has continued to implement the various learning areas as they are released. This term we are trialling Geography which will be compulsory in 2014. The Prep-3 group of students have been investigating and exploring places and spaces and how these spaces within places can be rearranged to suit different purposes. The community centre is a prime example of a space that is rearranged to suit different purposes as it is used as the tourist information centre, the library, is the setting for the RFDS clinics, a meeting space for the craft ladies and also used as council chambers for the Barcoo Shire Council as well as meeting rooms for various local committees. The roof boxes are an example of a space that can’t be rearranged for a different purpose.

The students in the upper grades are exploring the interconnections between people and environments. They are examining how climate and landforms influence the human characteristics of places, and how human actions influence the environmental characteristics of places.

Multi Draw Raffle
Thanks to generous donations from Stonehenge and Longreach businesses the P & C Association are currently selling raffle tickets in a 10 prize multi draw raffle that will be drawn at the Christmas Tree on 7th December. Tickets are available at $1.00 per ticket.

Raffle Prize & Donors
Stonehenge Hotel
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Foodworks
Dinner for 2
Bag of Dog Food
Bottle of Red Wine
$25.00 voucher
Assorted Gift Pack
$30.00 Meat Voucher
Ctn of Beer or Bottle of Spirits
Mystery Gift
Gift Pack
Christmas Hamper

Social Saturday in Stonehenge
Looking for something to do on Saturday 16th November then come to Stonehenge for social tennis commencing at 5:30pm on the town courts then nominate at the hotel for the pool competition and enjoy a BBQ to finish of the day. See attached brochure for persons to contact for further details.

2014 Term Dates
Term 1
Term 2
Term 3
Term 4

Dates to Remember
25th - 27th November - Swimming Camp Jundah
6th December - Last day of Term 4, 2013
7th December - P & C Community Christmas Tree
AGM STAG – To be advised

P & C News
Last meeting held Thursday 7th November
General Business:
Planning for Christmas Tree on Saturday 7th December is in hand and should be a great night out. Please keep the date free to come along and join the festivities. For further information contact the school on 46585916 Mrs Dianne Pidgeon -Secretary

Writing
Jarrod wrote about his weekend on Warbreccan as part of this week’s writing activities. Students in Years 4-6 were given the beginning few sentences and had to add their own body and conclusion.

My Weekend
On Sunday I drove the loader from the hay shed to the main shed. We got a panel then I drove the loader back down to our house at Warbreccan. Dad and I fixed the 2way aerial and now we can speak to Dad when he is away from home.
Author: Jarrod
**My Holiday**

“Yippee!” I screamed as loud as I could.

We are all packed and ready to go. Tyler, Anna, Mum, Dad and I were going to Mackay to see mum’s friend, Donna. We drove to Emerald and stayed the night then in the morning we woke up and drove to Rockhampton. When we arrived at Rockhampton it was almost 6 p.m. so we booked a motel room (it may as well have been a house) went to bed and slept. The next morning we opened up the roadhouse to get fuel and breakfast then after we bought the fuel we got in and mum went to start the car.

Buying the fuel was a waste because now the car wouldn’t start. Mum went in to ask about the car and we found we had to get something fixed so we had to stay in Rockhampton for two more days, which set us back a while. While we were there we went to the shopping centre to look at clothes and pushbikes and helmets and toys and then to dads sisters house for a while. After we looked at everything else we left for Mackay.

We arrived in Mackay and went shopping with Donna while dad stayed with Jacko and Marlin (Donna and Jacko’s dog) after that we stayed the night but then we had to leave. We got packed up and went to start the car but the car once again wouldn’t start. We scrambled out of the high car and checked the battery and the fuel. Everything was fine except the battery was flat. We tried to charge the battery but it blew up. It took another three days to get the ruined battery out, purchase a new one and put it in the car.

We went home and stayed at home for the rest of the holidays. That was the best holiday ever, even though we were delayed 2 days because the car wouldn’t start as I was glad to be able to go shopping, go to dads sisters house and even just looking at things at the shop. Author: Tahnee

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**The Best Holiday Ever**

I started dancing and jumping around my room, we were going on holidays! “YES!!” I squealed. “Yippee,” I screamed as loud as I could. We were all packed and ready to go. I pushed Tahnee into the car “Ow!” she growled at me, I jumped in and sighed, relaxing.

We got about 200km away from Mackay when we saw some people walking on the side of the road. I laughed, I must have been dreaming, there was no possible way that One Direction were walking on the side of the road. “Ahh!” Tahnee squealed, shoving my arm and pointing out the window, Mum stopped the car. “Are you ok?” Tahnee asked, leaning over me and almost jumping out the window “Our bus broke down and our phones are dead, any chance you could help?” one of them asked, I think it was Harry, I don’t know, I’m not the biggest fan of One Direction.

They squeezed in the car, not a comfy fit at all. I rolled my eyes, keeping to myself, just what I wanted, One Direction ruining my holiday. We still had 150km until Mackay so I scrunched myself into a little ball and put my headphones on. We travelled along together; I was surprised we hadn’t been pulled up yet “Reeeow, Reeeow, and Reeeow” oops, thought to soon.

We were pulled up and booked, we all had to chip in to pay the fine, and we quietly got out of the car and sat underneath a tree. When the police had gone I burst out laughing. “Why are you laughing?” one of them asked “I dunno” I giggled “She does it all the time” Tyler shrugged “It usually ends up with her crying” she rolled her eyes “I am” I laughed again.

We were finally managing to get to Mackay; we all sat in the car again, singing One Direction songs at the top of our lungs or just randomly laughing, telling jokes and saying funny things. When we got to Mackay we had to say goodbye to the guys but we took photos with them to remember good times together.

“Bye!!” we all waved as they called a taxi. I hate to admit it I thought to myself “But that was actually fun” I muttered to myself. “Wait” I sighed pushing at Tahnee’s arm “We spent the whole day with One Direction and you didn’t ask one of them for their autograph” I laughed “Phoeey” she huffed.

We finished our day with ice-cream “That was cool” Tyler smiled. Best holiday ever I thought to myself. I licked my ice-cream and smiled at the photos I’d taken with them “Really good” I laughed to myself. Author: Anna

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**My Trip**

“Yippee,” I screamed as loud as I could. We are all packed and ready to go. We are going to school till 1pm. In the afternoon we are only doing Design and Technology and I am ahead so it is not that important. I might even be able to take my beading coat hanger cover with me to do on our long travels to Mt Talbot. We are going to Georgetown for a family reunion on Saturday. Then on Sunday we are all going to Cobbold Gorge. On Monday we are travelling home. We are probably going to Winton or Hughenden to stop for the night. We are taking our swags as Mt Talbot will be quite squashed because trying to fit into it will be our three cousins, Ayrton, Greta and Isla, Uncle Murray, Aunt Loretta, Aunty Shonae, Heath, Brodie, Mum, and of course Ma and Pa who are the owners of Mt Talbot.

We leave school at about 1:30pm. I am so excited. I am excited about the long trip
ahead but also disappointed at the same time because I didn’t get to do my beading. I hate missing school because then you get so behind in everything. Heath, Brodie and I are going to miss two days of school, Friday and Monday. I am also going to miss another Monday and Tuesday as I have to go to Rockhampton with Mum for my boarding school interview at Rocky Grammar.

We stay the night at Hughenden. The next day we are on the road again. I am sitting in the front with mum reading my book. Next thing I hear a big BANG! I am shocked. I put my book down and look up. “What was that?” mum asks me. “I think it was the iPad or the DVD player that the boys are on,” I say. “Oh,” says mum. We keep driving. Next thing I look out my window, “Ahhh!” I scream. “Prue! What are you doing?” asks mum. “Mum, you’re not going to believe this but our tyre is rolling alongside our car!” We stop the car and all jump out. Our tyre has come off! The wheel looks totally stupid without a tyre on it. I start jumping up and down and waving madly. There is a car a bit behind us. He looks like a local so we wave him over. He says he can fix it for us so we get out our tools for him to use. He is quite quick with his hands and gets it done in 10 minutes. While he is busy my brothers and I go and collect the runaway tyre. It has gone about 100m. We roll it back to the car. The man, whose name is Andrew, has finished and is packing up. We say goodbye and continue on our way.

Thankfully we get to Mt Talbot without anymore trouble and are greeted by our cousins and family. The reunion is great and Cobbeld Gorge is even better. I had a great time and a little bit of a holiday along the way!

**Yippee**

Yippee, I screamed as loud as I could. We are all packed and ready to go. We jumped in the car, revved the engine and took off. As we were driving along we ran over a branch, nothing serious but Dad got out and had a look. He surely realised that was flat and started changing it. When Dad finished we took off again.

It started storming just as we got into to Winton. We pulled up to get fuel and went into pay but when we came back out our car had been struck by lightning and had caught on fire, but the worst part was that you know fuel and fire don’t mix. Yep you guessed it KABOOM. Luckily no one got hurt but the car didn’t look to stylish. Our car got taken away in pieces and we had to go and hire one.

After a very long day of driving we finally reached our destination and saw our cousins running out to greet us. We had a great time but on the last day I was a bit worried. Who knows what will happen on the way home.

This was a very exiting holiday that I will NEVER forget. I would love to go on some of that holiday again. Mum loved our holiday because now she has an excuse to buy a new car.

Author: Heath