We had our Multi Cultural Day yesterday and it was amazing. Miss Kim and Miss Linda showed the students how to play Boche ball and Miss Kim shared some interesting facts about Italy. Miss Mieke wore some Dutch clogs and the students made a windmill each. Miss Prue shared with the students about how Bush Dancing was a social part of life in the olden days and the students learnt the Heel and Toe Polka and Queensland Back Step. We were very lucky and Caleb and his Mossman High school team of boys and girls demonstrated how to make Ochre and the students got to have some painted on them. The boys demonstrated how to make green ant juice and students had a taste. Lenice and Aunty Roslyn and Aunty Agnus brought some traditional foods and explained their traditional names and how they were used. Our session finished with the High school boys and Caleb showing us all how to make a fire by rubbing a stick and everyone clapped and cheered. Thank you to everyone who came and supported our event and helped us celebrate some of the cultures in our school community. Our day ended with a show by Philip Green called Aboriginal Survival Technology who brought artefacts the students could touch.

On Market Day on the 7th August Mayor Julia Leu will officially open the new prep playground at 9am. We encourage you to come and cheer this on. The gazette will be here to take a photo and if there are parents who are happy for their child to be in the photo, we would like them to have the school uniform on for it.

School photos will be taken on the 24th of August. Please note that the office will be closed that morning for staff photos so if you need to hand in money or purchase new uniforms, please do so before the 24th.
Student of the Week

PREP - Wakinyan for great participation during Multicultural Day activities
Mitchell for focused work across all learning areas

1/2 – Jacksen for his effort completing his homework every week
Tasia for using her initiative to complete research at home

2/3/4 - Seth for fantastic complex sentences
Tyla for great topic specific vocabulary

3/4/5 – Charli Osborne for being extremely respectful (singing) during our National Anthem
at parade every week

5/6 – Jack Hatfield for his excellent work on his Solar System project

SPECIAL MENTION: Nial and Thero for displaying excellent enthusiasm and maturity during bush dance lessons

Student of the Week:
Jasper, Poppy, Mikaela, Leshandra, Cash, Miss Linda and Eric

Congratulations to our superstars who received a reading or sight word award, the Robotics club, Khobi for his 3rd prize in the Daintree Cruise Centre colouring comp and Lahni for her huge effort and Age Champion win at Interschool Sports Day
The Student Council will be holding a Free Dress Day on Friday 5th August.

Make a Gold Coin donation and come dressed in green and gold or Aussie themed clothes. All money raised will go to the Australian PARALYMPIC Team.

Then.... from 1.30 to 3.00 pm we will be holding a Mini Olympics for the whole school. (If you make a gold coin donation, you will score a point for your ‘Olympic’ team!)

Don’t forget your hats and sun smart clothes!
Hope to see you all in gold and green with your Gold Coin Donation.

WONGA STUDENT COUNCIL
FREE DRESS DAY & Mini - Olympics

SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST 8.00AM - 2.00PM
Wonga Beach State School
WONGA BEACH COMMUNITY MARKETS

- MARKET STALLS
- LIVE MUSIC
- CAR BOOT SALE
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE
- JUMPING CASTLE
- HOT AND COLD FOOD
- KIDS ENTERTAINMENT
- RAFFLES & PRIZES
- FAMILY PORTRAITS
- LICENCED BAR

See you there!
“Scientist at Work”

Next Tuesday students from Year 12/3 and Year 2/3/4 will be fortunate to have a visit from a Scientist from South America.

Sambhu Hemchandranauth and his research assistant (conveniently also his wife) are currently conducting research on the significance of butterflies in an ecosystem, and are already several months into their 12 month study of butterfly types and numbers found in nearby cane farms and other local areas. He will explain how he works scientifically and his visit will provide some excellent content to further support their “Insects” units of work this term.

Be sure to check out next week’s Newsletter and the Website for a debrief!

Do you have any clear buckets from the fairy floss stall at the show??? If so can you drop them into Miss Linda in the Library??? It would be much appreciated.

A note from the office…..
A large number of students are regularly forgetting their hats or are saying they don’t have one. Please assist your student to make sure they have their hat each day for school.

We asked for cakes, biscuits, muffins, slices for our Annual Sports Day Bake Sale…… And what an awesome response we got!!!!!!! A huge thank you to everyone who baked and donated goodies for our stall. Also a big thank you to the amazing helpers who sold our treats and looked after the stall for the day. We really appreciated all your efforts.
UNDER 9'S DAY
M U L T I C U L T U R A L D A Y
2 August 2016

Absences

The Department of Education and Training’s highest priority is student’s safety and wellbeing.

It is the parents responsibility to advise when a student will be absent from school and for what reason. At Wonga Beach State School you may advise of an absence by:

1. Phoning 40 999 777 and speaking to a staff member or leaving a message
2. Emailing admin@wongabchss.eq.edu.au
3. Advising administration staff and or teachers of students absence in person
4. Sending in a written note with a sibling

Please note that absences must be reported to the school on the day of the absence.

If your child leaves early due to illness and are away more than that early departure day you must still advise the school of why they are away on following days. The school does not and cannot assume the child is still ill.

From the beginning of Term 4 2016, state schools will be required to notify parents of any unexplained absence in the morning of that occurring.

Wonga Beach State School has already started implementing this process. Teachers are required to mark class rolls at 9am, so please ensure your student is on time to start the day. We are looking at introducing an automated text message service and parents will receive a text similar to the following:

‘Wonga Beach SS - your child has been recorded as being absent this morning without explanation. Please reply or contact the school on 40 999 777 IMMEDIATELY.’

If parents do not respond to that text the matter will be referred to the Principal for further action.

Parents of students who are away for more than 10 school days must complete an ‘Application for Exemption from Compulsory Schooling’. This document is to be completed for any reason including medical i.e. operations. The school Principal must approve this leave and it will be recorded on the students file. This form can picked up at the main office.
AUSKICK IS ON AGAIN!!! FORMS WERE SENT HOME LAST WEEK! They are also going to run an Auskick program after school starting next Tuesday from 3:10-4:10pm for those students interested.

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**Overview:** 3 week program
Wk 1: Introduction/Skills (aflq + teacher)
Wk 2: Skills (aflq + teacher)
Wk 3: Games (aflq + teacher)

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**Wonga State School Leaders-2016**

**What we have achieved in the first six months.**

Red Feb was a fundraiser for the heart foundation. We organised a big heart to support the event.

Daffodil Day was a Cancer fundraiser, we supported the day by reminding kids on parade and putting a notice in the news letter. We also dressed up in yellow to remind kids about the day.

St Patricks Day: We supported the day by making cupcakes with Mrs Hage and selling them in the tuckshop. The Handball Competition involved organising players, a draw, prizes, and then reminding everyone. We made notices and told people on parade. We printed rules and displayed them. We had to make decisions for the rules like “double touch”.

We made decisions for the Fancy Hat parade. We helped judge, but made a decision not to judge when our family were involved, and we delegated that role.
On Preppie Day we role modelled how to play in the sandpit. We also encouraged them to talk to other kids because they were quiet and shy.
When we have assembly, we get to advertise events.
On ANZAC Day we represented the school both here and at Port Douglas. We laid a wreath on the cenotaph on behalf of our school. We also made wreaths at school.

**What we would like to achieve in the next six months.**
A disco, we have organised a time and date. 6pm 16th June. We have made posters and put them everywhere around the school. This will be a graduation fundraiser and will pay off our Senior shirts. We have organised, food, decorations, games, music and prizes. To be super organised we have an order form for the food. We will also have some sweets on the night. Ms Schmidt is doing dances with classes. Ms Caltabiano is helping with the playlist too!

**What skills have I improved in:**

David: Support, Model behaviour and Listening...If someone is alone and upset I’ll go and help them feel better.
Ocean Communicate Clearly because before I was a leader I was very shy and spoke quietly, now I can gather up my confidence to speak in public.
Jasmine “Showing initiative because at the start I wasn’t familiar with the leadership skills, but I’m better at helping without being told. Every Monday I always come in and do the power-point, I make sure everything is up to date and check up with Ms Schmidt to see if anything needs doing.”
Jesse Organisation and Support I am always there on time to make sure things are ready for parade. I check that nothing is missing before parade.

**What is the best thing about being a student leader?**

David When I became a student leader I wanted to be recognised by the little kids. I get to meet and introduce special visitors like the people from the Habitat, a marine biologist, and some musicians from Planet Rhythm.
Ocean I can support people and I know they will do the same thing when they are older.
Jasmine You get to organise events, it can be hard, but it’s fun and the kids enjoy it, you get to do things that you otherwise wouldn’t get to do and little kids look up to you with respect.
Jesse Supporting other children and being there for them in the mornings to make sure they are OK and have a smile on their face.
Helping people make friends makes me feel good. When I was in Prep I was shy and didn’t have many friends, now people are my friends and I want to be a school captain like the kids who helped me.