Principal’s Note
We are now in Week 4 of Term 3, more than half way through the school year. The Sports Camp went well. All of the students are to be congratulated for their behaviour. It is a great opportunity for the students to make new friends and to practise their growing social skills.

Thank you again to all of the parents and friends who worked so tirelessly to make the event the success it was.

A big welcome to the new students. Jerome in Year 6, Harry and Thomas in Year 5 and Braden in Year 4 and to their families. I hope that you all enjoy your time at WSS.

Due to the increasing numbers and to the fact that there are students in every year level from Prep to 6, the school has employed Mrs Helen Kidd on Tuesdays and every second Wednesday.

This means that there are 2 teachers at school for 4 days of the week. On these days the students are divided into two groups; prep to 3, years 4 to 6.

The ten new laptops arrived just before the holidays and the children are putting them to good use. I have enrolled all of the students in the online programs of Mathletics and Reading Eggs/Reading Express. Your child has a user name and password that can be used both at home and at school.

Mathletics is a web-based learning program, which integrates home and school learning via the internet. Mathletics covers Prep- Year 12 Australian Maths Curriculum and is currently used in over 4000 Australian schools, with more than 800,000 students accessing our site every day.

http://www.mathletics.com.au

Reading Eggs/ Reading Express is an online program where kids aged 3-13 learn to read with fun reading lessons, phonics games and comprehension activities for the older children.


If you are concerned about your child’s progress in one or both of these areas, using these resources at home is a great opportunity to help him/her improve.

Effort
I have started checking with the children at the end of the day asking them where they would place their effort for the day on a continuum of 1 to 5. 1 being I did not work, I fooled around, to 5 I tried extremely hard.
If you have time check with your child some afternoons and discuss the rating with him/her.
Coding
The years 4 to 6 students will commence an online coding course after we return from Tallebudgera.

Code Breaker navigates students through online structured coding and computational problem solving activities. It aims to engage students to think and problem solve while acquiring an understanding of how technologies can work for them. Computer coding is a set of instructions that tells your computer, mobile phone, tablet or other device to solve a problem or carry out a task. Code Breaker provides an introduction into computer programming using Block Code and progresses to the basics of Python, including an understanding of computer programming syntax. Code Breaker exposes, engages and challenges students to embrace innovation in a digital age.

I am excited about this course as it gives the students an opportunity to participate in learning that will be vital for employment in the future.

Tallebudgera
Thank you everyone for getting your medical forms back so quickly. I hope that I will not have to use the information whilst we are away but it is better to be prepared.

10 children are going to the camp from WSS. We will be joined by students from Muttaburra, Isisford and Saint Lawrence. This camp is another great opportunity for the children to mix with students from other schools.

A parent shall accompany me on the trip as will parents and the principals from the other schools. We will leave from Longreach on Saturday 20th. Please let me know if you want me to organize the bus to take the students from Windorah or if you would prefer to take your child to the plane in Longreach.

I have already sent home an itinerary and clothes list but if you need another one please let me know.

School As Usual
School will be on as usual for those children who have opted to stay at home. Miss Jenny or Miss Helen will be at school every day and the children are expected to attend.

Observation about Sports Camp
I went to watch Julian and the snakes. There were 9 venomous snakes but I liked the kids python. (Polly)

I liked it when Julian came in with the snakes because I liked all of the snakes but my favourite snake was the Red Bellied Black snake. (Kyanna)

At the Windorah Sports Camp I really enjoyed playing NRL with Lane and Jim. The best game was Last Man Standing. You have to get everyone else’s bibs before they get your off. We had 40 minutes for each activity. We did two more activities: Tennis and Hockey. Tennis was fun. Hockey was painful. (Harry)

Monday night was Talent night. Everybody was there and Windorah danced. I got up and sang Good Morning beautiful and I won a pink watch. When you shake it, it works. (Daitonah)
On Thursday night Mrs Hughes made us sing in front of all the other kids. I was hiding behind Asialee when I was supposed to be singing. Lily and I thought that it was very embarrassing. I told Mrs Hughes that I did not want to sing but I had to. After we finished I went and got dessert.

(Kitty)

On Monday 11th July was Sports Camp and my favourite was NRL with Jim and Lane and my favourite game was when we played Stuck in the Mud.

(Dominique)

I liked the disco. I danced with Miss Jenny.

(Stephanie)

My favourite sport was Athletics with Peta doing High Jump and Long Jump and NRL with Lane and Jim. Then we went to smoko. I was full after the smoko then we went to Hockey then Tennis with Ian. He was very funny. I hit him on the leg.

(Koby)

In the Sports Camp there were simultaneous events going on. My favourite was Tennis because Ian made me laugh a lot. When I hit him with a ball he pretended to be hurt. After that we played another sport and then we went to lunch. We went to Hockey then Netball. Eventually, it was smoko! We ate our smoko and went back to doing sports.

(Asiallee)

My favourite sport was NRL. We were playing Last Man Standing with footballs. Lane and Jim were good coaches because they knew everything. After they left everybody at Sports Camp got a football. The last sport we did was Netball. We had to verse the year 4’s and year 6’s but the year 5’s won. Yep, we’re the coolest! On disco night me and my family went to the Cooper Cabins for dinner and watched football.

(Thomas)

At the Sports Camp there are 7 sports. The 7 sports run simultaneously. My favourite sports were NRL, Gymnastics, Tennis and African Drumming. On Wednesday Julian the snake man came to teach us about what to do if we get bitten by a snake. He also bought real life snakes. I thought they were gorgeous! My favourite snake was the Red Bellied Black Snake. It was my favourite because Julian was stepping on it and kicking it and it didn’t care. The largest and most aggressive snake was a beautiful King Brown Snake. All Julian had to do to make it strike was to put his boot near it then.....BANG! A powerful strike to the boot. Overall, I enjoyed the sports camp and I hope everyone else did too. (Lily)

There are 8 760 hours in a year. An average primary school child spends 900 hours at school in the year. So 7 860 hours are spent at home.