Time really does fly when you are having fun! We are nearly half way through another term which means assessment will begin for some subjects. It is vital that students are coming to school rested, with plenty of lunch and all homework/catch up tasks completed. NAPLAN is over for another year, so back to our normal routine and schedule.

As communicated in a number of previous newsletters, I will be away next week attending a Principal Conference in Gladstone. A District Relief Teacher (DRT), from Longreach, has been arranged to cover my absence. Mr Reg will still be at school to assist as Teacher Aide and Admin Officer, with Miss Jane visiting as Cluster Teacher also. This is not a time for ‘busy work’. Students will continue to follow the curriculum and be provided with high-quality teaching.

Unfortunately, over the past couple of weeks, it has been brought to my attention that there are a number of negative, incorrect remarks about Windorah State School being circulated in our community. As the Minister’s representative, I would like to invite all parents to attend the meeting in the school at the time and date below so that any concerns can be discussed in an open environment and any misconceptions corrected. It is fundamental, for continuity of our wonderful little school, that Windorah State School is portrayed in a positive manner. An outline of this meeting will be provided in the next newsletter, and discussed at the next P & C meeting.

Parent Meeting

Friday 23rd May 2014

5:15pm

Regards,

Miss Emma

Events and Information (on next page)
What a Difference a Day Makes

- Missing One Day a Week for a Term = 2 weeks
- Missing One Day a Week for a Year = 8 weeks
- Missing One Day a Week for 10 Years = 400 days = 2 years of school!!

Thank you to the parents that inform me of absences prior to the student missing school. This allows an opportunity for the student to be provided with learning tasks, to ensure the least negative impact on their learning.

In each 5 week data cycle, students are given an A-E grading for attendance. An overall attendance grading is also formally recorded in Report Cards. The grading is calculated as below:

- A >96.0%
- B 93.0% - 95.9%
- C 90.0% - 92.9%
- D 85.0% - 89.9%
- E <84.9%

Students who receive an ‘A’ grading at the end of the semester will participate in a rewards afternoon, in the first week of Term 3. If you would like to know your child’s current attendance rate, please contact myself or Mr Reg. This reward program will continue for the remainder of the year, however it will be presented each term rather than semester.

Curriculum Chat

Whole class reading goal for Week 5 & 6: Turn on the meaning (recognising 3 types of meaning)

1. Literal: What do the words say?
2. Inferential: What does the message mean?
3. Personal: What do I think about it?

Student of the Week

Venessa Harris for achieving 50 Strive 4 Five tickets.