Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY
17th February
Student Leader inductions

MARCH
31st March
Term One ends

APRIL
18th April
Term Two starts
24th April
Quilpie & district cross country
25th April
ANZAC day
26th—29th April
Quilpie centenary celebrations
28th April
Quilpie Shire holiday

MAY
1st May
Labour Day holiday

JUNE
23rd June
Term Two ends

Welcome to the Cryer!

School Review
As mentioned in our last Cryer our School Review will be held on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd of March (next week). The review is a process that all Queensland State Schools are a part of. The review team will speak with all staff, students and parents about the strategic direction of the school. They want to be able to see a clear line of sight from our strategic documents, into our school budgeting and whole school planning then into our intended curriculum. School priorities need to be evident across the entire school from Prep-10.

After the review an action plan will be devised to align with an agreed area of development. I look forward to sharing the outcome of the review with you so you know what we as a school community are working on to ensure all students achieve the greatest outcomes that they can.

Quilpie State College School Priorities 2016
1. The Explicit Teaching of Reading strategies
2. Positive Behaviour for Learning

We have sharpened our focus from three priorities to two this year to streamline our practices and work towards noticeable improvement in the areas of Reading and PBL.

Reading
This term the Quilpie State College Reading Framework is being revised and changes made to reflect current practices. Consistency of practice and expectations needs to be clear and evident. This is something ALL teaching staff are positively working towards.

PBL
Last week we had a visit from our PBL coach Allison. Allison observed our practices and gave us feedback on the implementation of PBL into 2017. Great news—we are doing very well and Allison was really happy with the progress. We still have work to continue on with but it will be a constant process that we refine and review each year.

Swimming
Well done Lexi and Lewis for competing in the Charleville & District Swimming Trials. Congratulations to Lexi who received a 2nd and a 3rd and to Lewis who received age champion! Great work!

Student Leader Induction
This Friday 17th February the Quilpie State College Leadership Induction will take place. This will be held in the Resource Centre at 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Instrumental music
Again this year instrumental music will take place. Stewart Sloan the instrumental music teacher from Charleville will be visiting our school each Friday to teach those students who have signed up to the program. An agreement between students, parents and school is required for your child to participate.

Principal—Term Two-Four 2017
An Expression of Interest will be going out later this week to advertise for the Acting Principal position for Term Two-Four for 2017. I will be working with the successful applicant closely to ensure that the Quilpie State College priorities and direction is kept the same. Our existing staff work very closely with me, so I have no doubt that their support to the successful applicant will be evident and seen. I look forward to sharing with you the news of the EOI. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to ask me.

Please remember if any parents/carers or community members would like to be part of our School Review (a short discussion with review team via phone or in person) please contact me.

Regards,
Rachael McWaters
What’s happening in Prep-1?

It’s been a fun first few weeks!

We have been learning lots of new things in our classes and settling in to Prep and Year 1 nicely.
HEALTHY LUNCHBOX IDEAS

**Baked Potato Pizzas**

1. Scoop out the inside of one baked potato and put in bowl
2. Add vegetables like green and red bell peppers (about 1-3 TBL)
3. Add 1 TBL low fat ricotta cheese
4. Add 1 egg to hold it altogether.
5. Roll mixture into a ball, and cook it on a skillet or griddle.
6. Optional: Top with pizza sauce and some part skim mozzarella.

**Bonus:** This little lunch idea is gluten free!

This makes a quick and healthy lunch when you use leftover baked potatoes. So don't toss those out! Make them into pizzas the next day.
Centenary Exhibition
26-30 April 2017

The Quilpie Cultural Society Inc. will showcase a display of their members work at the Cultural Society building in Brolga Street Quilpie during the Centenary Celebrations.

In addition to the display a Competition for persons 16 years and over will be held with the theme being

“One Hundred Years of Quilpie”

Judging will be by Public Vote with $1.00 per vote (100 Cents)

All entries must have the persons name and contact details attached and the Categories are:

1. Patchwork Quilt of any size up to 1.6m x 1.8m

2. Table Runner any size any type

3. Any other Craft Item that can be but not limited to, Art, Welding, Woodwork, Silversmithing (a piece with 100 links), Leadlighting, Embroidery, Sewing, Leatherwork or a 100 year old chair that has been re-upholstered

Closing Date for Entries is 10 April 2017 and
For further information please ring Marlene Wendelborn
Tele: 07 46561273

This Competition is open to all members of the Quilpie Cultural Society and persons over the age of 16 who live within the Quilpie Shire

Sue McWaters President M: 0488 987 136
Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Quilpie Shire Council to support local arts and culture in regional communities.

Quilpie Shire has developed new priorities for the 2016-2017 RADF program. Under the framework of the Arts and Cultural Plan the local priorities are:

1. **Our People & Community**
   A creative, engaged, cohesive community which supports and acknowledges its artists and artisans

2. **Our Place**
   An appealing, attractive Shire with quality arts & cultural facilities and amenities

3. **Our Past**
   Preservation and celebration of our rich natural and cultural heritage

4. **Our Partnerships**
   Productive partnerships and alliances within and external to the Region

5. **Our Prosperity**
   An arts and cultural sector that contributes economic value and prosperity

**ROUND THREE will close on Friday 31 March 2017**


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10 February 2017

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Mulga Mates Newsletter

14th February 2017

Well here we are in February already…..we had a busy January with 3 new children starting at the centre. We have Eli & Ava Park and Daniel Weier who all started on the 18th January. We had a bit of settling in for the new year where the children were introduced once again to the rules of the centre, walking feet, listening ears, inside voices and “Stop, I don’t like it” ect. We have introduced “Numbers & letters” of the week were the children of all ages learn something new each week. This is followed up with books, games and discussions. The children enjoy this activity as they all get a say.

The children and staff worked hard with our Australia Day activities. They painted Aussie flags, coloured in Aussie animals and we read lots of Aussie books about the history and traditions. The children’s imagination went wild sometimes with our group discussions. Was very entertaining at times. We celebrated Australia Day with an Aussie lunch of party pies & sausage rolls, BBQ sausages & tomato sauce in bread, vegemite sandwiches with lamingtons for desert. All was donated by Trevor Mead. A HUGH thank you to him.

We celebrated Chinese New Year on the 2nd February, The Year of the Rooster. We had a GREAT day. Some of the activities were decorating fans, making dragons, painting roosters and learning their traditions and ways of the Chinese people. Books were read and discussion were had, lots of questions asked. The children and staff celebrated with a special lunch of noodles, spring rolls, fish, and pork dumplings, for our sweet dish we had sago with mandarin slices. Lunch was enjoyed by all...

We are celebrating “Wear Red Day” (Heart Research Australia) on the Tuesday 14th of February. The children and staff enjoyed doing the activities for this special day. Already we have made red apples and the beginning of our ladybugs that are hanging around the room. One of our activities will be icing heart shaped biscuits made by Michelle. We have asked the children to wear something red on the day and also to bring a gold coin donation if possible. We also have on the Kindy Facebook the link to our donation page called “Mulga mates Team” which Michelle generated for us and will continue to the end of March. If you can help that would be appreciated. Every bit helps!!

On Monday the children and I planted our new vegie and flower garden. We put in tomatoes, corn, sage, marigolds, and daisies. I had lots of help with the watering too where one or two children accidently got wet. It will be cared for by the children and will be enjoyed by all. So as you can see it is GO –GO- GO at the centre.