

BRIGALOW NEWS

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MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Public Holiday
Monday 6th October

TERM 4
Week 1 - School Camp
Week 2 - Swimming Starts Fridays.

Parade
Every Second Wednesday

Tuckshop
Every Wednesday
please see tuckshop email for the menu

Library
Every Wednesday

PRINCIPALS REPORT

As we come to the end of a busy term, I would like to congratulate our students, staff, and families on what has been a very productive Term 3.

One of the highlights this term has been the return of our NAPLAN results. We are extremely proud to see our students performing exceptionally well against national benchmarks. These results are a reflection of the hard work and dedication shown by our students, the commitment of our teaching staff, and the ongoing support provided by our families. Well done to everyone involved in helping our students achieve such positive outcomes.

Term 3 has also provided many memorable opportunities for learning, personal growth, and community engagement. A particular highlight was the Mini Olympics. This wonderful event brought our school community together and showcased the truly amazing and unique community connection our school has within the region.I would like to extend a huge thank you to our P&C for their outstanding efforts in organising such a successful day. Through their hard work and the generosity of many local businesses, a considerable amount of money was raised towards the purchase of a new generator, which will benefit our current students and future generations of learners.

As we look ahead to Term 4, there is plenty to be excited about. We will begin the term with our whole-school camp in Yeppoon, an experience that students have been eagerly anticipating. In Week 2, we welcome an African drumming group to our school, providing students with a unique cultural and musical learning opportunity. Swimming lessons will also commence in Week 2, helping students develop important water safety skills and confidence in the water. Of course, the term will conclude with one of the most anticipated events on our calendar, our Christmas Concert, where students will have the opportunity to showcase their talents and celebrate another successful year together.

Thank you to our students, staff, families, and P&C for your continued support throughout the term. I wish everyone a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable holiday break, and I look forward to seeing all students return refreshed, motivated, and ready for an exciting Term 4.

Kind Regards,

Glenn Hayles. Principal

Mr Hayles Classroom - year 3-6



Term 3 has been packed with learning, creativity, and exciting experiences in the Year 3-6 classroom!

In English, students explored persuasive texts and discovered how writers and speakers influence an audience. They investigated language features such as rhetorical questions, emotive language, repetition, hyperbole, similes, and modalitybefore putting their skills into practice. Their culminating task was to create a vlog persuading Mr Hayles that students should attend camp in Yeppoon. Students were very impressive with their confidence, creativity, and convincing arguments (Maybe we'll end up going...)

In Mathematics, students investigated a range of measurement concepts involving length, mass, and capacity. They learnt how to convert between different units of measurement and applied these skills to real-world problem-solving tasks. Students also deepened their understanding of fractions through engaging hands-on activities and challenges.

Beyond the classroom, students have enjoyed several memorable experiences this term. They travelled to Coppabella for a drone clinic, where they learnt about drone technology and developed their flying skills. Students also attended the Shake & Stir Theatre Company's performance of The Twits, bringing Roald Dahl's classic story to life in a fun and entertaining way.

A special highlight was a visit from renowned bush poet Earl, who shared his self-illustrated children's book Barrarina and inspired students through his storytelling, poetry, and creativity. Some students chose to write their own poetry which was entered into the Nebo Bush Poet's Smoko.

Students were also fortunate to attend the Whitsundays Voices Youth Literature Festival, thanks to the generous support of the Winchester Foundation, where they engaged with authors and participated in a variety of literacy-rich activities.

I'm incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, effort, and positive attitude shown by all students throughout the term and I look forward to another fantastic term of learning in Term 4!

Mrs Allen's Classroom–Prep to 2

August news from k-2

There have been many highlights this term. We welcome a new student, Addison Bates to our class and she was able to be part of our first exciting event, which was celebrating 100 days of learning. The children decorated shirts, made crowns, and iced delicious biscuits in recognition of all the hard work and learning that they have achieved in 100 days.

In English this term we have been learning how to sequence our ideas logically, while writing procedures and persuading others to agree with their opinions. The children have loved all the different procedures that they have had to follow.They especially loved the Rocky Road made for Father's Day.

In maths the students have been exploring the features of 2D shapes and 3D objects. They have used terms such as straight sides, curved sides, parallel lines and corners to classify different shapes and objects. We have also been exploring open ended mathematical problem-solving questions, where students have had to identify the missing information before they could solve it.

It has been another wonderful month of learning and fun.The children have shown amazing growth in their learning journeys as evident at the parent-teacher interviews held this week. Term 4 will be here before we know it. Hope to see everyone at the upcoming Mini Olympics next weekend.

regards
Belinda Allen

Kindy News

Our kindy students have been busy learning and growing this term as we transitioned to three days a week. They have been spending more time in the big classroom and truly enjoy engaging with their peers. Lately, we have been exploring movement through play and activities both inside and outside the classroom, with a strong focus on shapes and letters over the last few weeks.

Our kindy students can now confidently write their names and are easily counting objects to ten. When choosing activities, they are wanting to do activities that involve early years exploration of writing and counting.

For Father's Day they excitedly helped to make the rocky road, built their own photo frames from paddle pop sticks and decorated paper using lego blocks.

The kindy kids have also loved creating their kindy café, making signs and selling food and drinks to both staff and students.

Only one more term of kindy, before moving into prep. From observations made this term it is obvious that the children are developing the skills necessary for this transition. Their confidence, resilience and perseverance are often astounding to those who work with them and the delight and curiosity that they bring to the classroom is infectious during their everyday interactions with others. Keep playing hard Kindy kids!

📚 A Friendly Reminder About Home Readers

Just a friendly reminder about our Home Readers routine for the week.

How it works:

Students are expected to read 4 nights each week. For example: Wednesday, Thursday, Monday and Tuesday.

Younger Years:

- Students will be given two books to read throughout the week.
- Each book should be read twice over the course of the week.
- Please date and initial each time your child reads.

Older Years:

- Students are expected to read a minimum of one chapter per night.
- Please write the date, record the chapter(s) read, and initial each time.

The goal is to establish a consistent reading routine and encourage students to take responsibility and accountability for their reading.

⭐ Reading Reward:

Students who complete all 4 nights of reading and return their Home Readers on Wednesday will receive a sticker to go into the running to receive an ice block at the end of the term! 🍦

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child develop a positive and consistent reading habit. 💛



Student of the Week











HAPPY Father's Day













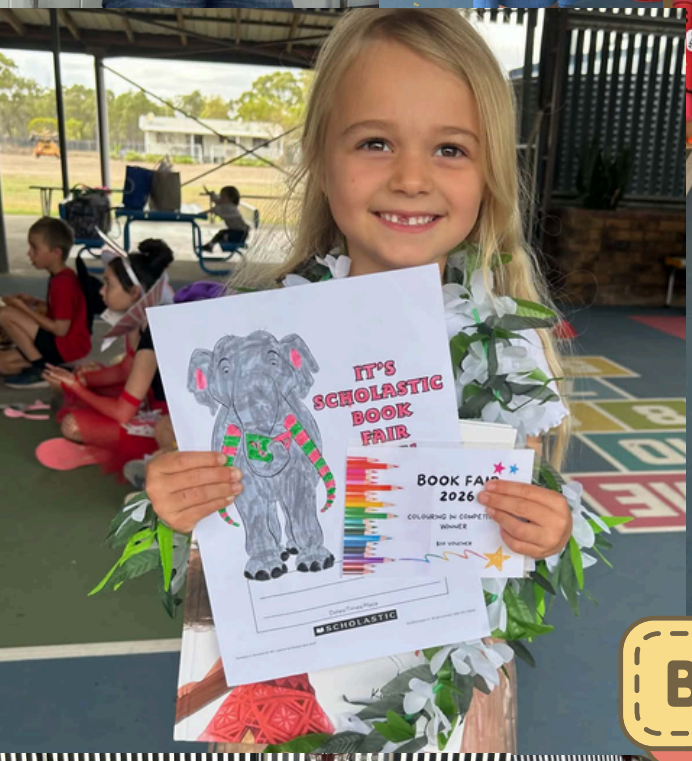









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HAPPY BIRTHDAY





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Mr Hayles





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Hello Parents and Community,

What an enormous, jam-packed term 3 we've had! We had a wonderful start welcoming Mr. Glenn Hayles to the Valkyrie school and community as Acting Principal for terms 3 & 4. He comes with a wealth of teaching experience and has undertaken large stints of his time in rural and remote settings, so he has fitted into our little rural community brilliantly! He hit the ground running in the first week joining our yr3-6 students on the Winchester Camp at Kinchant Dam, and all students at the amazing 2-day Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival. Our immense appreciation to the Beryl Neilsen Winchester Foundation for making both amazing opportunities possible each year. The camp see's our students mix with many other neighbouring rural schools, and the Festival is a special and unique opportunity to hear from children's book authors and undertake workshops all about reading and writing.

Early in the term we elected a new P&C executive and kicked into action with 2026 Mini Olympics planning.

This term saw plenty of sporting action. Many of our students participated in local campcraft's and horse sports, returning for the week full of stories, ribbons and aspiring to faster horses! Yr3-6 students also headed off to Clermont for the annual ICPA sports camp for a week, another highlight of the year, celebrating 30 years!!

Kindy-6 enjoyed an exciting outing to Nebo to watch a performance – Roald Dahl's 'The Twits'. They all reported it was very funny, silly and a great show to watch and had parents worried reciting the parts about "nits"!!

We had parent teacher interviews. The students enjoyed a colourful change from their usual blue and yellow, to wearing various colours throughout the term supporting various causes and initiatives: Do It For Dolly Day – blue, RUOK Day – orange, and Rural and Remote Education Day – red.

The school hosted a Father's Day breakfast, welcoming many of our wonderful dads and grandfathers. They shared a BBQ breakfast and played some games on the lawn.

All students prepared poems for submission to the 25yr Nebo Bush Poets Smoko, showing imaginative and creative rhyming, with plenty of bush and horse themes throughout.

In the second last week came one of the highlights of the year – Book Week! All students went to great lengths to come dressed as a much-loved book character and enjoyed a parade of their costumes in front of parents and community. A special mention to Belinda for her amazing costume efforts, and to Glenn for the interactive listening/shape shifting activity. The students then excitedly filled the library and chose their new books and stationery. We thank all families who supported the Scholastic Book Fair. All purchases accrue credits for the school to purchase further reading materials for our library.

And lastly, the term has culminated in the very special community event that we proudly host each year, the 2026 Mini Olympics! This year we welcomed 12 registered teams (some chopping and changing saw almost 16 teams!). We were overwhelmed by the array of generosity received across sponsorship and donations. We offered 33 items in the live fundraising auction, and had over 56 bundles in the raffle, consisting of 3 mega items, open multi draw and for the first time this year a kids only section. We are proud to report that the auction raised $26,800, and the raffle and canteen offerings made $4,500. We are still finalising the rest of the events accounts, but can see that a substantial amount was raised for our amazing little rural school. A P&C meeting held this term determined that the funds this year would all go directly towards getting a new generator for the school, one that is substantial to meet the entire power needs in an outage, that is hardwired in and automatically switches over. Clarke Creek SS have recently installed a system of this kind and we have sought their specifications, process and feedback. Our immense thanks to Glenn for getting the relevant application underway with the Infrastructure/Building section of the Department of Ed. All going smoothly we should have a new system in place before the wet season is upon us. On behalf of the entire P&C, our immense appreciation goes to all members, extended families, staff, community and those who gave enormously to volunteering to make the day such a success. It's heartwarming to know we still have such strong support from community and families who remain connected to the school.

We are all looking forward to a rest and reset over the holidays, with warmer weather will no doubt see plenty of water activities.

Next term we kick off straight away with our school camp to Cool Waters at Yeppoon which students are eagerly looking forward to.

Kind regards

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