**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Prep – Year 3  Mackenzie Thompson  
Years 4 – 6  Kyle Rushby

**RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR PLAN**

BE SAFE
BE RESPONSIBLE
BE RESPECTFUL
BE A LEARNER

**CROSS COUNTRY RUN**

Well done to Hayley, Luke, Ryan and Sam who put in a tremendous effort completing the Cross Country Course yesterday. Luke Head placed second and will be representing Sarina District at the Mackay Trials.

**NAPLAN**

Each year our Year 3 and 5 students participate in the National Literacy and Numeracy testing. This occurs over 3 days and will be held on 10th, 11th and 12th May. Our students have been practising for these tests in preparation.

Language Conventions and Writing will be held on Tuesday, Reading on Wednesday and on Thursday, numeracy testing will be held.

I am going to be providing a cereal and cooked breakfast for our Year 5 students to help switch on our students’ brains. Breakfast will be served at 8am each morning of the tests.

**LIBRARY**

A reminder that we now change our library books on a Friday. Could you please remind your child to bring their library bag on this day?

**WHITSUNDAY VOICES - Youth Literature Festival**

This year our Year 4 – 6 students have been invited to attend the Festival sponsored by the Winchester Foundation. The Winchester Foundation was developed to support small schools in remote areas. This is a fantastic opportunity and students will be provided with a shirt advertising the Winchester Foundation to be worn during our trip. Entry to the sessions, the bus trip and meals will be provided by the Winchester Foundation. Our students will be travelling into Mackay on Friday, 15th July. Further information will be provided when it comes to hand.

**P & C NEWS**

A reminder that our P&C has been asked to cater for the 2016 Annual Productivity Awards Night. This has been a good fundraiser in past years. It will be held on Thursday 26th May and we are asking for volunteers to cook desserts and help on the evening in either or both of these ways. Please phone the school if you are able to assist us.

**COOKBOOK**

A reminder that our P & C has decided to put together a community cookbook to raise funds for our P & C. We are looking for locals to contribute their famous family recipes to be published in our soon to be famous cookbook. If you would like your recipes published in the cookbook, please send a copy of your recipe through to: Nikki – janimaco4@optusnet.com.au  
Tanya – tany1682@hotmail.com  
Or drop them into the School.  
We look forward to all your yummy recipes.
**P & C MEETING**  
Our next P & C Meeting will be held on Friday, 13\textsuperscript{th} May 2016 commencing at 3pm.

**AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDER**  
April was Autism Awareness Month and last week I met with our new Central Queensland Autism Coach (Helen McLennan) who is working across schools in the region to help boost supports for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

ASD is a lifelong disability. It is characterised by difficulties with social communication and restricted, repetitive patterns of behaviour, interests or activities and ranges along the spectrum from mild to severe. While there is no known cure for ASD, there are a number of supports that can be put in place both at home and at school that have positive impacts on engagement, learning and well-being.

Children with ASD may have difficulties with:
- Making and keeping friends
- Understanding social cues and body language
- Controlling emotions (especially when feeling stressed or anxious)
- Organisation (of self and belongings)
- Following complicated instructions
- Sensory processing (e.g. may become distressed at loud sounds or may have difficulty sitting still).

The types of supports that might be helpful at school and home include:
- Use of visuals (e.g. using gestures or pictures to accompany instructions)
- Use of a timetable to prepare students for the day
- Predictable routines
- Teaching social skills during work and play time
- Allowing ‘calm down’ time and break areas for when students are becoming stressed / upset.

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