

# Oonoonba State School Newsletter

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*Term 3, Week 10 – Wednesday September 13, 2017*



## Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all left wondering how this Friday could be the last day of term! The term has passed so quickly. There is no doubt that this term in particular, we have provided many opportunities for our students in addition to a strong curriculum focus. Through the recent feedback gathered for our four year plan, you have indicated that this is important to you, that your child has a range of opportunities in which to participate.

### Reflections

Looking back over this term, students have had the opportunity to participate in a range of whole school, year level, class level activities including: Athletics carnival, Eisteddfods, OPTI-Minds, NAIDOC, Culture Club, Chinese Cultural Night, Science Extension at William Ross High, camps, excursions, Sporting Schools, Mosaic Art for Fringe Ephemera, Book Week.

In the meantime, teachers have been busy teaching and students learning. We are very proud of the achievements and progress that students have made throughout the term. Congratulations to staff, parents and students who have worked hard to achieve success in all that has occurred this term.

### Term 4

Term 4 begins on Tuesday October 2 as Monday is a public holiday for the Queen's birthday. The final term is also busy with focussed teaching and learning happening so that the content for the year level is finalised. The Australian Curriculum builds on concepts throughout Prep to Year 6 which is why we say "every day counts". If students are absent they are very likely to miss important concepts. Term 4 is also busy for our Prep teachers who conduct transition activities for students from Kindy and for our Year 6 teachers involved in organising the End of primary celebration at the end of the year and transition for Year 6 students. Our leadership process for selection of School Leaders will be implemented prior to this event.

### Enrolments

Enrolments are welcome now for all year levels for 2018. In particular, if you have a prep student for 2018 please let the office know as soon as possible. "In catchment" students need to be catered for before any out of catchment students can be considered. Hence we need to know about all in catchment enrolments as soon as possible. If you are aware of friends or family needing to enrol please pass on this information.

## OUR VISION..

'CONNECTING  
AND  
ENGAGING  
THROUGH  
LEARNING'

## DIARY DATES

### September

**Thursday 14**  
R U OK? Day

**Friday 15**  
Cowboys Supporter Day  
Wear your cowboys colours to school

Last Day of Term 3

### October

**Tuesday 2**  
First Day of Term 4

**Tuesday 17**  
Aussie Hoops Basketball Program  
3:00pm – 4:00pm  
More information to follow

## Go Cowboys

Our newsletter is received by the Cowboys Club so last week when they knew that we were supporting our Adopt- a-Cowboy Ben Hampton and the boys by having a "Supporters' Day" they asked us to take a photo. We thought you would like to see it as well. I am sure that this support helped the Cowboys to secure a win last week so the school community is once again invited to dress up in Cowboys supporters' gear or colours.

## Safe holidays

Here's hoping that the holiday break will be a time for some relaxation for all the school community. For parents you will at least get a break from the routines and the busyness that come with the school term. I hope you can enjoy the time. Thank you all for your support this term. I look forward to working with you again next term.

Regards



Anne-Marie Day  
Principal

## News from Music

What an exciting week we had last week with our participation in the Townsville Juvenile Eisteddfod. On Wednesday it was the turn of our String Ensemble and School Concert Band to perform in their respective sections. Whilst they didn't feature in the placings the comments from the adjudicator were very encouraging. On Thursday our school choir competed in the Folk Song and Unison sections. We managed a 3rd placing in the Folk Song section and were only one point off a highly commended in the Unison section. I'm sure all those parents who attended will agree with me about how beautiful the whole choir sounded. I was one very proud teacher on Thursday. The other thing that impressed was the comments we received from others, like the bus driver and the Civic Theatre attendants, about how well behaved our children were and what a good example they were setting for others to follow.

Next term we will be getting ready for Christmas concerts. We will also begin the process of recruitment for our instrumental program for 2018. Year 2 children will be given the opportunity to try out for the Strings Program and Year 3 students will be able to try out for the Woodwind, Brass and Percussion Program. More information will follow closer to the time.

Have a wonderful safe holiday and I look forward to working with all the students next term.

Yours in Music

Mrs Gough, Mr Temple, Ms Brown



**ICY CUPS WILL BE SOLD FROM  
F BLOCK PLA THIS THURSDAY  
AFTER SCHOOL INSTEAD OF  
FRIDAY**



Congratulations to 4 of our past Students (Jordan, Emily, Lauren and Gracie) who are taking part in the Tropics program at Townsville State High School and are heading off to compete in the Queensland Secondary Schools Titles in Brisbane. It is great to see many of our past students achieving success. Girls, we wish you all the best at the titles.

**Staff and Students would like to wish our Adopt-a-Cowboy Ben Hampton and the North Queensland Cowboys all the best for the next round of finals this weekend. We will be cheering loudly for you all.**



**RU OK? DAY™**

A conversation could change a life.

September 14 is the national day of action dedicated to reminding everyone that we've all got what it takes to ask, "are you OK?" and support those struggling with life. Taking part can be as simple as learning R U OK?'s four steps so you can have a conversation that could change a life. Ensure you make time to look after yourself, your workmates, your family and friends, not only on September 14<sup>th</sup>, but every day.

[www.ruok.org.au](http://www.ruok.org.au)

JCU TOWNSVILLE FIRE PRESENTS

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY

## \*\*\* Camp \*\*\*

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A fun 2 days of **FREE** basketball skills, drills and games coached by players from your JCU Townsville Fire team

**SEPTEMBER**  
**18TH and 19TH**  
**9AM – 1PM**

**TOWNSVILLE STADIUM**  
**BOYS & GIRLS AGES**  
**10 - 15 YEARS**

- Pre registrations open now
- Please arrive 15-20 minutes prior to the start of camp to fill out registration forms if registering on the day

- All players need to bring their water bottle and a healthy snack





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Department of Education and Training

## Townsville Workshop for Parents/carers

### The Willows State School

#### Parent Workshop – Understanding and Supporting Behaviour

This workshop will provide evidence based practical strategies for parents to support their children with autism.

Participants will:

- Discuss the various reasons why behaviour occurs
- Explore strategies to develop a function based approach to support behaviour
- Examine a range of strategies to support the development of skills

Workshop Information	Parent Workshop – Understanding and Supporting Behaviour
Day/Date	Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
Time	1:00 pm to 1:30 pm
Venue details	The Willows State School
Target Audience	Parents and carers of children with autism
Max number of participants	30
Link to/for registrations	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/kirwan-understanding-and-supporting-behaviour-parent-workshop-tickets-37329019101?aff=erelpanelorg">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/kirwan-understanding-and-supporting-behaviour-parent-workshop-tickets-37329019101?aff=erelpanelorg</a>