Canberra
A terrific trip to Canberra was had by all last week. Our students were excellently behaved and were privileged to be involved in visits to so many amazing sites round Canberra. I must admit that our visit to the Australian War Memorial was a highlight for me and having Kamrin laying a wreath at the end of the day was very special. The weather was less freezing than I had anticipated, so that was a bonus, the accommodation was good, the children thought the food was great and everyone enjoyed themselves. Fortunately the Wowan kids must be tough ones, as none of my kids were sick, so that was also an added bonus too. Many thanks to the P and C for helping fund the camp and for all the parents for being there to collect their child when we returned. Well done Wowan State School students on a great camp - I was very proud to be accompanying you on the trip.

New Principal
As you all would be aware, I am in an acting role as the Principal of Wowan State School. I have been offered, and accepted, the permanent position of Principal at Winfield State School, which is north of Bundaberg. I will be commencing this new position at the start of next term. An Expression of Interest has been called for the position of Principal at Wowan State School for Term 4 and as soon as I hear who is going to be here for that term, I will let you all know.

Centenary Meetings
As the centenary date draws closer and closer, we are now having weekly meetings. They will be held on Monday at 4.00pm in the library. Everyone is most welcome to join these meetings.

Things are certainly all falling into place and the centenary on Saturday 17 September looks like being a terrific event.

Father’s Day Stall
Don’t forget about our Father’s Day Stall tomorrow, which will allow your child to purchase a gift for Dad. Gifts are all priced at $3.

Professional Development
On Friday 9 September both Liz Kane and I will be in Rockhampton at professional development. We will be attending Effective Teaching of Reading Foundation Skills by Dr Anita Archer. Mrs Smith and Mrs Rohrschnieder will be taking the classes in our absence.

Front Entry
Many thanks to the folk who helped clear away all the stones that were in the stone garden beside the library. It was great to have all the help. Thanks also to the people who were able to assist with laying the turf where the stones had been previously. The turf has taken well and is growing successfully, so it should be looking great by the time of the Centenary. Thanks to Jason Grange for his direction and drive to get all of that happening.

Septic Pump Out
We will be using portalooes during the centenary. R and R Equipment Cleaning are offering anyone in Wowan area a domestic septic pump out at the cost of $300 when they come to clean the portalooes from the centenary. We need to secure at least three interested parties. Please ring Michelle on 49371133 if you are interested in this offer.
Prep and Year 1 English - We have begun our new unit which involves reading and listening to cultural stories. We have read two stories from the Dreaming - The Two wallabies and The Cocky, The Crow and The Hawk - and have written retells for both.

Prep, Year 1, 2 and 3 Science - We have read books about each planet and written down interesting facts about each planet. Children had to choose which planet they would like to live on and why. This week we began practicing how to use Power Point to complete our assessment task.

Year 4, 5 and 6 Science - We have researched a demonstration that we would like to do for the prep to Year 3 class as part of our assessment.

Year 1, 2 and 3 Technology - We have completed our first unit and will begin a new unit this week called “What digital systems do you use?”

Year 4, 5 and 6 Technology - We have continued with our Digital Technology unit and have been looking at coding and how digital systems work.

Prep, Year 1, 2 and 3 Art - Wowan Show Art is finished but here comes Father’s Day.

Prep, Year 1, 2 & 3 Health - We have begun looking at Road Safety and strategies for seeking help.

### Maths Focus

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### Student Achievement Awards

Jacinta – Be a Learner - Concentration and effort she puts into her spelling activities

Gerard – Be Responsible – Being a leader in his Box Model ‘rollercoaster cars’ group

Roxanne – Be a Learner – Showing effort to find information for our Science Timeline

Barry – Be a Learner – For always completing his daily spelling activities

Cooper – Be Responsible – Taking on leadership roles during Camp Week

Hayley – Be Respectful – Always demonstrating beautiful manners
We have had a quiet week with some of our seniors away at camp. The seniors that didn’t go have been wonderful to work with. They have completed their lessons, joined in all extra activities and been very helpful and cooperative. I will miss them next week.

Class 2/3 has been studying ‘The Lorax’ by Dr Seuss as part of their C2C unit of work. They have read the book, completed activities and watched the movie. They will now write their own poem about saving the trees.

Students of the Fortnight!!!!!
Cooper-Jacinta-Tyler H-Thomas

**Maths: Weeks 5 and 6**
- Time and Measurement
  - Relationship between minutes and hours
  - Telling time to 5 minutes
  - Telling time to the minute
  - Measuring using informal units
  - Comparing capacity

**History: P—6**
- P-2: History of Household appliances
- Year 3: Commemorations
- Year 4: History of Uluru
- Years 5/6: Secondary Colonies/ Federation

**Just a Thought:** With POWER comes RESPONSIBILITY, with RESPONSIBILITY comes TRUST. We are all ACCOUNTABLE.

**WE ARE ALL STARS!**

**THE POWER TO WIN MUST COME FROM WITHIN**
MOBILE LIBRARY
The Mobile Library visits the school every second Tuesday. The next mobile library visit will be Tuesday 16 August.

PAYING ACCOUNTS
Please remember that as a small school we do not have the ability to give out change. This also applies to uniform sales paid to the P&C. The correct money is much appreciated.

TUCKSHOP
Tuckshop is held every second Thursday. Next tuckshop will be held on Thursday ?? September.

SCHOOL BANKING
School banking is every Thursday. If you would like to deposit money into your child’s account please send it in on Thursday. If your child would like to participate, forms are available from the office.

STUDENT ABSENCES
If your child is going to be absent from school please ring the school on 49371133 to inform us and the reason they are away. It is a departmental requirement that we report the reason for a student’s absence.

Gracemere Cricket Club
Junior Cricket Teams

SIGN ON DATES
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2nd & 9th - 3.30pm to 5.00pm
GRACEMERE SPORTS CLUB, Armstrong St Gracemere
(off Old Capricorn Highway)
MILO Cricket - 6 to 8 years (Thursday Afternoon)
T20 Blast - 8 to 9 years (Friday Night - Rockhampton)
Under 12, 14 & 16 Fixtures (Saturdays - Rockhampton)
$200 - Season Fees (October to March)
(Includes Playing Shirt & Hat, Registration, Insurance & Balls Fees)
For more information, Find us on Facebook or contact
Tony Newman 0418 291 862 or tony.newman@merial.com

Wowan State School
CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, 17th September, 2016
Gates Open: 10:00am
Wowan State School was established in 1916. This year will mark the school’s centenary and we are celebrating this milestone with a fest and fun day at the school.

Official opening
Cake cutting
Roll call of all past students present on the day
Raffle draws
Planting a tree
Bar & Food Stalls running into the evening
Ride & Children’s Amusements
Classroom displays
Memorabilia/Photo displays

Come & catch up with old friends, colleagues and reminisce about your time at Wowan State School.

GET INVOLVED
If you have any photos, memorabilia, stories & memories, old uniforms or other items of interest and would like to get involved, please contact us via the details below.

SPONSORSHIP
If you would like to assist us by way of sponsorship, your financial contribution will be received gratefully and acknowledged on the day.

FATHER’S DAY
Market Day

Friday 2nd September, the children will be holding a Father’s Day Market. Children can purchase a small range of Father’s Day presents for $3 per gift. All proceeds from this will be going towards camp. The market will be run during the first lunch break.