**From the Principal**

**GENERAL MESSAGE**

It’s hard to believe that the end of the term is here once again. With Jacobi being on sick leave for the majority of this term, it has been absolutely manic here at the school! Many thanks to Mrs B, Ms Athena, Ms Emily and Mrs Tully who have continually worked longer and harder to enable the school to run as normally as possible in Jacobi’s absence. I would also like to apologise for not having written a Newsletter all term, but my main priority has been to keep up with the planning of quality lessons to allow each and every one of our students to continue to learn to the best of their ability. As things settle down next term, it is our intention to have both a Newsletter and a Parade one a month again.

**ATTENDANCE**

Our attendance rates are awesome at the moment. To date for this term our rate is a fantastic 97.5%; and overall for the entire year we are sitting on 96.1%!! Ten of our twelve students have recorded a rate above 95% for the whole year. A huge THANK YOU to all parents for showing such commitment and dedication to ensure your child has the best possible chance to achieve in their education. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV. http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland

**CLASSROOM UPGRADES**

Our new lap top computers and ‘cage’ for housing them arrived at the school earlier this term. However, one laptop was lost in transit and this has caused a huge delay in getting everything operational. We are unable to pay the account until all of the items are in our possession, which means we are also unable to record these items as assets, and therefore unable to use them until all items are on site. The due date for the replacement that has been sent is 19 June, so hopefully I will be able to get everything fully operational over the holidays.

**CLUSTER TEACHER**

Jacobi was on sick leave from the end of Week 2 up until the beginning of Week 7. During this time she decided that this job was just not what she had thought it would be, so took a transfer to a school in Gladstone. She returned to Birdsville in Week 7 to finalise her commitments to both schools and to pack her gear. She began teaching in Gladstone on Monday. We thank Jacobi for the time and effort she put into our students and school.

We are fortunate to have a replacement Cluster Teacher to begin at the start of Term 3. Ms Michelle Moore has been relieving here since last Friday, and has agreed to relocate from Longreach to Birdsville/Bedourie to take up the Cluster Teacher position. We welcome Michelle to our team. At this point in time I am unsure as to just what curriculum areas Michelle will be responsible for, as there is a new Principal coming in to Birdsville and we will need to discuss this with her so we can keep continuity between the schools.

**CHAPLAINCY**

Chappy Pete and Chappy Chris have now had three rotations with us. They return every third week, after having worked a week at Urandangie and then a week in Boulia. Both are retired teachers, so are aware of the constant challenges that we face each day in our schools. The students love having them here and eagerly await each visit. Last visit they started working on the You Can Do It program with the students. This is an overall student wellbeing program promoting both social and emotional learnings. It includes the topics of getting along, persistence, resilience, organization and confidence.
NAME CHANGE
At the last Principal’s Business Meeting and CoWSS days in Longreach, it was decided that the Coalition of Western Small Schools (CoWSS) would revert back to being known as Outback Advantage (OA). You will notice that we are now using our old logo as well.

VISIT FROM DAVID ROACH
On Wednesday afternoon (3 June) David Roach visited our school. David is the Assistant Regional Director supporting our school. He spoke with each student and looked through their books and tidy trays. He was extremely impressed with what he saw; and also the way in which students could talk to him about what they are learning and what they can do to improve their results. The children all enjoyed telling him about their work, and most of them wrote about his visit as something they enjoyed that week in their Weekly Report Cards. David was also impressed with the number of parents and community members who took the time out of their busy afternoons to have afternoon tea with him.

JAZZ CONCERT IN BIRDsville
On Wednesday, 22 July, Emma Pask and The John Morrison Trio (see attached information) will be in Birdsville. This group of extremely talented musicians has also offered to give the students a music lesson in the afternoon prior to their concert. At this point in time, our plan is to leave Bedourie so we can arrive in Birdsville in time for a 2pm music lesson. We will then have some dinner, listen to the concert and travel back to Bedourie at its completion. This will be an amazing experience for our students!

REPORT CARDS
Semester One Report Cards will be issued to all students. I am in the middle of getting these together at the moment. I will be writing the comments on the subject areas I have been totally responsible for this semester; and Jacobi has left me information that she had gathered on each student in the subject areas she was responsible for. I am compiling what she has left along with the evidence I have gathered in these areas in order to keep you fully informed of your child’s progress. Reports will be mailed to you sometime during the holiday period.

WINDORAH SPORTS CAMP
We will be leaving for Windorah at 9am on Monday morning, so could students please be at the school by 8:30 am so we can pack the bus and get on our way. Each child will need to bring a packed lunch and food to eat on the bus as we travel (no lollies please). We are aiming to be back in Bedourie by 3pm on Friday afternoon. I have attached the list of what to pack just in case you have misplaced the first one. Don’t forget about the home Bake Smoko items!!!!! This is going to be an excellent week of sports and socialising for our students.

HOLIDAYS
School holidays begin when we return from Windorah. School resumes on MONDAY, 13 July.

Leanne Hohnke-Jansen (Principal)

A NOTE FROM MICHELLE
My name is Michelle Moore and I have the privilege of working with your children in Semester Two as the Cluster Teacher. My experience has spanned from Prep to Grade 7. I have taught in schools on the Sunshine Coast, Tin Can Bay and my last position was District Relieving Teacher at Longreach. My home is on the Sunshine Coast where I have 4 children 19, 25, 27 and 30, three of these children have beautiful partners and I am Nanna to three awesome grandchildren.
I know my time in Bedourie will be rewarding and I look forward to working with your children. We have many things planned for a wonderful Semester Two. If you feel that you need to contact me please feel free to ring the school or pop in after school at 3pm.

Michelle Moore
EMMA PASK & THE JOHN MORRISON TRIO: LATIN, JAZZ, SOUL

TOUR
Jazz vocalist Emma Pask and the John Morrison Trio will undertake a tour of regional and remote Queensland, including Boonah, Warwick, Blackall, Barcaldine, Jundah and Birdsville as part of QMF 2015. The tour will be done in a light plane, carrying all gear needed for the concerts including a keyboard specifically chosen for transporting in a light plane.

EMMA PASK
The greatest gift to Australian Jazz Vocals in the last decade is how James Morrison, Australia’s most awarded jazzman, describes Emma Pask. While Emma’s voice and style are unique, and individually her own, her performances are reminiscent of the classic era of jazz, when swing was top of the charts.

By request, in 2006, Emma performed the Bridal Waltz for Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban’s wedding and earlier that same year was awarded the Mo Award for “Jazz Vocalist of the year”. Emma has been a regular guest on national TV shows and has also sung to VIP audiences including the late Diana, Princess of Wales, Princess Mary of Denmark, and the Prime Minister of Australia. She has performed with Don Burrows, Ed Wilson, Conductor Sean O’Boyle, with the WA Symphony Orchestra, at the Myer Music Bowl in Melbourne, toured her band, The Emma Pask Quintet, through Laos and Singapore and performed at the Sydney Opera House, alongside James Morrison and the Sydney Symphony Orchestra.

Following the enormous success of her first 2 albums, Emma and This Madness called Love, Emma has released her third solo album Some other Spring. Despite her achievements and the international recognition of her talent, Emma retains her natural, refreshing and unpretentious, positive approach to life. James Morrison says “Whilst it’s fashionable to be a jazz singer these days, she’s the real thing!”

JOHN MORRISON
John Morrison is an Australian jazz drummer, band leader, music educator and experienced commercial pilot. Voted as one of Australia’s best Big Band drummers, his big band Swing City was selected to open the Sydney 2000 Olympics. Throughout his career John Morrison and his many groups have headlined every major event and festival in Australia.

John’s driving swing feel has been heard with many internationally well-known artists including James Moody, Scott Hamilton, Eartha Kitt, Bobby Gebert, Don Burrows, George Golla, and Bob Barnard. Further to his busy playing schedule, John is a gifted educator, producer, and patron of many outstanding youth bands and orchestras. He has mentored literally hundreds of young musicians into successful playing careers and as a record producer engineered many of Australia’s finest award winning albums.

For over 25 years he has been musical director for the famous Sydney Jazz Camps. John has worked with disadvantaged schools throughout the Northern Territory inspiring hundreds of kids to get involved in the joys of music. John has also seeded bands in the remotest parts of the Cape York Peninsula for QMF giving young indigenous Australians the opportunity to try jazz. In 2015 John Morrison launched the Big Band Blast Festival in Port Macquarie.

Morrison is an outspoken proponent of music as a collaborative experience, not a competitive one. "Play with each other - not against each other".
JAKE BARDEN
At 22 years of age, Jake Barden has been hailed as one of Australia’s best young musicians. After listening to the classic sounds of Coleman Hawkins and Oscar Peterson since the age of 6, Jake was entrenched in the jazz tradition from an early age. After being taken under the wings of Don Burrows and John Morison, he has been performing and recording throughout Australia and overseas, with his debut international performance at the Montreux Jazz Festival at the tender age of 15.

After moving to Sydney to further his studies and career, Jake began working with a variety of Australia’s top musicians. Tours and Performances with mentor, John Morrison’s groups, as well as with George Golla, James Morrison, Judy Bailey, Darren Percival, Liam Burrows and his own groups, Jake was soon in high demand. This also saw the opportunity to perform with international artists including Jeff Clayton, Wycliffe Gordon, Marian Petrescu, Gordon Goodwin, Aaron Goldberg, Gregory Hutchinson, Bob Mintzer and Mike Stern.

With a busy playing schedule, Jake continues to perform throughout Australia and has recorded his debut album “Moving Up” with mentor, Don Burrows and Pianist, Mike Nock. Jake also takes the role of Musician and Pilot, obtaining his Pilot Licence in 2014, which has opened the door for performances right across Australia. Jake is also known for his radio work, previously hosting a radio show on Sydney’s Eastside Radio 89.7FM, providing a platform for young musicians to showcase their music.

PAUL WHITE
Paul White is a keyboard player that has been a professional musician for over 25 years. Residing in Adelaide, South Australia, Paul is regarded as one of Australia’s finest keyboard players and is in constant demand on the local and international scene. Paul has played with some of Australia’s music royalty including Brian Cadd, Doug Parkinson, Stevie Wright, and many more.

His career has seen him appear on countless albums as a session keyboardist and he has also composed music for film, video games, television, and radio. Paul is also a lecturer and Course Coordinator at TAFESA where he directs studies in Jazz and Commercial Music. His own education was undertaken at Adelaide University in the 1990s where he studied Jazz and over the years he has been fortunate enough to study under some of the Jazz masters like Sam Yahel and Mike LeDonne. The Hammond Organ is the instrument Paul specialises on these days and his award-winning group The Airbenders can be heard every Tuesday night at the Gilbert Street Hotel in Adelaide. In March 2015, Paul toured with the Helpmann award-winning theatre show Pinocchio, which performed on Broadway in New York City to packed audiences and raving reviews.
WINDORAH STATE SCHOOL
SPORTS CAMP
22nd – 26th June 2015

WHAT TO BRING

Please ensure that all items are clearly marked with your child’s name. All children will require clothing for one week.

SLEEPING BAG, SHEET AND PILLOW (No swags please)

HAT with brim (no caps allowed)

SUNSCREEN

INSECT REPELLENT

SHORTS (SCHOOL UNIFORM IS FINE)

SHIRTS

TRACK SUITS and/or JUMPERS (enough for each night)

SOCKS (enough for each day, each night and a few spare)

UNDERWEAR (enough for each day, each night and a spare)

SHOES – (joggers) and extra pair

NIGHT TIME CLOTHES for night time activities

PYJAMAS

TOOTHBRUSH & TOOTHPASTE

BRUSH and/or COMB

SOAP

TORCH

TOWEL for showering

THONGS for showering

SHOPPING BAG to take gear to showers

HOME BAKE

Donations of cakes, biscuits etc for morning and afternoon teas would, once again, be very much appreciated.

MEDICATIONS – Clearly labelled and handed to your Principal/Teacher to be looked after