We have reached half way through the first term of school for 2016 already! We have a great group of students at our school and it has been enjoyable to see the way that they are all working together in and outside the classroom.

**Open Classrooms and P&C AGM**
Thanks very much to everyone who came up to our open classroom afternoon on Monday. It was great to get the chance to talk about the way we teach students at our school, and to talk about how we can all work together to help our students have the best educational outcomes possible.

I know not everyone could make it on that afternoon, and we are always happy to talk about student learning with any parents at any point in throughout the year.

I would also like to thank the P&C for the dinner, and the support from the community that was received for the P&C AGM. It was great to see so many people in attendance.

The school staff and I would like to thank the P&C Executive (Jacqui Gill, Rebecca Turkington and Brooke Stepanoff) who are continuing in their roles for 2016, and welcome aboard John Heaton in the role as Vice President. I am confident that 2016 will be a successful year for our school P&C.

**School Leaders Day 2016**
I will be taking the Year 6 students to the Young Leader’s Day at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on Monday the 14th of March. This has traditionally been a great experience for students to be a part of a gathering of young leaders from across south-east Queensland and be a part of some leadership development.

Permission forms will be coming home for these students next week with the details.

**Hermitage Science 2016**
We will be commencing some work on the Hermitage Science project tomorrow. As a part of the ‘Year of the Pulse’ students will be involved in studying a range of experiments and making observations of chickpea growth through a range of different tasks. I would like to thank Mrs. Heaton for again taking the lead on the Hermitage Science project and look forward to seeing this engaging project undertaken throughout the next couple of months.

Tomorrow, we are really looking forward to having Mr. Chris Bazley from Clifton coming out to talk to the students about pulses.

**School Volunteers**
It is very important that we recognise the volunteers and helpers at school that do so much for us. Thank you to you all. We have reviewed the 2016 policy for school volunteers and are very pleased to see that all the requirements for our existing volunteers are 100% compliant. If any community members are interested in reading with students the best times for this are from 8:00am until 8:45am and from 10:00am until 10:30am when the whole school is focused on reading during reading groups. For those who wish to spend the whole morning in the school I am confident we can find plenty of opportunities to assist our students with their school work… and then join us for morning tea! If you are new to the school please see Madonna or I in the office to sort out the basic requirements for school volunteers.

**Nobby Triathlon Postponed – Pilton State School Challenge!**
Due to the short term, and general effort that goes into making a successful event like the Nobby Triathlon, it has been postponed for 2016, and there are plans in place to possibly make this a biennial event. I have had some disappointed students talk to me about this, and there are some suggestions about running a Pilton triathlon on the last day of term as a substitute. We are hatching some cunning plans to have a combined parents / teachers team to compete against the students, so if anyone is keen to have a go at this please come and let me know and we will try and make this happen!

Finally, we will be making use of the special opportunity to have a “Leap Day” on the 29th of February. Be prepared for students to have some stories about special “Leap Day” activities when they come home on Monday.

All the best,

Jon Robertson

Happy Birthday

Stewart today and Ali on the 8th March.
PREP—YEAR 2

**English**
During the 2\textsuperscript{nd} half of this term the Prep – 2 room will be investigating persuasion in picture books. The students have begun to read “Can I have a Stegosaurus Mum?” and they will also be reading “The Day the Crayons Quit”, and a variety of the Pigeon books by Mo Willems. At the end of the term, they will be creating a text of their own, which is an innovation on a book they have read during the unit.

**Maths**
Our maths this term is continuing to look at number. The preps are working on numbers to 10, the year 1’s are working on numbers to 100 and addition strategies, the Year 2’s are working on numbers to 1000 and revising their addition and subtraction strategies.

 YEAR 3-6

The Year 3-6 classroom will be focussing on different content for the Year 3s and the Year 5/6s.

**English**
In English the Year 3s are finishing up writing persuasive texts next week and will commence a unit on narrative writing from week7. The Year 5/6s will be continuing to develop their understandings of narratives (eg. understanding characterisation, point of view, use of dialogue and many other elements) and their short stories are nearly at the editing stage now if you are interested in coming and reading your student’s work.

**Maths**
In Mathematics, we will also be focussing on different age-appropriate content. The Year 3s will be working on understanding representations of numbers up to 1 000, conducting chance experiments, solving addition and subtraction problems and will be starting to learn multiplication number facts off by heart. The Year 5/6s will be learning to solve problems involving the comparison of lengths and areas, and interpret and use timetables. They will be looking at how to apply efficient mental and written strategies to solve problems involving all four operations and continue to develop their understanding of fractions, decimals, money and financial mathematics.
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Warwick Credit Union Oval
Home of the Redbacks
Jackie Howe Drive, Warwick

Good news! We are getting ready for the 2016 season.

**TRAINING HAS STARTED**

**THURSDAYS**
Under 8/10s - 4.00 pm
Under 12/14s - 5.00 pm

**TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS**
UNDER 16’S 5pm
MEN 5pm
WOMEN 5pm

PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS
ALL WELCOME

Enquiries contact
Naomi 0410 399 316 OR
Lisa 0438 333 569

Book Club
Orders are due by 9th March.
PILTON LOTTERY:
We have sold a few more of our numbers for the next round of the Pilton Lottery…. The cost is $10 for a 5 week draw.
This is a great FUNDRAISER for our school, but the benefit is you too could WIN! Each week, $45 is won by someone in our local community. Here are lucky 28 who are waiting for the draw to start….. there are 17 numbers left!!!

Janette Frahm x 2
Betty Murphy                  Luke Statham
Joan Field                        Barry Field
Brett Turkington                Rebekah Turkington
Brooke Stepanoff                Trevor Ward x 4
Deb Stewart x 2                  Gary Wormington
Amy Tait                         Madonna Bell
Sally Shine                      Cameron Cooke
Gill Family                      Simon Gill
Jacqui Gill                      Duggan Family

SCHOOL SHIRTS:
Our students are looking great in the new school shirts. Invoices have been sent out this week (either at the P&C meet and greet; or attached to this newsletter). Please forward payment for these as soon as you are able… cash or cheque into a named envelope into the P&C box OR direct bank transfer using the P&C account information below. (if you would like to send me an email after you have done a bank transfer, I’m happy to check and let you know by return email.
Rebekah Turkington: rturk5@eq.edu.au

FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION & PICNIC DAY CONTRIBUTIONS:
The P&C have kept the Family Subscription the same amount as it has been for the past few years: $75 / family, for one child attending Pilton SS; and $110 / family, for two or more children attending our school. The Picnic Day contribution will be $50 / family. **Totals: $125 for one student enrolled at Pilton State School; or $160 for two or more students.**

Invoices for these fees will be sent home soon, but if you would like to pay at the same time as shirt payments, I will document the different amounts on your receipt.

Thanks, Rebekah Turkington

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Hello everyone

On behalf of the parents, I would like to thank the staff for holding the sessions on Monday night to inform us further on what the kids are learning and how best to support them with this and their homework. The sessions were very informative, thank you for taking the time to prepare and deliver them.

It was great to see so many at the AGM and a special thank to the community members who attended. Thank you to John Heaton for taking on the role of Vice President, it will be great to have you on board. Brooke, Rebekah and I are looking forward to continuing our role this year and would like as many parents and community members to be involved as possible. Please come along to meetings if you can (there are usually only 5 per year), or if you can't attend meetings, please contact us with your ideas, questions or feedback and we can present them at a meeting.

A budget was decided at the meeting and we will again help fund school camp, swimming lessons, computers and online learning programs, cultural events and bus trips, along with other items. Please come along to our next meeting on Tuesday the 15th of March at 6.30pm where we will discuss fundraising among other items on the agenda.

Thank you to Tom and Meg Bazley for lending the school a bull and to Janette Frahm for the use of your yards again.

Thank you
Jacqui

Please make cheques payable to:
Pilton State School P&C
For EFT payments:
BSB: 084 610
Account Name: Pilton State School P&C
Account Number: 508 683 666
Saraniah umpiring the action and Jordan ready to play at the Central Downs Tennis Trials.

We are so proud of our new school shirts!

Prep to Year 2
In science we are learning about weather. We made a rainbow and wrote facts about the weather and we also talked about what we see and feel around us like heat, clouds, wind and rain.