I hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of the warmer weather and that the illnesses that have been evident in the last weeks of winter will depart as the cold weather ceases. Thanks to all parents for maintaining contact with school if your children are not attending due to illness. We try and make every day count at school for all students and are very pleased to have great attendance rates at our school.

Pilton State School Hermitage Science success amongst nearly 14,000 students from 241 schools!

We recently attended the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries 2015 Hermitage Research Facility Schools Plant Science Competition Awards Day after being notified of successful outcomes by many students. The science competition this year was contested by 241 schools from across the entire nation. 1104 experiment kits were sent out to nearly 14,000 students who entered the competition, and it is a great credit to the students and staff of our school, especially Mrs. Heaton and Miss Stewart, that they were able to succeed in a number of areas of the competition in such a large field of competitors. The students in the Year 3-6 class won overall 1st Prize for their Plant Science Projects and the Prep-Year 2 class took out overall 2nd prize for their work. Congratulations to Torran and Alexandria who picked up Highly Commended Awards (the highest individual honour) for their Science reports and to all the students who were awarded a place in their respective categories. It was not just in Science that the students excelled with great results in the ‘Art in AgRiculTure’ awards also. Cobey and Keely both won individual first place awards for their year levels and the entries from Pilton State School won overall runner up for the Art project division of the awards. Students were also asked to take a part in the presentation ceremony and represented the school very well while explaining to the ceremony audience how they carried out their experiments and completed their projects. Parents and community should be very proud of these students, and we watch with great anticipation to see where their engagement with science will lead them in the future.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

This Friday is officially the last day for students to complete the required reading for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Please return the Premier’s Reading Challenge Sheet if your student has been attempting to complete the challenge and we will submit these, in order to ensure students get the recognition from the Queensland Premier for their great effort. If students have not yet reached their goal, please send the sheet in tomorrow and we will do what we can to have the books that they have been reading at school this week as part of Book Week added to their total list and help out where we can. Thanks again to all parents and volunteers for the great effort they make to ensure that students have many opportunities to read and live up to our school goal to ‘Read Every Day.’

Athletics Champions

Well done to Stewart, Piper, Georgie and Casee for their efforts representing the Central Downs athletics team at the Southern Downs trials recently. It was great to hear reports of our students being ‘Strong and Willing’ in this competition. A special mention must be made of Casee’s outstanding results, being selected to represent the Southern Downs athletics team at the Darling Downs Athletics Championships. Shane also recently competed in an athletics competition in Toowoomba, and had extremely good results in his category of the competition. He placed in all his events finishing up the day with an impressive 2 firsts, 3 seconds and an invitation to compete in the State championships later this year in Townsville! Well done to all our athletes for their efforts this year.

Super Hero Day - This Monday 31 Aug

Thanks to all the staff, parents and community members that have helped make Book Week a great success. We have had great interest from the students in voting for their favourite book this week, and we will announce the winning Pilton State School ‘Book of the Year’ on Super Hero Day this Monday. Super Hero Day is our fundraising dress up day for Term 3 and students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite super hero (or real life hero) and make a gold coin donation which will raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy. As we are holding this straight after Book Week we can stretch the day to include dress up of the hero or heroine from a favourite book also if that helps with finding a suitable dress-up for the day. I am not sure who is more excited about the dressing up, the staff or the students!

Central Downs Ball Games and Sports Development Activities

Finally, I would like to let all parents know that this year the Central Downs Sports committee have asked for representatives of sporting bodies to send out their development officers to the Ball Games day next Friday. This means that in addition to the traditional Ball Games competition being run on this day, students will also have opportunities to take part in a round robin of a variety of sports development activities run by sports development officers. I am confident this should add value to the day and look forward to seeing many of you there.

All the best,
Jon Robertson
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Pilton State School  
**Jump Rope for Heart Performance**  
Friday 11th September  
9am to 10.30am  

Come along and celebrate the time and effort that your children have put in to creating their skipping performance. Please bring along a plate to share for morning tea.
OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND IMPROVE THEIR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In January 2016 we will be receiving exchange students from Argentina, Bolivia, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Sweden and the USA. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 3, 5 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student. Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation that is registered with all state and territory Departments of Education around Australia and with the Ministry of Education in NZ. We are the first and only secondary exchange organisation in Australia and New Zealand to be certified to ISO 9001 (Quality Management System) and we ensure the highest standards of care and support to our participants. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au.

Sandra Harders
Hosting Coordinator

MONDAY 31st AUGUST

Book Club orders due tomorrow.

WARWICK JUNIOR NETBALL

Player nominations for 2016 Rep Teams now open
All players born 2004 – 1998 interested in playing netball for W&DNA in 2016 are invited to trial for selection into the 2016 Rep Teams.

For information and nomination forms please email: warwicknetball@bigpond.com or see our Facebook page www.facebook.com/warwicknetball
Pilton State School Lottery
We ready to start the 2nd round of our 5 week lottery. Thanks to everyone who has agreed to play again. Week One will be this Saturday Night’s Draw…the first number drawn is our winning number. Some changes have been made to the draw, but most of the numbers have stayed the same. Good Luck to all participants, and thank you for supporting Pilton SS P&C.

Congratulations to our Winners from the last round of Lottery: Robert Parkinson; John Beard; Sally Shine; Deb Stewart and Madonna Bell.

The Entertainment Books have arrived!! The books cost $65 each, they are filled with vouchers. The P&C will receive 20% for each book/digital membership sold, that is $13 per book…but we have to sell 10 to start our fundraising. They make great FATHER’S DAY presents! A copy of the book is in the office for you to look at. Heaps of local restaurants, cafes and attractions are in the book…

Angelo’s House – buy a main course get one free - $40 value
City Golf Club - buy a main course get one free - $40 value
Shingle Inn – 25% off the Total Bill -$30 value
Baskin Robbins – buy 1 product get one free (for waffle cones and shakes)
Bucking Bull – buy 1 product get one free (for roast sandwich, kids meal)
The Cheesecake Shop – 25% off the Total Bill - $10 value
Hungry Jacks – buy 1 product get one free (for some burgers)
Chemist Warehouse - $10 off purchases over $50 (ex. Prescriptions and baby formula)

I have been given one of these books as a gift for the past few years, and it is well used (my 2 children love to plan where we will eat on school holidays from it!). If you have any questions, please contact me.

Rebekah Turkington

Please make cheques payable to:
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For EFT payments:
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Congratulations Shane!

Pilton SS Hermitage Science Competition Winners

NAIDOC Day Celebrations at Pilton SS