**Book Week.**
What a fantastic week!! Thanks to everybody who helped organise or participated in Book Week. So much happened. Students had the privilege listening to a number of parents read to them. They particularly enjoyed two dads who were able to take time during the week to read to the whole school. As well, *Wombat Stew* came to life for the Prep to Year 3 students when they travelled in to the Empire Theatre. Then, to cap it all off, we had our fancy dress morning last Friday where even the mums came as a book character. Everybody looked great and I’m hoping there are some wonderful photos in this newsletter. But, I must admit, I was really taken by the dashing pirate captain.

And we can’t let Book Week pass without sending out a huge “THANK YOU!!” to all the parents and community members who are giving so much time to helping children learn to read and therefore to enjoy the wonderful world of books.

**Athletics**
Congratulations to our five members of the Central Downs athletics squad that competed at the Southern Downs carnival last Friday. Our competitors were Georgie and Billy-Rose, Casee, Lizzie and Levi. Three of the five, Levi, Billy-Rose and Casee have been selected in the Southern Downs team to compete at the Darling Downs trials. Billy-Rose and Levi have each been selected in both the 100 metre and 200 metre sprints while Casee will compete in both shot put and discus.

**Clifton State High School**
*Kokoda Challenge.* I recently was invited to the high school to see four of their students presented with a trophy recognising their efforts in a 30 kilometre team walk held in Toowoomba earlier this year. The all-girl team, which included ex-Pilton student Tzani Casley-Priest, was the first school to have all members of their team complete the course. The “team” aspect of the Kokoda Challenge is paramount in all their events including the 96 kilometre walk I have completed. Congratulations to the girls from Clifton State High!

**Year 6 Transition to High School.** Earlier this week, I spent a day at the high school talking with their Year 7 and 8 teachers and other cluster principals. Although the cluster schools believe the successful move of Year 7 to high school is a highlight of recent cluster activity, the high school remains strongly focussed on ensuring all students successfully transition to high school. The high school was keen to ensure their transition programme continues to meet student needs.

The high school will again have Year 6 students spend time at the high school in preparation for next year. As well, teachers from the high school will soon visit our Year 6 students as part of their transition to high school.

**Behaviour Management Plan**
In the last newsletter, I said the revised Behaviour Plan would have been sent home by now. However, after hearing a book read to the students last week during Book Week, we would like to incorporate the philosophy of the book into our Plan. I hope now to be able to send the plan home so that you have some light reading to see you through the holidays.

**Regards,**
Stuart Fuller
PLAYGROUP will meet tomorrow 29th August. All welcome!!

Share the benefits of kindy and win prizes!!

The Kindy counts! team is running a Facebook competition in which parents can win a Samsung Kids Tablet, plus $1000 worth of educational materials and the life-size Monster Match game for their child’s kindy.

Parents simply need to tell us why kindy counts by either submitting a video, or photo and 100-word entry.

And although DETE staff are ineligible to enter, it’s worth telling your friends and family.

Watch the video or go to the Early Childhood website for competition entry requirements, prizes, deadlines and full terms and conditions.

Good Morning

As we approach the school holidays, it would be great if you could let your students know about Sports Tuition’s school holiday camp. All support is much appreciated.

23-25 September 2014
School Holiday Survivor Camp for 8-13 year olds ($210)
- Bus service also available ($55)
- Activities include; fishing in electric powered boats, canoeing, rock climbing, archery and open fire cooking.
- Location: Maroon Dam.

Also, the following activities may also be of interest...

17-19 October 2014
Family Fishing Weekend ($215)
- Open to all. At least one parent must participate.
- Grandparents also welcome.

14-16 November 2014
Bluefin Lake Maroon Fishing Classic (Senior $30, Junior $15)
- Over $55,000 in prizes.
- Every junior entrant receives a sample bag...approx $90 value).

All details and registrations are through the Sports Tuition website. www.sportstuition.com.au

Kind regards

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Kid’s Corner

SOUTHERN DOWNS ATHLETICS

Last Friday Levi, Billy, Georgie, Casee, and Lizzie competed at the Southern Downs Athletics Carnival at Allora. In the 100m finals Levi ran a stunning 3rd and Billy came 4th. In the 200m finals Levi and Billy both came second. Casee did very well in her throwing coming first in both discus and shot put. Levi also did shot put but unfortunately he didn’t get a place. 800m was the last event and everyone did extremely well. Lizzie and Georgie both came a well deserved 5th while Billy finished 2nd.

We all enjoyed the day and were happy with our results.

By Levi, Billy, Georgie, Casee, and Lizzie

BOOK WEEK!!!

Last Friday the 22nd of August we held a book Parade, where you came to school dressed as your favourite character from your favourite book.

Kaela said “It was lots of fun”!
She said her favourite part of the day was seeing everyone dressed up and listening to everyone read their favourite book.

By Kaela and Clayton.

Wombat Stew

The P-3 class went to...WOMBAT STEW!
Mrs Duggan drove the bus to the Empire Theatre and Miss Stewart and Mrs Heaton came too.

The story was about looking after your friends and having fun.
We all loved when we danced at the end and when we got to shout, “Not yet Erik!” at one of the silly characters.

By Piper and Stewart

HERMITAGE AWARDS

On the 19th of August the Pilton State School students went to the Warwick Hermitage Research Centre to receive our prizes.

At school we had created our own mutant bugs and made our own slide shows for the competition. The speakers explained to us about bugs that damage crops and plants. Then the awards began.

Congratulations to our Prep -2 class who won the overall 1st prize for the competition. Pilton SS won the Most Outstanding Art in Agriculture Award Runner-Up Trophy.

Piper, Sam, Charlie, and Lizzie won individual awards for their bug and the Y3-6 got Highly Commended for their slide show. After that we got into our groups and went into different rotation around the research centre. We then had a BBQ lunch. Everyone enjoyed the Animal Nursery and also played on the tractors. Our photo was in the Warwick paper. We all had a lot of fun.

By Leanna and Levi.
Just a reminder for families to pay their P&C Family Subs (which helps us to provide equipment & activities for the students throughout the year); AND Picnic Subs (which is a family contribution towards our Picnic Day in the last week of the school year).

Your support of the P&C and it's activities is greatly appreciated.

Thank You to the staff, parents, students and community members for your participation in Book Week last week. I loved watching the students enjoy the books during the reading activities....and everyone looked fantastic in the book week parade.

I will be sending home a letter next week for one of our P&C Fundraising activities. We are selling Gift Cards ($13 / pack of 8), 2015 Calendars ($13), 2015 Diaries ($18) and IPhone covers ($15). The Gift Cards will be blank inside, but will have your child's individual artwork on the cover. We are planning to do Christmas designs during the last week of this term. Our order will have to be sent mid-October, and we will receive them back ready for end of November. The Calendars, Diaries and IPhone covers can be individual artwork or a digital photo or image, we will give you the choice. Ask your family, neighbours, friends if they would like to participate, I'm happy to supply art paper, to collect the digital images, or to assist with upload onto their submit photo link. I will leave samples at the school office for your perusal.

Rebekah Turkington.

REMINDER: Plate orders and money due 9th September

DATE CLAIMER:
Saturday 29th November: Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

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