Message from the Principal

The Big Bamboo
The CAP poetry day held in Carinda on Monday was fantastic. Author/Illustrator Martin Killips (The Big Bamboo himself!) presented an intriguing oral history of his life, and his memories as a child growing up with wild animals. Martin provided structured activities for K/1/2 and 3-6, with a detailed study of his poetry. K/1/2 worked on performing the poem and made an artwork that reflected the story within the poem. The primary students developed a new cover for Martin’s book of poetry. They went on to dissect the poem, identifying the rhyming words, and developing rhyming words of their own. The students developed their own piece of poetry using the rhyming words they had developed. This was a tricky activity for the students, however it was pleasing to see the effort and persistence displayed by all children. Well done Quambone and a big THANKYOU to Carinda for hosting a fabulous day!

Art Project
Our clever artist Sam Newstead commenced our art project last week, and the students were engaged in some wonderful art-making experiences. The focus was Aboriginal symbols, and the children worked on art that incorporated Aboriginal symbols. They began with the construction of a ‘Zine’ - a mini magazine, and within the Zine was a collage of their favourite symbols. When the Zine unfolded, it returned to a sheet of paper that was covered with the symbols they had used. The finished product was fantastic - Sam has photocopied all of the Zines to share ideas with each another. Students have also been working on a Visual Diaries to capture their learning experiences and ideas as the project unfolds.

This week, we hope to have Bertie Bartolemew visit to share some local Aboriginal history and culture, and talk about Aboriginal art within our local area. At this stage, the new date for the Marshes Excursion is Monday 5th November. The excursion will allow students to explore Aboriginal culture and art in our local area.

Kind Regards,
Kim Watt

K/1/2 News

This week we will welcome Mrs Caitlyn Whitlock (formerly Miss Caitlyn Fisher) into our class as a Prac Student. Mrs Whitlock will begin on Thursday, and will work in our classroom for 5 weeks. We look forward to sharing our class with Mrs Whitlock and we know she will have a wonderful time with us!

This week, students have been working further on Narrative writing. They have focused on writing the introduction to a narrative last week, and this week will focus on developing a Complication that intensifies to captivate their audience. We will be looking more closely at Speech Marks and how these can be used within a narrative.

In Mathematics, students will spend time working on Subtraction, particularly in developing mental strategies to help them solve more complex problems. It is important for children to be able to relate addition facts to subtraction, as this is an important step in developing mental strategies.

Length will also be a focus this week.

Kind Regards,
Miss Watt ☺
News from the 3-6 Class

This week we have been enjoying our art lessons with our artist in residence Sam. Students have really embraced the project and are enjoying the various activities that we have been doing.

During English lessons recently we have been practising writing responses in full sentences. This means deciding on an answer to the question and using part of the question to structure the response. At first students found this quite difficult, but after a bit of practise they are getting much better at it.

Miss Reid

The Big Bamboo Poetry day

Yesterday we went to Carinda for the Big Bamboo poetry day. This was a great opportunity for students to learn about poetry directly from a poet. It was very interesting to hear about the unusual experiences he had growing up in England, from keeping owls as pets to losing an alligator in his local village.

Infants children had the opportunity to act out some of the poems from the books he has written. Whilst the primary students learnt some of the secrets of writing poetry and also had a go at drawing some cartoons.

QUAMBONE P&C
NEWS

The next P&C meeting will be held on

MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2012
At 3.15pm

AGENDA

School Uniform supplier
Intensive Swimming
Travel subsidy for School excursion

If you have anything you would like to add to the agenda, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any of the committee members.

Regards
Justine Bucknell
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**WANTED**

The school chooks need more wheat. If anyone has some spare grain could you please send it into the school ASAP. Thank you.

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**School Photos**

School Photo Day will be on **Thursday 8th November**. Students need to be in full school uniform for the photos.

PLEASE RETURN PHOTO ENVELOPES TO SCHOOL BY 5TH NOV.

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**Hot Food Wednesday**

We will be continuing on with Hot Food Wednesday this term. Menu list and Prices are as follows.

- Meat Pie - $2.50
- Pizza - $2.00
- Lasagne - $2.50
- Sausage Roll - $1.50

Please make sure your children bring the correct change.
Baradine Horse Sports

Baradine Central School and St Lawrence's School of Coonabarabran held their 2nd school Horse Sports last Thursday and Friday at Baradine.

Over 100 riders from 26 schools attended, kicking off with a march of all schools through the main street of Baradine.

Holly Turnbull represented Quambone School with great enthusiasm and paraded the new banner kindly donated by the P&C.

Riders competed in a range of 11 events from riding classes, pairs, bareback to sporting events and a school team barrel race. Holly was lucky to team up with 3 riders from Coolah and Coonabarabran for 3rd place.

Holly was awarded the Reserve Champion Highest Point score for her age group on both days, with a great highlight of winning champion school for the highest average point score overall and was awarded a beautiful purple ribbon for the school. Quambone has been lucky to win this two years in a row.

Holly receiving her awards

Holly in the street parade in Baradine at the start of the 2 days of Horse Sports.
Holy Communion Service

Holly Turnbull and Ben Perry will be making their First Holy Communion on Friday 9th Nov at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Quambone at 6pm. This service will replace the Saturday morning mass. Everyone is welcome to attend this service on Friday 9th.

Marsh Excursion

The Art Excursion to the Marshes will be on Monday 5th November. Could parents please fill out the permission note below and return to school as soon as possible. Travel to the Marshes will be by bus and private vehicle.

Students will need to wear long trousers, old sneakers, socks, long sleeve shirt, hat and sunscreen. They will need their recess, lunch and water bottle.

Permission Note for Marsh Excursion

I give permission for my child/children ________________________________ to attend the Marsh Excursion on Monday 5th November.

I can assist with travel by taking ____ children in total (this includes my own)

Signed Parent/Guardian ________________________________