Principal’s Message:

Thank You
I would like to thank the Staff and Mr Cornford at Wainui Feedlot for their very kind donation and delivery of two very large bales of mulch for the schools Kitchen Garden Program. It is with the support of the community and parents this program will keep building over time. It is a significant undertaking by the students and staff to build this into our routine, but worth the effort when you see the students sit down to food they have grown and cooked.

Softball Carnival
Don’t forget to get in your tuckshop orders for the upcoming softball carnival. If anyone is able to help out on the day it would be greatly appreciated, please talk to the school or Karen Smith. I have not yet looked at the medium term forecast so it looks like it will be on, here hoping.

School Focus
Reading – this week have started back on our reading focus. Testing has started and will help inform practice, and set some clear goals for students. The Preps’ and year 1 students are learning/revising the 8 key decoding strategies. It is having an effect as the Prep students were having an intense discussion about which strategy was their favourite and which to use when. Very interesting conversation.

I am pleased to say that so far all students have done well on the TORCH test for comprehension. The year 3 to 6 students will be doing the TORCH each term for the first 3 terms and this is a good indicator of their ability to comprehend a text. The new focus this term for the years 2 to 6 will be the QAR, Question Answer Relationship. The link between what it is being asked and the text itself. Is it a Right There or Author and Me question all go to help the student clarify what is being asked of them, the first and most important step?

The Behaviour Chart will go up this week. WE DO will now be a big focus for all in the school.

Michael Sutton.
COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Bismarck to Maclagan
100 years celebration
10th September 2016

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Thanks to those who ordered from the last Book Club. Issue 2 was sent home last week and is due back 07.03.2016. All book orders can be left at the school office.

Kim Welke—Book Club Co-Ordinator—kwelk4@eq.edu.au

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John Hensel 0429 92 42 92

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Karen Smith—Tuckshop Convenor—Phone 0407 765646

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Playgroup

Playgroup is held at the school every Wednesday from 9-11am. Please bring a hat, piece of fruit to share and a gold coin donation. For further information please feel free to call the school. Thank you Mrs Magnussen for running playgroup this week.

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**I N  C L A S S**

Life Cycles – The prep and year 1 students have been learning about life cycles. The focus has been on butterflies and flowering plants. The Years 2 to 4 have been looking at scientific classification. The starting point is living and non-living. At this level the students are learning about the process of classification, and linking reasoning to their decisions. Justifying why one item is to go into the living or non-living category. The upper grades are looking at the link between animal and their environment. The adaptions made over time by animals to better fit their environment.