From the Principal

National Tree Planting Day happened at our school last Thursday with every member of our school having the opportunity to plant their own plant at the front of the school. We were very proud to be assessed a ‘green school’ by the organisers who saw that we recycle, have a compost bin, use rain water tanks, have solar panels for energy and now have our own veggie garden beds thanks to the organisation of Mrs Edwards and the junior class (see her report on page 2). Well done to all involved! (see photos on page 2). The planting of the trees is a welcome addition to the front of the school, along with our Lone Pine sapling that is in the front garden bed as you enter the school. Make sure you have a look at the plaque on your next visit.

Next week is the Laidley Ekka Show Holiday, and therefore there is no school on this day. On Tuesday, we have a bright and early start with the EKKA excursion. I am very impressed with the response by our families to this event and am very much looking forward to a great day with everyone at the EKKA. Mums and dads attending, I will have a map and suggested program for you to follow on the day, to take full advantage of the educational activities available at the EKKA.

Our Ball Games carnival is only just around the corner, so I am asking for your assistance on the day to help out with making and packing the lunch orders, selling at the P&C tuckshop or cooking on the BBQ. Our P&C do a great job, and seeing as ALL of our children benefit from this great work, it is good to see each and every family involved in some way at our big events.

The next big event for the P&C is the Trivia night on Saturday 12th September. Flyers will be coming out soon for your information and table booking details. Please rally your extended family and friends to book a table a support what will be a fun night for all. The theme this year is ‘Quirky Black Tie’ – so dust off your suits and frocks, along with your rubber thongs, to make your outfit as ‘quirky’ as can be!! Your outfit is only limited by your imagination and adventure level!!

Helpers are required to still collect prizes for this night. Please contact a member of the P&C executive to get more details on how you can help with this great night.

High School Orientation Day – Thursday 21st August.

Laidley State High School are holding an orientation to high school day in two weeks. If your child is in grade 5 or 6, they will receive information and a permission note to attend this day. It is not only for students intending on enrolling at Laidley SHS, the day is about life in general at high school for our children. There will be a morning of information for children and parents then an opportunity for our students to compete against other grade 5 and 6’s in different challenges. The afternoon will be a small presentation and wrapping up of the day. A light lunch is provided. Please keep an eye out for the information for your child.

Have a great fortnight,
Erika
P-3 CLASSROOM NEWS
The prep-3 class had a fantastic week courtesy of Mr Shannon Moss. With his guidance we managed to plant our very own vegetable and herb garden. We also learnt about how important water and fertiliser are. Everyone had the opportunity to get their hands dirty and ask questions. A big thanks to Mr Moss and his family, not only for giving up his time, but for donating the garden bed, potting mix and seedlings. Thanks to the Cooper family we now have enough dirt to fill our large garden bed, allowing us to move our original seedlings from their small pots. We now need to remember to water the garden to ensure that we can make a nice healthy salad at the end of the unit. If you have any questions regarding classroom queries, please feel free to contact me. Email is always appreciated (kedwa169@eq.edu.au).

NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY PHOTOS
NEWS FROM MRS O

Welcome back to Term 3! This term I will be teaching all classes at Thornton. On Thursday, the Years 4 – 6 class will study Language/ Poetry, Maths, Geography and Media Arts. In Language, we will be learning about all the different styles and language used in Poetry. We have just completed acrostic poems and ballads, alliteration and onomatopoeia. At the end of term we will be holding a Poetry Slam where each student will write and perform a poem. Art Media will tie in with poetry and we will design posters to advertise our Poetry Slam and students will also film their Poetry Slam. In Art Media, at present, we are designing posters to advertise our Ball Games and using a program called Glogster to make digital posters. In Geography we are studying Africa and poverty around the world and studying mapping skills such as absolute and relative location.

On Friday, the P-3 class studies Writing/ Language, Spelling and Reading along with Chance and Data and Geography. Our Writing/ Language work concentrates on rhyming words in stories and poetry, Spelling includes group work following the Words Their Way program and Reading also includes group work. The students are studying Chance and Data in Maths and in Geography we are learning about the globe, maps and Australia and its neighbours.

If you have any further questions regarding your child’s work please do not hesitate to contact me. Email is always appreciated (sosul41@eq.edu.au).

Jump Rope For Heart—We raised $426.50 for the Heart Foundation

A big thank you to the students, parents and community for supporting this cause. The prizes have come in and will be awarded to the respective students this afternoon for their fundraising efforts. Below are some photos of our Jump Off!!!!

Sandy O'Sullivan
4-6 CLASSROOM TERM 3
We are in full swing in the senior class with writing and science projects on the go. Your child received their Science project in week 1, along with the timeline for them to complete the set parts. (The draft is due to me Tuesday 18th August – week 6). The topic for the project is Earth Science – The Solar System. Students are trying to investigate that the Earth is part of a system of planets that orbit around a star (The Sun). They are encouraged to investigate a part of this system that interests them and then present that information back to the rest of the class. The marking guide for this project was provided to the students. I am seeing some great work so far, and everyone seems to be very enthusiastically collecting their information. Students are reminded that they need to ask others around them what kind of information they would like to know about the given topic. Keep up the great research and enthusiasm !!

Homework this term is based solely around what we are doing in class. The science project is the big one that I am encouraging students to be working on at home, along with completing their writing task (as that will be combined to make a class book). Other homework includes the Reading Log (every day reading for at least 10 minutes please) and incomplete work from the school day, e.g. last week I sent home Business and Economics homework for everyone (ask your child what it was and have they completed it!!).

If you have any questions around homework or any other classroom aspect this term, please feel free to contact me. Email is always appreciated (ejone141@eq.edu.au).

GERMAN NEWS
Congratulations to all students who participated in the Lockyer Valley Tipp Kick competition. Unfortunately none of our teams were placed in the Top 4 with Helidon State School taking out first and second place, with Gatton State School and Grantham State School taking out third and fourth place. All students were well behaved and participated to the best of their ability. They represented their school with pride and were great ambassadors for their respective schools.

Alles beste, Frau Chapman

TIPP KICK
Last week Archer and I were selected to compete in a Tipp Kick event in Gatton. Tipp Kick is a German game requiring 2 players. There is a goalie and an attacker. The idea of the game is to score as many goals as possible in the 10 minute time frame. There is a half time break after 5 minutes and we switch sides. Each goal is worth 3 points. The competition was very hard but the people playing were very nice. Unfortunately we did not make it in the final round we got 1 win, 1 loss and 2 draws.
Hayley Craig
OFFICE NEWS:
EKKA EXCURSION

As our excursion to the Ekka is this Tuesday the 11 August a note went home earlier in the week with regards to important information.

To ensure that there is no confusion, please again take note of the following information:

There will be 3 drop off and collection locations. We have assumed that the following families will be getting on at the following locations:

**Thornton State School** – You are to be at the school no later than **7:20am** for a prompt 7:30am departure.

Jones, Emmerson, Litfin, Kelly, Craig

**Mulgowie Hotel** – You are to be at the Mulgowie Hotel no later than **7:40am** for a prompt 7:45am departure.

Foxlee, Marshall, Taber, Moss, Woodward

**Laidley Cultural Centre** – You are to be at the Laidley Cultural Centre no later than **7:50am** for a prompt 8:00am departure.

Pollock, Selimich, Tydd

If you will not be getting on at the location that we have assumed, could you please let the school know on 5466 7141 or text Ms Hassett.

We are hoping to be back at our drop off locations at the Cultural Centre by 4:15pm, Mulgowie Hotel by 4:30pm and Thornton State School by 4:45pm. As you can appreciate these times are estimated only as we cannot predict the traffic conditions.

As this is a school excursion and we are representing the school, please ensure that your child is in full school uniform, including a hat.

Please ensure that your child has morning tea, lunch & water bottle, or alternatively, if they have their own spending money that it will be their responsibility and not staff.

Thank you
Lisa Crack, Admin Officer
NEWS CONT.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
Please continue to drop your stickers into the office or our collection box at Plainland Woolworths. Every sticker help us to purchase equipment for our school. There is still a few weeks left of the program. We appreciate your help.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library

This week the senior students learnt about the dewey system. They also expanded their knowledge of the borrowing and search system on the computer. All senior students were able to search and find books of interest to them. Awesome work!

Our junior students learnt how to use bookmarks in the shelves correctly. They learnt the difference between fiction and non-fiction books and where they belong in the library. We also got to read a book together by the wonderful author Mem Fox.

Mel Sutherland

Our next P & C Meeting—Tuesday 1st September
2.45pm—Straight after school!
Please feel welcome to stay after school to attend this afternoon meeting.
NOTICES:

LOWOOD SOFTBALL CLUB

2015/16 SEASON SIGN-ON

SIGN-ON DAYS:
Thursday 6th & 13th August 4pm—5pm, Lowood
Primary School Oval.
Saturday 8th August 9am—12pm, Lowood Supa IGA

AGES 4 & UP

We are a Get Started Club.
If eligible please bring voucher to sign on.

Season Commences: October 2015—March 2016

For More Information please contact:
President: Dave Webb 0433 684 257
Treasurer: Aileen Webb 0411 433 040
Secretary: Tracy Duffield 0438 711 604

Trivia Night

SATURDAY 12th September
Mulgowie Hall, Mulgowie
6.00pm for 6.30pm start

10 people per table
$50 / table / prepaid or $55 / table / at the door

‘Quirky Black Tie’ Theme, Prizes for best dressed person and best dressed table

BYO Drinks: Fruit, cheese and crackers and hot finger food platters available
Pre orders only, $40 per platter

Bookings phone Thornton State School 5466 3141
School Awards: Week 2 and 3

**JUNIOR:**

Student of the Week: Jennifer Beezley (2) Joanah Millard (3)

English: Jett Emmerson (2) Shaniah Boyes (3)

Maths: Shaniah Boyes (2) Jack Moss (3) Spence Marshall (3)

P.E.: Joe Foxlee (2) Patrick Tydd (3)

Music: Jett Emmerson (2) Chad Pollock (3)

Science: Darcy Kelly (2)

Health: Joe Foxlee (3)

Spelling: Jack Moss (3)

Geography: Joanah Millard (2) Jennifer Beezley (3)

Library: Jack Moss (2)

**SENIOR:**

Student of the Week: Ashley Taber (2) Penny Taber (3)

Music: Damien Jones (2)

Maths: Jamal Selimich (2) Damien Jones (2)

Noah Emmerson (2)

Geography: Damien Jones (2) Lachlan Litfin (3)

Literacy/Poetry: Shannan Marshall (2) Archer Moss (2)

Charlotte Moss (3) Noah Emmerson (3)

Mathletics: Damien Jones (2)

P.E.: Hayley Craig (2) Noah Boyes (3)

Library: Jamal Selimich (2)

German: Noah Emmerson (2)

Art Media: Boe Millard (2) Shannan Marshall (3)