STUDENT LEADERS

During Monday's assembly, our four leaders for 2013 were officially inducted into their leadership roles and were presented with their badges. They are:

Wade and Ebony  (School leaders)
Tyler and Skye  (Sports leaders).

Responsibilities of the School Leaders include, but are not limited to:
- meeting and greeting dignitaries or other important people who may visit our school
- supporting students within the playground
- making short speeches during official ceremonies, including acknowledging past and present traditional owners of the school land.

Responsibilities of the Sports Leaders include, but are not limited to:
- distributing and collecting sports equipment in the sports shed at the beginning and end of each break
- ensuring the sports shed stays neat and tidy
- assisting with equipment and events during sports days.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Each Wednesday, the Student Council and I will meet to discuss issues and ideas for how to make our great little school even greater. The Student Council consists of the two student leaders (Wade and Ebony) as well as two representatives from each class. The representatives fulfill their role for half a term, then new representatives are chosen. In that way, sixteen children from each class are given the opportunity to voice students' opinions and ideas throughout the year. The first group of student representatives consists of:

Karrie & Matt (Senior class)
Darcy & Beau (Middle class)
Mason & Lily (Junior class).

These students received their badges during Monday's assembly. It is their responsibility to wear it to school each day, until Monday Week 5 (4th March) when they will pass it on to their class's next representative.

ART COMPETITION

Congratulations to Liam Jenkins (Year 6), who received a Highly Commended prize in the Gladstone Regional Council's Celebrate Australia competition for Australia Day. Liam drew a picture of a cattle dog, within a border of typically Australian icons. If you would like to see Liam’s, as well as other children’s, winning entries, go to http://gallerymuseum.gladstonerc.qld.gov.au/newsdetails.cfm?ID=346 and follow the link to ‘Download Winners Catalogue’. On Friday afternoon, the Mayor of the Gladstone Regional Council, Councillor Gail Sellars, will present Liam, and the other award recipients, with their prizes. Well done, Liam!

HEAD LICE

Last week, a note was sent home regarding the occurrence of head lice in our school. Head lice are small parasitic insects adapted to living mainly on the scalp and nice hairs of their human host. Nits are the unhatched eggs of the head lice. Please check your child’s hair regularly for lice and nits, and treat appropriately. The only way to beat this problem is for all of us to work together. If you are not sure whether lice are present, your hairdresser or a friend may be able to help identify the problem.

BOARDIES DAY

On Friday, 22nd February, Wartburg State School will join with the rest of Queensland to celebrate Boardies Day. Now in its 5th year, Boardies Day is a national fundraising event coordinated annually by the Surf Life Saving Foundation with the sole objective to raise funds for lifesaving services throughout Australia. Boardies Day offers all sectors of the community with a fun way to help our surf lifesavers while celebrating the start of summer. Children are invited to wear Boardies to school, instead of their usual black shorts/skirts/shorts. If your child does not have a pair of boardies, any brightly coloured sarong or shorts will suffice. Students are asked to bring a gold coin, as a donation to Surf Life Saving Queensland. I believe this is a particularly relevant charity event for our school because, as you may be aware, the surf lifesavers offer their time and energy, free of charge, during our surfing lessons for Year 4-7 students in Term 4. Please remember that students should still wear their Wartburg shirt, as well as joggers and socks, for safety reasons.
SCHOOL DIARIES
Please ensure that your child brings their diary to school every day. Diaries are a great way to maintain communication between school and home, as they enable you to write messages to your child’s teacher regarding absences or other information you may need to communicate. If you prefer, you may also contact the school by phone or email. The teachers’ email addresses are:

Jeanne Cross  jcross16@eq.edu.au
Julie Barnett  jbarn136@eq.edu.au
Blanca Wellsteed bwell38@eq.edu.au
Ann Piltz  apilt2@eq.edu.au
Debbie Hills  dhill47@eq.edu.au
Vicki Stringfellow  vstri2@eq.edu.au

LOOKING AFTER CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY FLOODS
With widespread flooding affecting Bundaberg district and much of the state, it has been an extremely difficult, challenging and sad start to 2013. All of our families and staff have been affected by the flood in varying degrees: loss of possessions and homes/businesses; disrupted living and working conditions; financial loss; interrupted travel and holiday arrangements, as well as witnessing destruction, despair and the pain of countless people on television and radio. We extend our sincere condolences to our families that have suffered loss and experienced heart-ache in the past month.

As school begins, we know that getting back into routine will be one of the helpful steps on the road of recovery, for everyone. Please find attached information Looking after children who have been affected by floods: Guidelines for parents and caregivers. We hope that this will assist you and your child in ‘working through’ the flood and its impact.

Everyone’s experience of the flood is different. Our teaching and ancillary staff will be available to provide emotional support and advice to families. If you have significant concerns for your child, please make contact with us so that you can help us understand your personal flood situation. If we are unable to help, we will endeavour to link you with other services that can do so.

QUEENSLAND FLOOD RECOVERY APPEAL
To help the recovery effort after the recent major floods in Queensland, community members are encouraged to get involved in the SchoolAid Flood Appeal. SchoolAid is a national schools-based philanthropy network empowering kids to help kids in crisis. Last Tuesday evening, Mrs Pascoe (Principal, Lowmead SS) and I drove to Bundaberg to attend a Principals’ post-flood meeting with the Minister for Education, Training and Employment, the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek. Regarding the SchoolAid Flood Appeal, Minister Langbroek says,

“The 2013 floods have affected more than 300 Queensland schools and have certainly challenged the spirit of students, parents and staff, many of whom have also suffered flooding or damage to their own homes. Queenslanders are working together in this time of crisis and the Newman Government is focused on helping those in need.

School communities in the Bundaberg area, Darling Downs South West and Central Queensland regions have been hit the hardest, with some children losing all of their uniforms, books and equipment.

This SchoolAid Appeal will replace students’ personal learning materials and help them return to school and their normal daily routine as quickly as possible.

This is a significant part of the community recovery process. Thank you in advance for your generosity and assistance.”

Have a great week!
Jeanne Cross
Principal

FOR RENT:
5-bedroom house in Deepwater area.
$300/week, including gas and water.

Power is already connected but not included in rent.

If you are interested, please phone Stuart Johnstone, 41566215

P&C
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 19th February
3.45pm

Dates to Remember
| Monday 18th February | Student Leadership Conference |
| Friday 22nd February | Boardies Day – gold coin donation |
| Tuesday 19th February, 3.45pm | P&C AGM |
| Thursday 28th March | Last day of Term 1 |
| Monday 15th April | First day of Term 2 |
| Saturday 10th August | Wartburg SS Centenary |