THANK YOU and GOODBYE

Since this is the last newsletter that I will write as principal of Wartburg State School, on behalf of Kevin and myself, I would like to sincerely thank everyone for their support over the past three years. Wartburg is truly a great little school; it’s the people of the school who make it as great as it is. To all the students, past and present, thanks for your efforts and smiles during your time here. To all the parents, thanks for all the work you do for your children. To the members of the P&C, thanks for your tireless efforts as you work towards supporting this school’s students. To all the staff, thanks for absolutely everything!

The mobilisation date for our move to the Maldives is currently set for mid-January. We both are very aware that our move will create many challenges, both professionally and personally, but we plan to embrace the challenges that will be presented by the location and my new role.

I am confident you will make your new principal, Miss Nicole Sherwood, very welcome. During our meeting tomorrow, you can be assured that I will convey to her everyone’s dedication to this school and its students.

Farewell!

Jeanne Cross
Principal

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

A Prince’s Tale (a progressive story from the year 3/4): A bit of fun to end the year.

Once upon a time a prince was galloping on his horse. The horse was spooked by a large, brown snake. The horse bucked him off and ran away. The prince got his sword and the prince cut the snake and it slithered away. “You’d better run away,” said the prince and he ran away.

The prince found his horse and rode away. The prince called to the princess and they ran away forever and ever. They thought they would never find them ever again.

The prince and princess soon came to a village. There was another prince there and the two princes fought for the princess. While the princes were fighting with their swords, the princess got bored and rode off on the prince’s horse. He never got to see his horse again but he found the princess. The princess dumped the prince.

The prince was upset but soon found another princess. The prince got married to the princess and went to a wonderful island where they built a house and one day had kids.

The End.

Narratives are just one genre that students in year 3/4 analyse and create. This story was written progressively by the Year 3/4 class. It was one of 15 stories written in less than an hour. Each student in the class wrote one sentence, passing the story to the next person, until the last one to receive the story added an ending. This style of writing reinforces the need for a story to progress succinctly with a setting, problem and solution. As others must read the story already written, before they can add their sentence, the students become motivated to use correct punctuation and their best spelling.
CONGRATULATIONS to the following students, who achieved one or more of their goals for this term:

Year P-2:
Nikita, Felicity, Tristan, Holly, Thatcher, Anna, Lilly, Lateesha and Oliver

Year 3-4:
Ryan, Jasmine, Alivia, Darcy, Chad, David, Mariah, Lanah, Toby, Storm, Scott, Joseph, Indiana.

Year 5-7:
Dane, Claudia, Dylan M, Ebony, Ana, Tyler, Ricky, Blake, Karrie, Chloe, Tamara, Skye, Wade, Jess, Tim, Kylie, Harrison

If you see anything suspicious at our school over the holidays, call the School Watch number:

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Please don’t attempt to intervene.

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2014 classes
For the first two weeks, at least, our school will continue to be staffed with three classes. Unless our school’s new principal makes a last-minute change, the classes and teachers will be:

Prep-Year 1: Mrs Julie Barnett (with Mrs Piltz on Tuesdays)
Years 2-4: Mrs Bianca Wellsteed
Years 5-7: Miss Nicole Sherwood (with Mrs Piltz on Thursdays).

2014 Celebrate Australia
Primary School Art Competition
11.30am - 1pm Wednesday, 18 December 2013
Warburg State School
585 Coast Road, Baffle Creek
10.30am - 12pm Thursday, 19 December 2013
Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum
cnr Goondoon & Bramston Sts, Gladstone
11.30am - 1pm Friday, 20 December 2013
Mt Larcam Youth Centre
Narrows Rd, Mt Larcam

For bookings or further information, please contact:
Dr Popovic, Cultural Projects Officer, Gladstone Regional Council
p: 4976 6766 e: grogm@gr Regional Council
http://galleriesmuseum.gladstone.qld.gov.au

BASIC MATERIALS PROVIDED
AND GREAT IDEAS

Merry Christmas