Dear Parents,

From the Principal

West started the term off with a fabulous display of talent to mark our NAIDOC celebrations. The walls of the admin building were decorated with artwork from each class. Aunty Diana Fatiaki and Luanna assisted students to create a tissue paper lizard and the sounds of didgeridoos could be heard as the students assembled on the admin lawn. The weather was kind as a beautiful northerly wind kept the heat at bay. The first parade of the term also marked the official naming of “The John Bigg Centre for Performing Arts” to acknowledge fifty years of involvement with the west community having taught here for 27 years, his three children went to school here and as our school patron has continued to be a strong advocate for helping our students to reach their potential. Thank you to our P&C secretary, Rosalind Simmons, for making the presentation.

On the day the behaviour of our students was extraordinary. The respect they showed their fellow students and the distinguished guests by sitting quietly and listening was excellent. Visitors to our school commented with admiration.

The performances by our musical groups was simply brilliant. The school band commenced the entertainment, followed by the junior and senior choirs, the junior and senior strings and a flute trio. Many thanks to our music staff; Michael Buckholz, Wendy Cowell, Tony Brown, and Christine Buwulda.

Aunty Diana welcomed us all to country and taught the students actions to accompany a simple welcome we will perform each parade. Many thanks Aunty Diana.

The Bundaberg Crush Festival – Choir performance

The senior choir will join with other schools to perform at the Moncrieff Theatre on Monday 13 October. Parents are welcome to attend with a gold coin.

Year 6 and 7 Camp

Next Wednesday our students will participate in a three day camp at Riverside Retreat just outside Bundaberg. Mr Driver, Mr Gehrke, Mr Street and Mrs Martin will accompany them.

Indigenous Team Up Program at the PCYC

Another ten students will have the opportunity to participate in this excellent skill building program each Monday. The bus leaves school at 1:15pm and returns around 2:30pm.
Be at school every day on time and soar to success with Westie!

Students are excitedly sharing with me whilst on playground duty that their class is “going places” on their attendance ladder. They are all excited about going tenpin bowling if their class has great attendance by the end of the term.

P&C Meeting at 2pm – 21st October

Planning is underway for this year’s Christmas concert which will be held Wednesday 3rd December.

Swimming – parent supervision urgently required!

Please contact your class teacher if you are able to help supervise swimming lessons. Please help students develop responsibility to remember to bring their togs and towels. Currently our school phone is running hot asking parents to please bring forgotten items.

Pupil Free Day – Monday 20th October

Be a super WESTIE through kindness!

- Being kind helps you to get along with others.
- Speaking nicely and using encouraging words helps you to make friends.
- Taking turns and not being too bossy helps you to work well in groups.
- Being kind helps to make people like you.

Ways you can be kind at school:
- Speak to someone who seems unhappy
- Help your classmates with their school work
- Eat healthy food (be kind to your body)
- Speak nicely to everyone
- Say nice things to people
- Listen carefully to what others think and want to do
- Sort out your problems without fighting
- Be helpful to family, friends and teachers
- Care about nature and living things
- Return property to others
- Share things with everyone
- Make sure everyone has a turn
- Choose to behave well

Leanne McNamara, Principal
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OUR WONDROUS JUNIOR AND SENIOR CHOIRS!

OUR BRASS BAND AND STRING ORCHESTRA!

Free workshop for Bundaberg parents and carers of children with autism 22 & 23 October
Register your place: positivepartnerships.com.au

INDIGENOUS PLAYGROUP
A FREE PROGRAM HAPPENING NOW
FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGED 0-5 YEARS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD IN EARLY LEARNING
TWO DAYS A WEEK ARE AVAILABLE

Playgroup times:
Tuesday—Central State School Hall, Woondooma Street from 9.30am to 11.30am
Wednesday—Bundaberg West State School Hall George Street from 9.30am to 11.30am

Come along, have a yarn and discuss getting support to assist your child’s learning skills in play, interaction with other children and more. This will be a way for your child and yourself to make new friends and learn to make things out of simple everyday items, learn songs, paint, play, learn to share and how to get into a routine. Morning Team is provided.

For enquiries please phone Diana Fatiaki on 0427862083.

Newsletters sent home fortnightly
Term 4 – odd weeks (1,3,5,7,9).

RUMMAGE FOR RELAY
Bundy’s mega community garage sale
Do you want to be a part of the Garage Sale Trail without the hassle of opening your home? Join our mega community sale at the Bundaberg Recreational Precinct on October 25 and help us to raise money for Relay for Life. Sites are reasonably priced and all funds raised will support the Cancer Council.

• Suitcase site (inside 1.5mx1.5m) - $5
• Stall (inside 3mx3m) - $10
• Car boot (outside) - $10
• Stall (outside 5mx10m) - $15

Find an application form at bundaberg.qld.gov.au or call 1300 883 699 for more information. If you don’t want to hold a sale, but have some unwanted items to giveaway you can contact the team to donate them.

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