From the Principal

As this newsletter sees the end of Term two and is also the acknowledgement that we are half way through our school year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our community members for their ongoing support of Camooweal State School. Research demonstrates that effective schools have high levels of parental and community involvement. This involvement is strongly related to student learning, attendance and behaviour. At Camooweal, we have continual high expectations of the above three.

Attendance – Every day counts

Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students in maximising their potential. If your child has to be absent from school, it is important to advise the school and provide a reason for their absence.

Our Week 10 attendance has seen the Prep, Year 2’s and Year 6 students reach 100% for the week. Well Done.

Reports for Semester One

Students have received their reports on Tuesday 21st June. Reporting is part of communicating with parents and building the school-parent partnership to improve student learning. This gives a snap shot of student achievement for the year so far. I encourage families to make contact with the school to discuss their child’s learning and plan how the school and home can work in partnership to get the very best from each student.

School reporting processes are clear and transparent for parents, so they understand:

- the learning expectations for the students that students achievement against expected standards
- how well the student is engaging with the expected learning
- how the student may be able to improve

SunSmart Policy

This term the whole school has been practising wearing our hats at play time and wearing our shoes/socks all day. The students and staff have done extremely well in encouraging the students with following this new rule for the safety of our students. We are encouraging students to wear a broad brimmed hat. Wearing a hat with a brim that shades the eyes can also reduce UV radiation to the eyes by 50%. In Semester Two, Term 3, the school will be enforcing the rule of wearing your hat outside to play. “No Hat, No Play”.

Finally, I wish everyone a safe and relaxing time for the upcoming holiday. Thank you for the support you have all given to your child’s learning and the school. I look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 11th July.

Vaunessa Parker
Hello to all and welcome to our last P–2 news for this term! This six months has certainly passed us by in a flash!

Pretty much all I can think about to talk about this week is the amazing successes we have seen in our half-yearly reading tests! My goodness, we have seen some of our students jump up 2, 3 or even 4 levels in one term... an outstanding result reflecting the huge effort everyone has put into this important area of their learning. It makes Miss Thelma and I so proud, but best of all we see how proud the children are of their own success. I can only imagine how well we will all do in the next half of the year!!

The last of our assessments have been finished and marked and it was lovely to see how everyone remembered all they had learned and put that extra effort into demonstrating this through their various tests and projects. This term we have focussed on what assessment is and what we can do to do our best job. We focus on five important questions:

1. What are you learning? (concept focus)
2. How are you doing? (personal reflection: do we understand the information? Does it make sense?)
3. How do you know how you are doing? (teacher feedback and personal reflection, assessment results)
4. How can you improve? (personal goals to focus on)
5. Where can you go for help? (teachers, peers, further reading, making connections)

We discuss the five questions in relation to all areas of our learning, getting used what each one means and how the answers can help us to grow as learners. Once again, our continuing literacy success plays a big part, as this leads to greater independence and confidence in every area of the curriculum!

We have squeezed a little Border Sports practice into every day leading up to the carnival this week! We have been doing running races, playing ball games and having big yarns about what will happen on the day... oh, and I know everyone in town MUST have heard us practising our famous WAR CRY!!! Our pride in the “yellow and blue” will surely translate into a great result on the day!

Big HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes to our friends Jordan and Chriseha this fortnight!

Thank you to all for another fantastic term in the P–2 class! We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to another wonderful term after the holidays!!
Another term completed and how quick it has gone by. We had a full-on time with extra students joining us and really good attendance. The majority of students have endeavoured to complete their work in all subjects which has enabled us to have some fun while learning. In science the year 3/4s have been learning about endangered animals and plants and have been creating posters on their chosen topic. The 5s have been creating a creature in 2 different environments and the 6s have experimented with mouldy bread, looking at finding the best place to store it.

English has been interesting with the year 3/4s doing a literary recount of events from the First Fleet and the year 5/6s comparing the film and novel depictions of Storm Boy. In health they have all prepared an athletic themed sequence.

It's been so busy some students were even falling over backwards to get all the work finished!

I hope you all have a relaxing holiday filled with fun, good times and lots of fond memories. Well done. Thank you to everyone who has helped us during the term.

Mr Hayes and Miss Thelma
LOST AND FOUND

These keys have been found in the school grounds this week.

If they are yours, please see Sarah in the Admin Office.

They will need to be collected from the School.
SUPERHERO SCRAMBLE is a tailor-made race for children aged 6-12. It is a combination of physical and mental challenges focused on participation, healthy competition and good sportsmanship but there is a twist...

SUPERHERO SCRAMBLERS race alongside Mum, Dad, Auntie, Uncle or even Grandpa or Grandma. They cannot race alone.

It will take more than being the fastest runner or the quickest thinker to win SUPERHERO SCRAMBLE, you will need luck and maybe just a touch of a superhero power.

SUPERHERO SCRAMBLE is about experiencing awesome sweaty family fun and a great way for Mount Isa families to be involved in a healthy outdoor challenge.

SUPERHERO SCRAMBLE
Family Team = 1 adult + 1 child - $35
Each Superhero Scramble child receives an event t-shirt and medallion.

SUPERHERO SQUIRTS (under 6) Family Team = 1 adult + 1 child - $10
(15 minute race to be done with Mum or Dad prior to the start of Superhero Scramble)
Each Superhero Squirt will receive a medallion

REGISTER NOW!
Registrations close 7th July - Limited Spots

A GECKO OUTDOOR SPORTS EVENT
Contact Alison Whitehead
0427 677 030

Sunday
17th July
Buchanan Park
Mount Isa
10AM
**PLAYGROUP**

Playgroup runs from 9:00am—11:00am.

All are welcome.

Please remember that parents/carers must stay to look after their own child.

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**PARADE**

In term 2 parade is held every Friday at 2:45pm. We would like to invite everyone to attend.

At parade we highlight students who have been

- trying their hardest
- Being good role models
- Showing respect
- Being learners and
- Being safe

We would like you to join us in these celebrations.

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**School times for Term 2**

- Breakfast Club: 8:15am—8:55am
- School Starts: 9:00am
- First Break: 11:30am—12:00am
- Second Break: 1:30pm—2:00pm
- School Finishes: 3:00pm

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**CLINIC VISITS**

Please be aware that the Camooweal Clinic welcomes all parents/carers to take their child to have head lice and boils attended to. Head lice spreads very quickly and easily between students.

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**BIRTH CERTIFICATES**

Do you need a Birth Certificate for your child?

If your child is nearing School age and you don’t have a certificate, come and see us at School. We can help you with the paperwork and cost.

It is a legal requirement for all School students to have a birth certificate or other documentation for proof of age.
QParents is coming

Great news: Camooweal State School is proud to be one the first schools in Queensland to offer QParents.

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child’s school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child’s student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child’s school to access and manage their child’s student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Academic report cards
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way.

We will be sending out invitations for parents to register for QParents in the first week of Term 3.

QParents won’t replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.

More information about QParents can be found at https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about
# School Holiday Program for June/July 2016

## Week One

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**All children must be accompanied by a parent when attending these activities**

**There will be no bus pick ups or drop offs**

Fruits and water will be provided at each activity.

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**Every day counts.**

**You have to turn up every day Bruz!**

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**Greg Inglis**

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**School Attendance Strategy**
WEEK 9 PARADE AWARDS 10/06/16

P-2 CLASS AWARDS
Sheldon Dempsey

3-6 CLASS AWARDS
Bradford Riley, Jayden Dempsey Billy, Laylah King, Trinston Age

PRIDE AWARDS
Jayden Dempsey Billy, Sheldon Dempsey, Tysshaya Green, Geraldine Ellis
WEEK 10 PARADE AWARDS 16/06/16

3-6 CLASS AWARDS

Laylah King, Trinston Age

PRIDE AWARDS

Lisa Lorraine, Sheldon Dempsey, Braith Wickham, Manoah Wright

APPRECIATION AWARD

Kris and Michelle Doyle
Camooweal Post Office
Hotel/Motel

Thank you so much for your generous donation of $740.00 to help our students attend Border Sports.
# 2016 School Calendar
## Queensland State Schools

### December 2015
- Saturdays and Sundays
- School terms
- School holidays
- Public holidays
- Staff professional development day
- Flexible staff professional development day

### January 2016
- Saturdays and Sundays
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There are 194 school days in 2016. Semester 1 2017 commences for teachers on January 19 and for students on January 23.

**Staff Professional Development Days**

Staff professional development days for teachers are January 21-22, April 6-8, and October 17. Schools are able to decide when their flexible days will be held, as long as they are in the school holidays or out-of-school hours.

**Public Holidays**

Public holidays are set by the Industrial Relations Minister. Public holidays for a local show are not shown due to diversity of dates across the state.

**Final Dates for Student Attendance**

November 18 is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. November 25 is the final date for student attendance in years 10 and 11.

Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the summer holidays on December 2.

The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication (July 2015) but may be subject to change.

For more information and the latest version of this calendar, visit [www.education.qld.gov.au](http://www.education.qld.gov.au)
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- **1** NRL Visit Community Meeting
- **2** Deadly Choices
- **17** Mt Isa Show Holiday
- **24** School Holidays start

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- **13** NAIDOC Day
- **27** Life Education Van
- **29** Strive to be kind day

**SCHOOL RESUMES 11 JULY 2016**