From the Principal's Desk

After today, there will only be four weeks left of school. Teachers are busy finalising assessment items and collating grades for our end of semester report cards. This is a key time for students and it is important they are getting plenty of sleep each night and try to be at school every day to ensure they do not miss out on any lessons.

**November Attendance Blitz**

We are nine days into the Attendance Blitz for the month of November and results so far are extremely encouraging. Attendance in November is 95.7% compared to 88.8% for the start of this term. Well done to all students! The Regional target is 94% and so far for this month, we are well above that. Keep up the effort and try to be at school everyday.

**Amy Stuart**

If you have been looking at our school sign as you drive past you would already be aware that Amy Stuart will represent Queensland in Track & Field this year. This is an enormous achievement and it is clear the hard work and perseverance that Amy and her parents Larissa and John have put into Amy’s chosen sport of Athletics. Amy participated in four separate events at State Trials of 200m, High Jump, Shot Put and the Tetrathlon. Qualifying for four events in itself is a huge achievement and undertaking but even better to win Gold in the Tetrathlon! Amy also came 10th in the 200m, 13th in High Jump and 20th in Shot Put against the best athletes in Queensland. This is truly an amazing achievement!

The Tetrathlon or Multi-Event is made up of the events long jump, shot put, 100m and 800m. Of the students who entered the Tetrathlon, Amy came 1st in the 100m, 1st in the long jump, 1st in the shot put and 11th in the 800m. Amy finished with Gold in the Tetrathlon and will now head off to the Australian Track and Field Championships in Sydney from 25th - 29th November 2016. We wish her the best of luck and look forward to hearing about her endeavours on the national stage. All of Widgee is behind you Amy!

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Halloween Disco

Congratulations to our School P&C and everyone who helped out in the organisation and running of the Widgee Community Halloween Disco. There were time constraints and other issues in getting this event prepared and publicised but it shows the level of dedication and determination of our parents and community members to pull together and host a fantastic event for the good of the kids!

A special thank you to Jenny and Jarrod Clune for setting up, providing the majority of the decorati- on, working the kitchen all night and then being back at 7:30am to pack up and clean up. This could not have happened without you!

I’d also like to thank Julie White, Michelle Mackay, Suzy Steer, Shelley Weston, Kylie Reedman, Cornelia Dighton, Chloe Boole, Anneka Crombie and Amy Scheaffe for their help with setting up, running the night and/or packing up.

Waste Free Lunch Day

The 2-4 Class are working on a unit about litter and packaging of food. The students have decided they would like to raise awareness of this issue by having a school day where families pack a waste-free lunch on Friday 18th November. Please support the students and their learning about ‘going green’ and use containers or buy food without wrappers.

Students of the Week.............

Week 5

Mathew Adamson – For always working hard and answering questions with confidence in class!

Monique Parkhill— For always having a positive attitude and giving her all to every activity!

Isla Shofay - For great presentation skills!

Lily Grice-Ranson - For much improved behaviour!

Week 6

Saffron Costin - For reading with fluency and expression and moving up two levels in her home reading!

Charlii Short - For expressions in oral presentations!

Piper Janke - For consistently trying her best in every situation and just being a lovely student to teach!

Amy Stuart - For always working to the best of her ability and giving everything a go!
Signing Students out for early departure

We have changed the procedure for the ‘early signing out’ of Students.

If you are signing your children out as a early departure, you will require a card from the office to take to the classroom with you.

Thank you for your cooperation in this new system.

Parent Volunteers

All volunteers/visitors are required to sign in and get a volunteer/visitor sticker from the school office. There is a volunteer/visitor register on the table in the foyer and the stickers are in a manila folder.

A uniform order form was sent home at the beginning of the week. These orders need to be back at the school by Monday. The order form has been included in the newsletter.

Book Club Orders are due next Friday. Please have your orders in on time to be sure they are back before school ends.

Resource Fees for 2017 To assist with our planning for 2017 please return the completed form by the due date.

Thank you.

‘Count Us In’ is a musical program to celebrate music in schools where students from around the country sing a song to actions at the exact same time across the nation. The event is televised and we streamed this on the projector for students to follow along with. Thank you to Mrs Desley Meads for organising this event.

Count us in
Remembrance Day
2016
**SERVICE DIRECTORY 2016**

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**Jon’s Helping Hand**

**Property Maintenance Services**

We offer a reliable, professional helping hand to keep you on top of all those jobs that need regular attention and the unexpected ones.

House cleaning, repairs, painting, decking, pressure wash-

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Please call Jon or Glynis on 075484 0190 or 0400538322 or email Jonlofford@gmail.com. ABN / GST registered.

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*President:* Keith Harrison — 5484 0303

*Vice President:* Jonathon Cross — Secretary

*Secretary:* Leonie Hempsall — 53154057

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**Widgee Rural Supplies 5484 0022**

**OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK**

- Stockfeed/Hay
- Tanks/Troughs
- Horse Tack etc
- Hardware
- Pumps & Irrigation
- Animal Health Products
- Cement products
- Gas refills
- Chickens/birds & accessories
- Freshly frozen pet meat & bones

SPEND $50 or more & go into the monthly draw to win a $50 in-

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**Widgee State School P & C Association**

*President:* Julie White 0401492938

*Treasurer:* Michelle Mackay 5484 0098

*Secretary:* 

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**Country Music Club**

*President:* Ron Junggeburt 54840335

*Secretary:* Tanda Webb 54840172

*Treasurer:* Tracey White 54840043

Monthly walk-up nights Widgee Bushman’s Bar.

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**Widgee Indoor Bowls Club**

Cordially invite you to join them for a social morning of INDOOR BOWLS

Open to all ages

held in the Widgee Memorial Hall

**Monday Mornings 9 am—12 am**

Membership $15  Daily fee $2

No uniforms or experience necessary.

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**Widgee Rural Fire Brigade**

*Executive*

*Chairperson:* Chris Lhotka

*Secretary:* Val Ware

*Treasurer:* Barbara Follett

*Equipment:* Ron Follett

*Voluntary Community Educator:* Val Ware

**List of Officers**

1st Officer: Barry Dyer

2nd Officer: David Barsley

3rd Officer: Terry Payne