With the end of the year rapidly approaching, our calendar fills up quickly with a number of important events for the school community. The most significant event for our school is the graduation of our Year 12 students, whose last day of school is this Friday, 18 November.

This year, our Year 12 students deserve special mention as being the first group of graduating students, with 100% being successful in receiving their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). This certificate is recognition of the hard work and determination the students have dedicated to their studies throughout the year. It is also a recognition of the enthusiasm and commitment by the school staff who have supported the students on their journey. Of course, none of this would have been possible without the endless support of families. This week will surely be one of your proudest moments, where you will be able to share this significant achievement with your child.

Congratulations on your efforts everyone. This 100% QCE attainment is an achievement we can all be extremely proud of. This is the best outcome we have ever received for our Year 12 students. Every school in Queensland would be proud to achieve this result.

Class Attendance Award
Congratulations to 2/3A for winning the fortnightly Class Attendance Award—again! Once again, 2/3A will have their choice of a wide variety of prizes from the Cowboys to celebrate their 88% attendance for the last 2 weeks. Congratulations also to Prep A and Year 6 for being close second and third.

Thank you again to the families and staff for their continued hard work in getting our students to school—Everyday Counts!

Staff Changes
At the end of this year, we will be saying farewell to some of our dedicated teachers who have decided to move on to the next stage of their careers. On behalf of the entire school community, thank you to:

Amy Sachklikidis
Chloe McIntosh
Chris Evers
Chris Sachklikidis
David O’Shea
Emma Chandler
Jenny Worsley
Joe Istria
Jonathon Cazalet
Julianne O’Shea

This week, we have welcomed Mr Beresford Domic who will be taking over the Principal’s role during my absence from the school in Term 1 next year when I will be taking long service leave. Beresford is currently the Principal of Wooralinda State School in Central Queensland. I know the community will join with me in welcoming Beresford to our school.

Lunch Passes
Thank you to everyone for your support in keeping the students at school during lunch breaks. Because of this, fewer students are leaving the school grounds and returning to classes late. As I have mentioned previously, our Tuckshop prepares quality, cheap lunches for our students every day and we encourage all of our students to access the Tuckshop.

Students who need to leave the school grounds at lunch time, can do so, however they must have a note from an adult family member. If you would like to make arrangements for your child to go home for lunch everyday, please indicate this on the note. The school office will then be able to issue a lunch pass for your child.

PrePrep Playground Works
Many families would have noticed the landscaping of the PrePrep playground. I am pleased to report that this has now been completed and the result is fantastic! Our current students will soon have access to this new playground and future students will have many wonderful opportunities ahead of them, using the miniature road, mud pit, yarning circle, stage, reading area and stepping stones—just to name a few! Please take the time to view this new playground. It’s something our school community can be very proud of. Thanks to Miss Julianne and Mr David O’Shea for their early plans for the playground.

Kind regards
Ross McHutcheon
Principal
Remembrance Day
At 11.00am on 11 November, the Year 5/6 students observed Remembrance Day at the Memorial.

Prior to going we:
- Talked about Jackie Huggins being the first indigenous person to give the Remembrance Day commemorative address in Canberra today;
- Discussed Cpt Reg Saunders and the significance of the naming of a gallery in his honour today — as the first Indigenous officer in the Australian forces;
- Made our own poppies; and
- Walked in a way that was respectful for where we were going and doing.

Thank you 5/6 for being Respectful, Responsible and Safe.

Prep A News
Prep A has been very busy measuring in maths. We have focussed on the language long/short, light/heavy and empty/full. We measured our class pet Digger the Dog and designed houses that were just the right size for him.

White Ribbon Day March
Bwgcolman Stand Up Against Domestic and Family Violence will be organizing a number of activities on March 22 November. Most importantly for our students, they will be participating in the White Ribbon Day March from 10.30—11.30. Family and friends are welcome to walk alongside the school and their children during this march.

Proppa Solid Performance
Earlier this Term, we were all inspired by the Proppa Solid performance in the school hall. The story of Australia’s first aboriginal president was greeted with great applause from the audience. The visitors also worked with some of our very talented students to present their own performance at the end of the week. Well done everyone and thanks to Miss Chloe for co-ordinating this activity on behalf of the school.

Garbutt Magpies AFL Cup
Last Term, eighteen of our students travelled to Townsville to play in the annual Garbutt Magpies AFL Cup. The team did extremely well winning 2 of its 3 games, finishing second in their pool. The trip was not only about playing AFL, with local elders spending time with the students discussing the importance of respect and future leadership within the community. Some of the highlights included shopping at Castletown, exploring the Indigenous art work at Kissing Point and plenty of table tennis back at the Indigenous Women’s Centre. We look forward to participating in the event again next year!