Dear community members,

It seems such a long time since our last newsletter with the Labour Day Public Holiday falling on our last newsletter day and as such I have decided to do a “Last Week of Term” newsletter.

What a tremendous night we shared with Dookie Primary School at the STAR GAZING evening on Mt Major on Friday, 11th of March. The entire week of poor “viewing” weather ensured Mrs Thomas and I remained anxious. Friday was quite overcast but the “stars aligned” allowing us to share an excellent evening. 68 people attended and the night was enjoyed by all. It was a late night with the last people leaving around 9:45pm. A special mention to Mrs Thomas for her commitment to ensuring this night went ahead. Well done.

Last Friday was also our ‘Koori’ Cluster Day at Aquamoves where the students from our cluster joined together to participate in a variety of traditional Koori games and activities, followed by an afternoon at Aquamoves. Once again, our students were very well behaved. Well done kids!!

On Thursday 17th March we visited two companies as part of our science theme of “Package It Better”. First up, all students attended Bicknell Freight to view firsthand how freight is transported, tracked and distributed. We also spent time looking at the various ways companies pack strange items such as shovels, large aluminium coils and medical distributions. This was truly an eye opening experience and we were very grateful to Lyndon and Ros for allowing us into their very busy business. Ros went to the extra trouble of taking photographs of some of the strange items they have encountered in their business.

We then went to Integrity Fruit in Ardmona and were taken on an extensive tour of their packing shed. This shed is one of the largest packing companies in our area and the students were taken into all areas of the business. Our students saw the entire process from the fruit being taken off the trees, sorted, graded labelled and then packed for distribution or placed into storage. The students were even taken into the Cool Rooms where some produce is stored for up to 6 months. We were very grateful to my good friend Sam Ahmet from GV Packaging and Craig Boyce from Integrity Fruit who assisted in ensuring we had exclusive access.

Excursions are an integral part to our science themes because students are able to apply their school based learning into real life situations.

Our School Council AGM was held on Wednesday evening and I am very pleased to announce that Sarah Chaplin will be our School Council President for her second year. Other members re-elected to the Council include Katrina Holland, Dorin Gupta, Tanya Blackmore, Pam Rogers, Virginia Boyd, Jess McNeil, Mrs Thomas and myself. New to our team for 2016 is Charles mother, Maree Leschke. Welcome aboard Maree. School Council is an integral team at Currawa Primary School and I look forward to continuing to work with them.

** Principal’s report continued over-leaf:
**CALENDAR**

**MARCH**
- Tues 22nd - Ten Pin Bowling
- Wed 23rd - MARC Library
- Wed 23rd - Catch-up Music lessons
- Thurs 24th - End of Term 1

**APRIL**
- Mon 11th - First day of Term 2

**Principal’s Report cont’**: On a mixed note, I farewell and also congratulate Mr Cleary who has accepted the substantive Principal position at Congupna Primary School.

Mr Cleary did a tremendous job at Currawa and on behalf of the entire Currawa community we wish him all the very best in his new position.

Where does that leave Currawa? I will continue in an acting capacity for Term Two, during which time the substantive position will be advertised and the selection process carried out.

The successful candidate will then assume the substantive role at Currawa PS at the start of Term Three.

**Reminder that Term One concludes this Thursday 24th of March at 2:30pm.**

I would like to wish the entire Currawa PS family a safe and “hoppy” Easter. Enjoy your precious time with your family and I look forward to hearing about your break when school resumes on Monday, April 11th.

If you see any Lycra clad people on road or Mountain bikes in Dookie, give them a wide birth as one of them may be me.

Be safe and see you in Term Two.

Brendan Kenna
Acting Principal

**MUSIC LESSONS**
Helen Rankin will be doing catch-up music lessons this Wednesday, March 23rd.

**TELESCOPES**
We still have 5 telescopes for sale at $6 each.
Aquamoves Cluster Day

Packing Shed Visit
Chocolate Making

Bravehearts - Ditto Visit