From the Principal

Welcome Back
A very warm welcome back to everyone for what I am sure will be a very busy term 3! I hope you are well rested and refreshed ready for what I am sure will be an action packed term. We have some wonderful things happening this term including athletics carnival, public speaking, our school review, Tour De Hebel bike ride and our classroom showcase! Be sure to add all relevant dates to your calendar so you are well informed of the happenings.

Pockets
Pockets is well under way at Hebel! We have already had two lessons this term. The children have had a wonderful time engaging in oral language activities, using playdough, dancing, singing and crafts. We will run our POCKETS program every Thursday from 9-11. If you are interested, or know of anyone who might like to attend, please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

Athletics Carnival
Lock it in!! Next Friday the 29th is the athletics carnival in Dirranbandi! All students will need to assemble at Dirran school prior to the first event. We will have the Hebel shade shelter set up for the students to sit under when they are not competing. Please ensure you remember your hat, sunscreen, full school uniform. The Tuckshop will be open on Friday, there is a menu attached. The program is in the final stages of being printed and when I have a copy I will send one home to all families. The athletics carnival is a highlight for all students on our school calendar and I look forward to seeing you all there.

Attendance
Well done to everyone who has made a great start to the term in attendance! If we keep up this great rate we will be looking very strong this term! Remember, Every Day Counts! Every day away certainly does add up over time. Well done for a great start Hebel.

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Yesterday, the 21st of July, our Instrumental Music students travelled to Dirranbandi for the annual Winter Music Carnival. Miah and Henry, both percussionists, performed extremely well and represented Hebel to the best of their ability. They both performed a solo piece and also performed as part of the big band which saw all music students in the Balonne District come together. A big thank you to Mr Todd for organising this event. It is wonderful to be able to provide our students with such a wide variety of learning experiences.
Hebel State School
POCKETS Program

Pockets runs every Thursday from 9-11 at the Hebel School.

To get involved, contact Emily Robinson—07 4625 0938
Tolerance: a vital ingredient for your child’s success

Kids who accept differences in others are setting themselves up for success in the world of diversity that they will enter.

Want your child to be successful way past the confines of the school gate? Then you need to make sure your child is tolerant of individual differences and accepting of children and adults who look and act differently to them.

There’s no doubt that success in today’s world depends on the ability to understand, appreciate and work with others. The child who is open to differences is likely to have more opportunities in school, in business and in life in general.

Schools are diverse places
Walk into any school ground in Australia and you’ll witness diversity firsthand. You’re likely to see children from many different cultural, racial and family backgrounds. You’ll also see kids with different needs and diverse ways of expressing themselves. Some kids will wear their hearts on their sleeves, while others will be taciturn and quiet. Tolerant kids are accepting of these differences.

They make friends with children and young people who may look and act differently to them.

Intolerance breeds bullying
Intolerance or prejudice is at the heart of a great deal of the bullying that occurs among children and young people. Kids who look and act differently or who are more isolated often experience bullying for no apparent reason other than the fact that they are different! Whole-hearted acceptance and even appreciation of differences is a preventative bullying measure that we can all support.

Tolerance starts at home
Kids learn attitudes such as tolerance from those around them. Children in primary school usually reflect the attitudes of their parents. While adolescents are strongly influenced by their peers, parental attitudes still have a significant impact on their attitudes to other people. In short, if you want your child to be accepting of differences – whether they are racial, cultural, behavioural or in sexual orientation – then make tolerance a family trait.

Here’s how:
Help your child feel accepted, respected, and valued. When your child feels good about himself, he is more able to treat others respectfully.

Modal acceptance. Kids learn what they live so make sure you welcome differences in others, and be sensitive to cultural or racial stereotypes. It also helps on a practical level to discuss prejudice and stereotypes when they occur in the media.

Challenge prejudice or narrow-minded views. Sometimes kids, knowingly or unknowingly, can say the cruellest things about others. As a parent respect your child or young person about the impact that a narrow view can have on his or her own behaviour as well as on those it may be directed towards. Intolerance of diversity is an attitude that parents should make a stand against.

Answer kids’ questions about differences honestly and respectfully. Teach your kids that it is acceptable to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done with respect.

Respect individual differences within your own family. Your ability to accept your children’s differing abilities, interests and styles will go a long way towards establishing an attitude of tolerance in the children themselves. By valuing the uniqueness of each member of your family you are teaching your kids to value the strengths in others, no matter how diverse. Modern Australia is such a wonderful culturally-rich place. This diversity is part of its magic. One way to make sure our children fully appreciate this richness is to fully embrace tolerance in everything we do.

Michael Grose

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# Athletics Carnival Menu

Available from Dirran School Tuckshop on Friday of Athletic Carnival

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Calendar

**July**
- 21st: POCKETS
- 21st: Bre Mobile
- 26th: PE
- 28th/29th: Dirranbandi Athletic Carnival

**August**
- 2nd: PE
- 4th: POCKETS & Bre Mobile
- 8th: Show Holiday
- 9th: Balonne Athletics Day St.George
- 11th: POCKETS
- 11th: Music
- 12th: Cluster Meeting Begonia
- 15th/16th: Roma Business Meeting
- 18th: POCKETS & Bre Mobile
- 19th: Hebel Public Speaking
- 23rd: PE
- 25th: Music
- 25th: POCKETS

Footy Tipping Results

1st: Thomas Dyer 106
2nd: Frank Deshon 104
3rd: Mr B 102
4th: Lauren Crothers 100
5th: Rhett Butler 98
5th: Grinner 98
6th: Selina Halls 97
7th: Rainey Day 93
8th: Sarsar 91
8th: Wally Bell 91
8th: Jessica Halls 91
8th: Emily Robinson 91
8th: Shelley Johnston 91
Community News

Church Services
Hebel

Sunday 7th August
Catholic Mass
10:00am
Everyone Welcome

CWA Spring Affair

Saturday 3rd September

At 10:00am
Dirranbandi CWA Grounds
Kirby Street.

There will be various stalls, - children's entertainment, plants, cakes, produce, morning tea, bar, and many more.

It's always a great day out with an enjoyable lunch. So come along and support the CWA.

If you wish to have a stall or know someone who might then contact:
Barb McMillan on 46207309
Robyn Rigby on 0427098207
Email: dirranbandicwa@outlook.com

What’s On? At the Dirranbandi Hospital

Bingo!
Dirranbandi Conference room from 1.30 pm;
Gold Coin Donation
22/07/16
Know Your Numbers; Free Blood Pressure
check and Diabetes Screen
RTC from 10am-12Nooon
27/07/2016

Allied Health will be in Dirranbandi on:
Occupational Therapy – 12th July
Physiotherapy- 6th 20th July
Podiatry- 12th July
Dietician- 12th July
Diabetes Educator- 12th July
**Social Work- 5th 12th 19th 26th July
**Counselling Service Alex Donoghue- 14th 28th
July
Occupational Therapy- 12th July
Dental Clinic- 13th July
** Able to Self-Refer to these services

The above services require a referral; please see our lovely Medical and Nursing staff.
New dates will be in the next Newsletter or contact the Hospital

Child and Family Health- Available by Appointment with Sarah Deshon at the Medical Practice
Notice to Anglican Parents

Your children’s Confirmation

Baptism and confirmation are important milestones in the life of a member of the Anglican Church. In recent years, Confirmation was delayed until candidates reach the age of 15 years. This was particularly difficult for rural children. The Archbishop has now agreed that children can be Confirmed from 11 years old, i.e., from grade 6.

We, the Anglican Parish of St. George with Dirranbandi, are keen to hear from parents whose children (including older brothers and sisters, and indeed the parents themselves) may wish to know more about Confirmation in the Anglican Church. We would like to move towards Confirmation during the Bishop’s visit in September. Confirmation classes will start in the July school term, i.e., the first meeting will be in the week of 11th-15th July.

If you are interested, please contact Marion Ellem on 46253044, Pam Turnock on 0428253343 or Desley Buchan on 0408253620, or talk to Anglicans in the Community.

A Celebration: The Songs and Stories of Paul Kelly

Giovanni Porta fronts a 5 piece band to present the best of Paul Kelly’s music & the stories behind the songs........

Dirranbandi Polo Cross Grounds 9th September @ 7pm

Tickets $20pp Bar Opens 6pm Finger food & Dinner Available

Supported by Balonne Shire Council Community Drought Fund

Celebrating Dirranbandi Arts Council 40th Birthday 1975 – 2015
A MESSAGE FROM THE MURRAY DARLING BASIN AUTHORITY:

As you may be aware the Murray Darling Basin Authority has been conducting a review to enhance our understanding of water requirements across the northern basin.

We are working to finalise the social, economic and environmental science research that underpins the Northern Basin Review. We now want to share the results of our work so far, including how different water recovery scenarios effect environmental, social and economic outcomes.

Over July and August we will be hosting a number of meetings in different locations to share this work and seek your feedback on the information we have collected over the past few years. I would like to invite you to attend a meeting in Dirranbandi on July 26 and St. George on July 27. The meetings in each location will run from 9am until 12:30 and cover the following topics:

- Context for the work so far, the water recovery scenarios we have looked at, and the decision-making process
- The environmental science work and how water recovery influences environmental outcomes
- Findings from the social and economic research, including the Aboriginal survey results
- Next steps for the Northern Basin Review

Following this meeting we will serve a light lunch, so there will be more opportunities to discuss the work. We are also hosting an open community drop in session in the afternoon to provide an opportunity for community members not involved in the work so far to come and talk to our staff about the Northern Basin Review and ask any questions. You are more than welcome to attend either/both meetings if you prefer.

Details for the Dirranbandi meetings are as follows:

Date: 26 July
Venue: Dirranbandi Civic Centre, Kirby Street, Dirranbandi
Morning seminar time: 9:30am-12:30am
Afternoon community drop-in / Q&A time: 2pm-4pm

Details for the St. George meetings are as follows:

Date: 27 July
Venue: St. George RSL, 106 Alfred Street, St. George
Morning seminar time: 9:30am-12:30am
Afternoon community drop-in / Q&A time: 2pm-4pm

We will be providing light refreshments at these meetings, so to assist us in our planning, we would appreciate it if you would RSVP to NorthernBasin@mdba.gov.au. Please don’t hesitate to contact Chris Chartres (02) 6279 0131 or chris.chartres@mdba.gov.au if you have any questions or concerns.