ATTENDANCE – Every day counts
2015 Sem 1 attendance actual – 90.3%
2015 Term 3 attendance actual – 90.6%
2015 school attendance target - 94%
A reminder to parents to contact the school to give absence reason details.
We aim for 0-5 day’s absence each student each semester (95% - 100% attendance).

ATTENDANCE CUP CHALLENGE
The class with the most wins over the term wins a pizza lunch and will use the kitchen to make their own personalised pizzas.
Term 3 Week 7 Class Winner: Year 4-6 😊

PIONEER VALLEY SPEAKING COMPETITION
Sophia spoke well last Tuesday at the Pioneer Valley Cluster at Walkerston School. She presented a very strong persuasive speech about light pollution.
The overall winner was Tshanti from Gargett School.

FARM SAFETY WINNER
Congratulations to Kyle Lambert, in Year 4, who was one of twelve entries selected as winners in the Qld wide Farm Safety Calendar competition. Kyle’s winning entry about dam safety will be included in a 2016 Farm Safety Calendar printed by the Qld Government. Kyle won a $250 gift voucher for himself, as well as a $500 gift voucher for the school. 😊😊😊

TENNIS DONATION
Thank you to Max Haviland, Year 3, for participating in a tennis competition earlier in the year, collecting sponsorship money of $70 in the process, which has been donated back to our school. Max has chosen to purchase cricket bats, hand balls and soccer balls with this donation.

BOOKCLUB
Bookclub orders and money are due to the school office by Wednesday 2nd August.

YEAR 4-6 ART MURAL
Attached is a letter regarding additional art time for these students to stay at school on Thursday afternoons for painting. Please read carefully.

RSPCA PROGRAM
Today we visited the RSPCA Van. On the second page of the newsletter are some recounts by Year 4-6 students, as well as some photos.

ERGON ENERGY ELECTRICITY SAFETY WEEK 7-11 SEPT
Next week our school is participating in an important safety program that aims to teach your children how to be safe around electricity and make them more aware of the dangers that can be associated with it.
Students will receive an activity booklet and certificate for completing various activities throughout the week.
Friday 11th September will be our culminating activity.
Students can dress as their favourite super hero.
Students can win prizes for creating an ENERGY SAFETY HERO logo on an A4 sheet of paper. Entries for the logo competition close on Thursday 10th, with winners announced Friday 11th.
Further information is available at ergon.com.au/safetyheroes

UPCOMING CALENDAR
• 31st August, RSPCA at Finch Hatton School
• NO HOMEWORK CLUB 1st SEPTEMBER
• 1st Sept, Garden Class
• 3rd Sept, Teacher Aide Day
• 3rd Sept, Morning Tea for all Support Staff and Volunteers
• 3rd Sept, Kitchen Class
• 4th Sept, PD teachers and aides, Effective Reading Practises
• 11th Sept, Energy Safety Hero Day
• 16th Sept, School Photos
• 18th Sept, A Plus Day

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!!!!
Judy Atkins
Principal

The best educational outcomes for each student
RSPCA RECOUNTS BY YEAR 4-6 STUDENTS

Today the whole school went down to Finch Hatton to go to the EMU (educational mobile unit). We learned things like how a chick grows in its egg and how microchips work. I found the vet station to be the most fun. It had real stethoscope’s and a microchip reader. We got to clean, inject and bandage all of the toy animals. Other stations included how big a caged chicken’s home can be, how to save a cat from pipes, why and how we are changing animals habitats and one had educational games to play. I’m sure that everyone had fun. (Sophia Woodhouse)

At RSPCA, I did activities like seeing how hot 60 degrees celcius is, by sticking my hand in a machine, computer activities and a chip scanner. I learnt about buying what’s the best for your pet and a chicken cycle. It was very fun. There was also a stethoscope so you could feel your own heart! (Will Smith)

We had a talk to tell us how to work the group stations, then we went to our first station, the computers. After that we got a cat out of the drain and found the right equipment for the animals. I put my hand in a warmer to tell how hot it is in the car to show us we shouldn’t have pets in the car. (Harry Fortescue)

Today we learnt in the RSPCA that a microchip gets put in the back of the neck of an animal. We also learnt about the lifecycle of a chicken and what it is like in a chicken pen. We felt what it was like in a hot car and we used the machine that finds the microchip in the plush toys back. (Shilah Connelly)