The students have been doing a great job working through the 7 steps to Writing Program. The program is designed to help improve confidence and writing ability. Over the past two weeks, students worked on their Sizzling Starts and how to start their writing with a bang. This week we begin on ‘How to Plan’.

Kyle Low

Ekka Garden Competition

Congratulations to the students for receiving a ‘Highly Commended’ at the Ekka Schools Garden Competition. It was a hotly contested field with some fantastic designs from other schools. The students’ design of ‘The Bush’ which incorporated elements of a farm, complete with animals and crops, was a small masterpiece. The students will have the opportunity to see the other designs when they visit the Ekka on Friday.

Warwick Country Small Schools Sports Carnival

Last Friday the students participated in the Warwick Country Small Schools Sports Carnival at Hamilton Oval. Other small schools from around the district including Yangan, Wheatvale, Freestone, Maryvale, Tannymorel and Murray’s Bridge attended the fantastic day. The students did the school proud, competing fairly and always having a smile on their faces. A big thank you to Ms Whear and Mrs Batterham for assisting with the running of the day and a ‘THANK YOU’ you to Kerry Wilson for helping to ensure the students were in the right place, at the right time! A special mention to Jarred Anderson who was awarded with Runner Up Age Champion in the Boys 11 years division.

School Pencils – Social and Emotional Program

Over the weekend, the ‘School Value Pencils’ were placed around the library. The Pencils are part of the school’s Social and Emotional Program and the next step will be getting the school values written on them. Glen Cherry has done a fantastic job with designing and constructing the pencils as well as the beautiful ‘Book’ which sits just inside the school gate. Glen used all recycled materials including Fire Extinguishers and Gas Bottles to complete the job. Thank you Glen!
### Karara State School Times

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### Classroom News

#### 7 Steps to Writing – Some Sizzling Starts

- “Lookout, a brick”. Bricks are falling from the sky, but how can that happen? I’ve got it, they are magic bricks! – Laura Carter

#### Student of the Week

Congratulations to Joshua Wilson who is this week’s Student of the Week. Joshua received the award for showing **Responsibility**. Joshua demonstrated responsibility by showing leadership at school. Well done Joshua.

#### Karara School Values

The next of our Karara School Values is **Responsibility**. Responsibility may be a hard concept to understand when we are young as responsibility often falls to a parent. However, it is a value worth its weight in gold and the earlier a student can learn it, the closer they are to taking control of their success. A short definition of responsibility is “The state or fact of having a duty to deal with something or of having control over someone”. Some of the key components of teaching responsibility at school include:

- Responsibility is taking charge of one’s own learning – this includes completing assessment tasks on time, being prepared for lessons and performing to the best of one’s own ability.
- Personal student responsibility recognises the importance of others including parents and teachers as learning partners, but puts the student in charge of their own learning.

For students, taking responsibility starts by ensuring that they are ready for learning at the beginning of each lesson. We welcome the support of the families in discussing responsibility at home!

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### YANGAN STATE SCHOOL P & C

**Father’s Day Trivia Night**

**SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER, 2014**

**RESERVATIONS AND ENQUIRIES TO KATE**

07 4664 8780

Doors Open at 6:30pm  
Trivia commences 7:00pm  
Enter is $10 per person.  
Light supper included. Bar available

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### YANGAN STATE SCHOOL P & C

**Karara Camp Draft Team Penning – Help needed**

Karara Campdraft will be holding a team penning event on **Saturday the 16th of August**. If anyone is available to help out in the canteen or yards for the day, please contact Lloyd Hilton on 0439 674 206

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### YANGAN STATE SCHOOL P & C

**Karara Sheep Dog Trials**

The Annual General Meeting of the Karara Sheep Dog Trials will be held at the Karara hall on **Monday 18th of August** at 7:30pm. All Welcome.

Lorraine Welsh – Hon Sec 4667 4163

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