IMPORTANT DATES

DEC
10th Yaraka Christmas Tree
16th Council Staff Xmas Party - Ilfra
16th Council Outside Workers holidays begin
24th Isisford Christmas Tree

JAN
16th Council Outside Workers back to work
23rd School resumes (Monday)
26th Australia Day Public Holiday

BIRTHDAYS

DEC
6th Tom Littlewood
13th Tom Lines
16th Jaimee Mills
18th Lily Robertson
19th Ritchie Robertson

JAN
5th Rob Bailey (Snr)
13th Brad Edwards
14th Melissa Hanton
18th Tina Wright
23rd Tim Brunckhorst
27th Belinda Avery
28th Hannah Sawyer

DATE CLAIMERS

Yaraka Christmas Tree
Saturday 10th December, 2016

Isisford Christmas Tree
Saturday 24th December, 2016

ACROSS THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

It is hard to believe that this is our last newsletter for the year, yet again! What an incredible year we have had here in Isisford – 2016 has been huge!

We have participated in many events throughout the year to help expose our students to a variety of different experiences. Our biggest achievement this year has been the two school camps that we went on in Term 3, with Windorah Spor ts Camp very closely followed by our bi-annual camp which this year took us to the beautiful beaches of the Gold Coast.

This year we also had the transition and transfer of our cluster teacher Miss Clarke as she took some leave, and welcomed Mrs Waterford – a very welcomed addition to our team.

Our Community Mosaic has been a huge success, although it has taken some time to put final touches on so we are saving it until the new year to put up, there has been too much hard work put in to not have it completed properly before it goes out into the weather. Keep your eyes peeled on our front fence in 2017!

Swimming Carnival
Last Monday our students participated in the Small Schools Swimming Carnival in Barcaldine, hosted by Aramac State School. What a day – our students were outstanding as always! Everyone participated, right down to our Year 1 girls Rangi & Jaimee who jumped in and swam shorted races to earn points for their school, and Hugh in Year 2 who gave it his all in races also. Archie and Skyla swam beautifully – showing some fantastic improvements from our recent swimming lessons. Makybe and Tommy competed in all 50m races of the day, with Tommy finishing off our day with class and style winning the Individual Medley. A massive effort by all students, and thank you to our wonderful parents who came along, I know it means a lot to have you there for the students. Such a proud day for our school!

Champion Results:
Hugh Jackson – 9 Years Age Champion Runner Up
Makybe Edwards – 11 Years Age Champion Runner Up
Tommy Lines – 12 Years Age Champion
**Presentation Night**
Thank you to all of the community and families who came along to our Annual Presentation Night. Such a great night with star performances from our students in their play – Bubba: The Cowboy Prince!
A massive thank you to the P&C for organising the BBQ and our community for sharing in the catering.
We were lucky enough to have some special guests from the Queensland Fire and Rescue, as the new firetruck for Isisford was handed over to our community. It was fantastic to add something extra and special to our night, thank you to;
* Mr Mike Wassing - Deputy Commissioner for Emergency Services Volunteers Division
* Ms Robyn Bowering – Brigade Training Support Officer
* Mr Tony Straud – Area Manager

2016 Student Awards were awarded to:
ARCHIE LINES – Maths/Science (sponsored by George Bourne & Associates)
MAKYBE EDWARDS – Literacy (sponsored by Hart Family Grocery Store)
TOM LINES – Sportsmanship (sponsored by Hart Family Grocery Store)
JAIMEE MILLS – Most Improved (sponsored by Hart Family Grocery Store)
MAKYBE EDWARDS – Community Spirit (sponsored by Lachlan Millar MP)

I wish you all a safe and restful break. I hope that everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Fantastic New Years!

I hope that Santa is good to all the boys and girls of Isisford 😊

Best Wishes,
Tamikah Mawn
Principal

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**LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL**

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**INTERPRETATION CENTRE & CAFE**

Good news, finally Telstra has come through with a new phone number for the Café (OBIC ISISFORD) which is 46588133. So you can contact Kym as of today. I believe this used to be Joe & Fiona Owens old Gydia Park number too.... if that helps some of those to remember.

**OFFICE CLOSURE**
The Isisford Office closes at 12.00noon on Friday 23rd December.

**AUSTRALIA DAY NOMINATIONS 2017**
Nomination forms are available from all branches or by emailing your details to events@longreach.qld.gov.au . Nominations will be received up until 12.00 noon on Friday 16th December 2016.
All queries are to be directed to Jacquettaa Arnold, Events Tourism Officer on (07) 4658 4150.

Isisford/Yaraka
- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Volunteer of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

**WILD DOG BAITING**
Residents and visitors are advised that Council and Contractors will be conducting an aerial and ground wild dog baiting program over the next few weeks. The area to be covered includes the Longreach Region and some surrounding Council areas.
While the Town Commons are not part of the area to be baited, care should be taken when exercising dogs and other animals.
This is a necessary and planned program aimed at attempting to control the wild dog problem in the Region.
If you are participating in the baiting program, remember to notify your neighbours and place relevant
signage on each boundary access prior to commencement.
Further details can be obtained from the main office or by contacting (07) 4658 4111.

ISISFORD POST OFFICE
Allan and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and thank all of you for your continued support of our little business throughout 2016. We are a very fortunate Post Office because so many of you still make the extra effort to pay your bills with us instead of online and I would like you to know that I really appreciate this.

Christmas Card stamps this year have remained at 0.65cents. We have lots of Christmas cards, wrapping paper and gifts available as well as stationery and office supplies. May God hear our prayers and may you all have all the best of good health and happiness in 2017. MERRY CHRISTMAS – Billie & Allan Edwards

YARAKA
CHRISTMAS TREE
Saturday, 10th December, 2016
Yaraka Hall
Lolly hunt for the kids – 6.15 pm
SANTA WILL ARRIVE AT DUSK
Bring a $30 gift for your child or visiting family and friend’s children (12 and under), place it discreetly under the tree on the night and receive a $15 refund per gift for attending and making our Christmas Tree a success
R.S.V.P. by 3rd December, 2016
with children’s names who are attending or for more info to Kaye - Ph: 46585358 or email: yaraka.com.au@bigpond.com
EVERYBODY WELCOME
Please bring a plate of finger food to share in our Christmas feast
To enquire what food item would be best to bring please contact Julie - Ph: 46575577 or email: budgerigar2@bigpond.com
A Hamper will be drawn on the Night
(an empty Hamper basket will be left at the Yaraka Hotel, any donations will be greatly appreciated)
BAR OPENED UNTIL LATE
The Yaraka Christmas Tree Association wishes to acknowledge and thank The Department of Communities for the drought relief funding received and distributed through the Yaraka Shire and Longreach Regional Council.

Isisford Primary Health Centre
Visits
Opening Hours: Monday to Friday
8 am to 12 noon
2 pm to 4.30 pm
With a Registered Nurse 24 hours on-call Emergency
ONLY Phone 000
For No-urgent medical help phone 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) to speak with a professional who can offer advice over the phone.
A doctor from the Longreach Family Medical Practice, visits every Monday.
Appointments Ph 46588500

Longreach Family Practice Doctors Clinic
Monday 28th November Tuesday 3rd January
Dr Ross Ross
Monday 12th December Monday 16th January
Dr Barker Ross
Tuesday 20th December Monday 30th January
Dr Ross Ross

Queensland Health Nurse Practitioner Clinic: Glory Baker
Every Tuesday. Scripts, pathology requests, referrals and Womens Health. Bulk billed.

Shingles Vaccines
70-79 year olds eligible for FREE SHINGLES VACCINE.
Phone clinic (46588500) to put your name down.

Dental Services
The Central West Hospital and Health Services Oral Health Service will have a shut down period between 25th November 2016 – 16th January 2017 due to dental staff on leave. Dr Mark Zavialov on 46581 283, Longreach Private Dental will be intermittently available during this period. Any non-emergency dental patients, who may present, should be advised to contact the Longreach Hospital Dental Clinic on 46584720 or Barcaldine Hospital Dental Clinic on 46504077. Please note at times these clinics will be unattended, but patients will be directed to leave a message and will be allocated to the appropriate wait list.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year.
Cheers from the Staff of the Isisford Primary Health Centre.
Helen McMonagle & Majella Rayment
Co-Directors of Nursing
Weather Statistics – Isisford

Statistics for November 2016
Lowest Temp: 12.4° (Mon 14th Nov)
Highest Temp: 40.8° (Wed 9th Nov)
Rain: 2.6mm

Statistics for November 2015
Lowest Temp: 16.6° (Sat 7th Nov)
Highest Temp: 43.8° (Fri 27th Nov)
Rain: 17.6mm

Dear Santa

How is it going in the North Pole?
Tell everyone at the North Pole I said hello.
How is Mrs Clause going? Do you remember
last time I wrote you a letter? The only Elf
I remember is Rusty. I have been very
good this year, and I deserve to be on your
nice list because I put my school clothes away.
I have been good at school and I have
been feeding the pets.
I have been putting my school clothes in the
washing machine and washing them. When they
are washed I hang them out. I also hang out
Tommy’s school clothes. I get them of the clothes
line and put them away. Sometimes fold them
up.

Definitely you can see Santa that I have been
good at school and I get in trouble here and there.
I have been getting A’s and B’s in my weekly
report. I have been good at swimming.
You can see Santa I also feed the pets.
I go home after school and give the chickens water
and give them grain. I give Barney dog biscuits and water. I clean his tunnel and take
him for a run. I love my pets.

Santa as you can see without a doubt I should
be on the nice list. I have been really good this year.
Could I please have a fan wheeler
for Christmas? If I can get this that will
be enough.

Hope to see you at Christmas.

Love Archie Kane

PS. Hope you reply.

Anyone wanting the Newsletter can send a
book of $1 stamps to the Isisford School or
find it on the website at
www.isisfordss.eq.edu.au

News items must be emailed by
29/01/2017
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