Dear Parents

Last Monday saw Mrs Bishop organise and undertake a field trip to the Ration Shed at Cherbourg for the year four students. I was asked to join them to ensure safe student to adult ratios and enjoyed the morning presentation. The information given to the students was relevant to their subject and age appropriate. I believe the students found the information interesting as there was several relevant and mature questions put to the presenters and the end of the demonstration. I was also impressed with the students own presentation and the way they represented the school. There was no behaviour incidents and all students were polite and respectful. Well done Year Four.

I trust that all parents have met with your child’s teacher to discuss the testing results and strategies that you can do at home to help them achieve their individual goals. If you haven’t met as yet please contact your child’s teacher to arrange a suitable time to do so.

Last Thursday we held our first rewards day BBQ that was very well turned out. Almost every student was invited and it was great to see so many parents support the event. Thanks to the army of volunteers that collected, prepared and served the food. Once again well done to all the students that received an invitation and let’s try to have every student at the next one.

Nominations are now open

The Queensland Greats Awards program honours and acknowledges individuals and institutions whose long-term or lifetime achievements have played a significant role in the development of Queensland. In 2015, a posthumous category was introduced to honour individuals who have made an exceptional impact on our state and this category will continue in 2016. The 2016 Queensland Greats will be announced during Queensland Week celebrations, 4–12 June 2016. If you know an individual or acclaimed institution that has made outstanding achievements, nominate them today for a Queensland Greats Award. Download the 2016 guidelines (http://www.qld.gov.au/about/events-awards-honours/awards/qld-greats-awards/assets/qld-greats-2016-guidelines.pdf), and then either:

◊ complete the editable nomination form (http://www.qld.gov.au/about/events-awards-honours/awards/qld-greats-awards/assets/qld-greats-2016-nomination-form-editable.pdf) (Internet Explorer users only)
◊ print, complete and then submit the nomination form (http://www.qld.gov.au/about/events-awards-honours/awards/qld-greats-awards/assets/qld-greats-2016-nomination-form.pdf).

Nominations close 5 pm, Friday 18 March 2016.

Queensland Greats are honoured with commemorative plaques displayed proudly at Roma Street Parkland, Brisbane.

Sometimes, it can be difficult to know what to do when your child talks to you about bullying. Visit the website for some great ideas to help your children deal with and report bullying. For more ideas visit www.bullyingnoway.gov.au. Take a Stand Together National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence 18th March.

Yours in Education

Adam Head
Hello from Prep/1

I can’t believe Week 6 is now complete. Term One is certainly disappearing quickly. The quality of work Mrs Stanley and I have witnessed over the past six weeks can only be described as REMARKABLE! The “have a go” attitude, drive and determination in the Prep/1 class is evident in every task and lesson completed.

Sight Words are a major stepping stone for students to become an independent reader. We would like to acknowledge and applaud these students for completing levels in the Magic 100 Sight Words program:

**Golden Words:** Gabriel, Max, Dean and Cooper.

**Red Words:** Gabriel.

**What Prep/Year 1 have been up to:**

- Classroom dojo is a HUGE success. We love being awarded points for our homework, neat work, working hard, being on task and organised and helping others. Last week’s winners were: Ethan and Shaun.
- Miss Sullivan has been writing some REALLY silly sentences on the board for us (Year 1’s) to edit and then rewrite correctly in our Day Pads.
- We have been learning to recognise the letter i and p, write them and have made some crafty insects.
- Miss Sullivan has also been testing us on our PM Reading Benchmarks. Some of us (Year 1’s) have jumped more than 5 levels since 2015! Congratulations Amber and CJ (Almost at end of Year 1 benchmark already). Thank you Mrs Brim and Mrs Stanley for teaching us in 2015.
- Mrs Stanley has been teaching us (preps) to clap out syllables and to recognise compound words. This is tough work but we are doing wonderfully.
- NUMBERS! Year 1’s have been learning the add on strategy and completing activities with the hundreds board. Preps have completed activities based on numbers 1 to 10. Miss Sullivan has tried to trick us by asking us to tell her the number before and after and two before and after. She can’t trick us!
- Family trees are in construction. This is a looonnnnggg process. Thank you parents for completing the written labels for our trees. We have drawn pictures to match our immediate family and now need to glue everything on our tree for the display board.
- We have created LIFE!!!! Our egg carton seedlings have sprouted! Extremely exciting. We will wait for them to get stronger before we plant them into the main gardens. Miss Sullivan can’t wait to GUESS what we have planted ... labels may have been required. Miss S ... just a suggestion for next time. Oh dear.

**Note for parents:**

- School photo order forms were placed in Communication Books this week. Please record the day we will be taking school photos on the calendar and return the forms ASAP. Thank you.

**Celebrating Achievements thus far:**

25 Nights of Reading: Abby, Gabe, Max, Cooper, Dean, Hayden and Amber

Green Slips: Ethan G, Amber, Max, Abby, Brady, Jack, Cooper, CJ, Connor and Dean.

Handwriting Award: Gabriel, Shaun, Max, Ethan Gordo and CJ.

Miss Sarah Sullivan
In Maths we are continuing to work in the area of number. In our daily times table challenge students are rocketing through the levels. Over the past week we have seen Ruby A, Jett, Shaelee, Olivia, Amber, Ethan, Mia, Pixie and Tamika jump a level.

In 7 Steps this week we wrote a persuasive text about something we would like to persuade our parents to get for us—items included a pool, a shopping mall, a corn snake and a car! Some of the students will be presenting their persuasive texts on Parade this Friday. I am very excited by the creativity and ‘sizzle’ some students are using in their writing, through the 7 Steps to Writing Program. In persuasive writing we have been using the OREO structure, we may have been using this as an excuse to eat a few mini-oreo biscuits over the past few weeks.

Also in English/Drama we have been practising presenting scripts of fairy tales in our ‘Reader’s Theater’ drama activity. Students are beginning to use some gestures, expression and eye contact as they are becoming more familiar with the text. Next week we will begin sorting props and backgrounds. I know some students have already had discussions at home regarding costume ideas.

STRIVE WORDS

From our History unit.

Commemoration—when we think about a sad event from the past ie ANZAC Day

Celebration—a fun get together, like a birthday

From Wellbeing

Include—when you let someone into the group

From English

Tension—when things get exciting

Week 5

Green slips—Miley, Pixie

Bookwork Award—Amber

Week 6

Green slips—Ryan, Natalie

Bookwork Award—Ruby K

Mrs Brimblecombe
Year 4 News

Week 6!! It's crunch time, where assessments are due and the finalising of units of work are being done. The students have been working very hard, especially with the fact that this is a short term and we essentially had to fit in ten weeks of work into nine. I would like to take this opportunity, having now settled into my class here at Wheatlands, to say a big thank you to my wonderful class for not only making me feel welcome at their school as their teacher but for making sure that everyday is not just a day where they learn but I do too. I have learnt so much about each and every one of my students in the last six weeks it feels like I have been teaching them for years. In saying that just a reminder to students that Lectureettes are due 21st March 2016, the start of week 9. We are very busy in the last stages of designing our repurposed items for our Technology unit and we are very excited to show case them at the end of the term.

Just a quick reminder in regards to homework. I have been noticing that some students' homework is not up to the usual standard that is expected here at Wheatlands. I ask if parents could check their child’s homework and make sure it is done to the best of their ability before signing. Students are aware that if their homework is not of an acceptable standard and can’t be read when it is handed in to get marked they will need to do it again in their own play time. I would much rather see your child playing in their play time than re-doing their homework. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Strive Words
Week 5: Week 6:
Sweet  Break
Nonsense  Invent

Green Slips
Week 5  Week 6
Julia Kerkow  Matilda Ackinclose
Eliana Meikle  William Halse

Michelle Bishop
Year 4 Teacher

Learning is a gift.
Even when pain is your teacher.
From Ms Fox - Year 5/6

It is hard to believe we only have three weeks left of the term! The following weeks are going to be very busy in our classroom. We are almost at the end of our units of work which are, as always, followed by assessments. While student attendance is generally of a high standard, I would like to take this opportunity to remind students and parents that every day counts. Something as simple as a day off school can make a huge difference in your child’s success, especially at this busy time of the term. Obviously, some absences cannot be avoided and students are encouraged to make up the missed content in their own time. I am more than happy to support students if they require some assistance in doing so - I am available most lunch breaks.

During week 8 we will be producing our healthy and nutritious “Breakfasts of Champions” for our technology unit. Letters will be coming home in the next week or so to advise what ingredients your student will need to bring to school. The letter will also outline what day your child will be producing their breakfast menu. Some students may need to bring specialised appliances depending on the requirements of their menu, however students have assured me that they are designing their menu’s based on appliances and foods that they have available to them. It is going to be an exciting and interesting finale to the unit.

Some students have nominated themselves to submit some writing for the local paper. I encourage those students to bring their work to me for some light editing and feedback so they can submit an edited good copy for the paper. The submitted piece does not need to be overly long. Keep an eye out for their work!

Green slips - Week 5 ~ Samantha Hetherington and Alysse Bell
- Week 6 ~ Brooke Dowling and Hannah Farrer

Bookwork award week 5 ~ Larissa Ramke
week 6 ~ Willow Sleeman
BUY A PUG!

by Hannah Rosenthal

Pugs for Sale! Pugs For sale! You should buy a pug today. They are adorably cute and cuddly with their extremely fluffy fur.

I love pugs because they are small dogs which means they are easy to walk. This also means they are easy to feed so you won’t spend a fortune on dog food.

In conclusion, this is why you certainly need a pug!
Seven Steps to Writing Success

Persuasive Writing

Included this week are examples from the Year 4 Class – Thanks Mrs Bishop & Mrs Webber

Next fortnight—Examples from the Year 5/6 Class

I think books are better than TV because you can put your book mark in if you need to go to the toilet or unpack the dishwasher but with TV you can’t put a TV mark in because there’s no such thing or you can’t pause the show you are watching and you miss it. Me, myself, I have done that before, like it was on at 8pm and you got there at 10pm and you have missed the show you wanted to watch. Books let me get back to the good old book! Come on, be with me. Books are better than TV! Ryder

I think books are better than TV because books are just sitting there waiting for you to read them. With TV, if you want to watch a show and you miss it, too bad, it’s gone! Books don’t break, TV does break, and you cannot take a big TV when you’re driving but you can take a book. Matilda

I think books are better than TV because books are portable and you don’t have to change them or anything. You can keep on reading and when you have to do chores you just put a book mark in it. Darcy

I think books are better than TV because TV is a rigid taskmaster forcing you to follow when the TV is on but on the other hand a book is waiting for you forever. Come on, can you have a TV in your chair bag? No, so I think books are better than TV. Cooper

I think books are better than TV because when you need to go to the bathroom it keeps going but with a book you can put it down on the table. With a TV, you can’t take it to the beach but with a book you can nearly take it anywhere you want. Clair

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I think books are better than TV because first of all, at night when you’re watching TV your parents walk in as soon as your favourite show starts and says “one more minute until bed”. Secondly, if you take a TV or tablet to the beach it’ll get broken or stolen and thirdly, everyday your book is on your bed desperately wanting you to read it, so pick up your book today and read it! Isabella

Miss Sullivan’s pick for the fortnight, same for a prize!

Wheatlands SS Resilience and Wellbeing

This week and next week, students will explore ‘Be the Shepherd, NOT the Sheep’

Be the Shepherd, NOT the Sheep

Encouraging students to make decisions for themselves assists them in life choices.

A “Leader” says, “Yes I Can!”

It’s called the power of Positive Attitude.

We look to address, promote and provide:

♦ Strategies to help stand up to peer pressure
♦ Promote independence and self esteem
♦ Learning the mindset – It’s not a problem, it’s a challenge!

The activities include: All About Me Craftivity Flower, Self Esteem Portraits, Free to Be... You and Me Songs, Followership – The rules and activities, What Makes a Leader?... and much more.

Miss Sarah Sullivan
**Dates to Remember**

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**Next Meeting — 8th March—AGM**

If you have anything you would like to add to the agenda for the next meeting, please add it to the form at the front office counter.
The people of Cherbourg welcome the people of Murgon, the South Burnett and beyond to run (or walk) the 7 kms in the name of friendship, in the name of hope, in the name of new possibilities.

Run with friends, wait with strangers, enjoy together and at the end of the course in the Cherbourg Memorial Park and the Ration Shed Museum we’ll all have a big party - with food, traditional games, sports workshops, market stalls, dancers and performers starting at 10am.

COME and JOIN THE RUN, even if you don’t run or walk • ALL WELCOME!

Buses will leave Cherbourg for Murgon Showground on Sunday morning at 7.15am for check-in at 7.30am with race start at 8.00am. Shuttles will run between Cherbourg and Murgon from 10am to 1pm on race day.

Also please note: the Cherbourg Murgen road will be closed in both directions between 8am and 10am on the race day - Sunday 15th May.

Proceeds from the Fun Run will go to the Ration Shed Museum for their work in education and reconciliation.

or contact the Ration Shed Museum: 07 4169 5753 or info@rationshed.com.au

RECYCLE FOR THE SCHOOL!

Do you have any old automotive Batteries lying around?? Please drop them off at Murgon Tyre & Auto who can recycle them for you and all proceeds will be donated back to our School.