Dear Parents

People have all sorts of ideas about what joining a P&C will be like. What will the people be like? Will they be Chardonnay drinkers like Cath and Kim? Will it be like an episode of Underbelly or like watching 30 minutes of Parliament on ABC? Will there be fella’s and will they be like the guys from ‘House Husbands’? What will I get out of it? Well joining the P&C can have a number of good points and like everything, you get out what you put in. Research shows that when parents demonstrate to their children they value school, their kids tend to do better both academically and socially. There are lots of ways of supporting our kids at school, starting with just showing an interest in their day, meeting their teachers, attending assembly items, helping out at school events and being part of the P&C.

The P&C is one small part of the school but it does make significant contributions throughout the year in terms of fundraising and trying to foster a positive community spirit. Last Tuesday night the P&C held their Annual General Meeting to review the previous year and elect the 2016 executive. Congratulations to Kieran Ramke who was re-elected as President, Ngairi Louis re-elected as Secretary and Fay Kerkow as the new Treasurer. Also congratulations to Kylie Ward who was elected as Vice President.

Please check that your children are wearing the correct uniform. Some discrepancies are again creeping in and it is important for the students to foster a sense of pride in their school with which wearing a uniform can assist.

Please ensure that children are supervised in the carpark at 3.00 pm when you are collecting children. Remember large 4WD’s have poor vision whilst reversing and we want all our children to be safe.

Get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge

Did you know your child can get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge, just for being a student at Wheatlands State School? All you need is your child’s school email address to sign in. To help prepare your child for success this academic year, the Department of Education and Training has teamed up with Microsoft to provide free Office 2016 to every Queensland state school student. With Office 2016, your child will have access to the latest version of Word for writing, Excel for spreadsheets, PowerPoint for presentations, OneNote for organisation and note-taking, and much more. You can install a complete version of the latest Microsoft Office on up to five compatible PCs and Macs, five tablets and five smartphones. Your Office subscription lasts for as long as your child is a state school student. Ask your child to follow these simple steps to get Office:

For PC and Mac, visit portal.office.com, login using your school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process.

For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school email address.


This will be the last issue this term so from all the staff here at Wheatlands State School please enjoy the Easter break and if travelling on the road please ensure that you do so in the safest possible way.

Adam Head
What a week!! We have been busy recording our plays for you to watch next week. We have had a few interruptions... illnesses and technical difficulties, all of which may result in a few more grey hairs for Mrs Brim. Thanks to the parents for supporting this idea with costumes and props. It has been very worthwhile in excitement level and also in seeing students cooperate with each other and in developing their confidence to present to the group. We are on track now to share our productions with parents next Tuesday at 2pm.

In the ‘Times Table Challenge’ we have had many students move up a level - congratulations to Jett, Ruby A, Anna, Sarah, Shaelee, Olivia, Amber, Ryan, Katie, Natalie, Miranda, Jessica, Ethan, Noah, Mia, Xavier, Jayde and Tamika. Mathletics Level D students have begun their work on operations- addition strategies. Level C students are still working in the area of Number.

In History we have continued to look at the difference between commemorations and celebrations. We have looked at the terms significant event and the celebration of Australia Day.

Next week in Science we are going to explore the bugs in our school grounds...I can hardly wait!

No Green slips or Book Work Awards from Week 7 due to teacher illness.

STRIVE WORDS

Exclude- when you don’t let someone join in a group

Significant- when something is important

Week 8

Green Slips- Harley, Anna and Tamika

Bookwork– Shaelee

Mrs Alex Brimblecombe
One week to go!!

The last few weeks has seen us go to the Ration Shed for our History Unit on the local Wakka Wakka People of our area. I have to say that the students were beautifully behaved and had some very well thought out questions to ask at the end of the presentation. Students are looking forward to Rewards which for the Year 4,5,6 class will comprise of indoor and outdoor games, free dress, water play and party food! I look forward to seeing completed re-purposed items that the students have been working on in their Technology unit and of course having a very well deserved break.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the kids on a very productive term and for making me feel like I have been teaching here for years. I can’t believe I am at the end of my first term here at Wheatlands. It has been a busy term but a very rewarding one and am looking forward to what the rest of the year brings.

Strive Words

Week 7          Week 8
Wacky
Stream

Due to assessments being done we did not do any Strive words this week

Green Slips

Week 7          Week 8
Darcy Mitchell  Mathew Kunde
Clair Anderson  Jorgia Brown

Mrs Michelle Bishop
The last couple of weeks have been flat out in the 5/6 classroom. We have been wrapping up a majority of our assessments with just a few still remaining.

Over this last week students have been preparing their nutritious breakfasts as part of their technology “Breakfast of Champions” assessment. We have seen some creative and ambitious menus which the students have thoroughly enjoyed preparing – almost as much as the class has enjoyed eating them! Thank you to all the parents who have assisted in ensuring your child was prepared with their designated ingredients for their day of cooking. As the photos below demonstrate, this unit has been a great experience and hopefully your child will be inspired to cook YOU breakfast once in a while. (At the time of print, not all groups had completed their breakfast preparation, more photos will be included in the next issue).

**Strive words**  
Week 7 – Incentive, Intervene,  
Week 8 – Imitate, Vivid  

**Green Slip Awards**  
Week 7 – Kyle Sempf and Jayden Monk,  
Week 8 – Elly-Mei Cook and Joe Meikle  

**Bookwork Award**  
Week 8 – Molly Anderson

Ms Emma Fox
This term we have been focusing on persuasive writing during our *Seven Steps to Writing Success* program. The students have been progressively building a persuasive argument and then editing their work to include some of the various techniques explored during these writing sessions. I am incredibly proud of the work that all the students have produced. Some of the arguments were sent to print in this week’s *South Burnet Times*. If you missed it have a read below and see if they have persuaded you!

**Paid For Good Grades**  
*By Jordan Louis*

Do you want your students to focus more in class? Yes? Well if you pay them for good grades, I’m suggesting $1000 maybe…nah just kidding, about $10 for every ‘A’, they will be well behaved during class and they will focus because there’s something to look forward to at the end.

Relieved I’ve finished my test but I got an ‘E’ and I’ve got a huge frown on my face. It’s a pity we don’t have any incentives to do better in class. “CHA-CHING”. What was that? Ms Fox has put $10 on my desk! “If you do better in History, this is yours” she’d say. This is why we should get paid for A’s, we’ll focus more. I can just imagine how rich I’ll be just for getting good grades.

How many times have you walked past a classroom and seen kids sitting there disengaged, staring at the ceiling and you feel like doing something about it. If Ms Fox paid them $10 for getting good grades students would become interested in the lesson. They would definitely engage more in class. They’ll answer the questions and Ms Fox won’t feel like she’s talking to a brick wall.

Poor Ms Fox, she’s standing there talking about History and no one has a clue in the world what she’s saying. I’m the only one putting my hand up and participating in the lesson. If only Ms Fox could pay them for their good grades too, then they would participate. Then, it’s like Ms Fox is a mind reader she’s put $10 on every ones desk and now I’m not the only one answering.

If kids got paid for good grades they’ll focus, engage and participate. So come on teachers pull out your wallets and give students some motivation to do something in class.

**Children Should Get Paid For Good Grades!**  
*By Brooke Dowling*

Ding ding, money going into my pocket for achieving an A on my History test. I now know why my wallet is overflowing with cash and I am doing better at school assignments. It’s a dream come true but sadly it is only a dream. In reality most kids are trying hard at school, answering those mind boggling questions, all for that lousy old letter repeated at the top of your pages. Let’s make this a dream come true. Pay students for good grades and do it NOW! All we need is that momentum, momentum, momentum! As soon as we hear that golden purse come out with all that jingling money, we know it’s time to smash down those tests and get into line for our reward. Mums, teachers, brothers and sisters, do you really want your child, or student nagging you, pointing razor sharp spears at your face, all because they get bored, or worn down from not getting any reward for their hard work. Those times when you have boiling hot sweat rushing down on your face, blood shot eyes, your face glowing and that little voice yelling inside of you, would all be worth it if cash was used as an incentive.

“Mum I am sick of it, I do my best at school assignment, I get A’s after A’s and the fact that I get no reward is unfair”, I say. It makes my head spin. I’m not alone. Students all over Australia feel the same way. We all need to stand our ground and share our point of view aggressively to the world. It has to happen, and I just know it will. It gets depressing just seeing the same, old letter marked in your teacher’s dark, red pen over and over again. You lose confidence, and hope. Then, your teacher sees your results drop down, down, down. Not if you had an incentive to work really hard. Payment for good grades would improve the grades of the whole class. Everyone would benefit from that.

Kids need to get encouraged, work hard and stop getting depressed. Parents, is this really what you send your kids to school for, to get depressed? No, they need encouragement, and most of all, they need your help. Make sure students are getting paid for their good grades.

**Separate Classes**  
*By Willow Sleeman*

Why on Earth are boys and girls in the same class? Here are some reasons why boys and girls should be separated.

Can you imagine sitting in class in the middle of math and you hear behind you the boys saying “Hey did you watch the footy last night?” “Yeah I know it was awesome how they won.” I can’t concentrate when boys talk about the footy. We need to be separated!
Do all of you parents want your daughter to be bombarded with horrid stinky farts? Well I know for a fact that my parents wouldn’t want that. I don’t know how many times that I have had to say to the boys. “Did you seriously have to fart?” “Seriously! Again! Oh man that stinks.” When they fart it’s just so unsanitary. If we were in separate classes all the girls wouldn’t have to deal with it. We need to be separated!

Students stationary should be left alone because I don’t know how many times I have had to say to the boys “Did you take my pencil? Stop taking my stuff. Stop playing with my rubber.” I absolutely hate it when boys take my things and play with the stationary on your desk? No we need to be separated!

So after all of those reasons that I have stated, do you girls still want to sit in a class full of stinky, farting boys? No, because boys distract you when you’re working, they fart and they play with the stationary that’s on your desk? No we need to be separated!

Good Grades and I’m Being Paid
By Mikayla Ward.
Hey guys, do you want to get A’s on all of your tests. Is your teacher is offering you an early lunch, but that just isn’t cutting it. Wouldn’t it be a dream come true if you got paid for good grades? If kids got paid for their good grades, they would work better and enjoy school more.
Do you sit at your desk with your knees at you face and you elbows touching the people next to you? Then you find out that you got an E…..again! This makes tests far worse than they already are. Being uncomfortable is worth it if you get paid $10 every time that you get an A.
Tests, tests and more tests. This is probably the 50th test this week. But my friends are saying, “Stop it! You’re over reacting!” If you are doing this many tests you want them to be worth it. So being paid for them is the BEST option.

So come teachers, paid students for good grades and make it worth their while.

RAISE YOUR FLAG!!!
By Denim Brown
Did you know that if you let the Australian flag touch the ground you will have 7 years of bad luck?
Pay respect. Pay respect now!
We should have PRIDE for our country. “PRIDE” I say. PRIDE!!
I know that in my school, we don’t raise our flag as a school. That is definitely something we should change. All schools should sing the whole Australian Anthem as a school under the Australian flag, at least once a week. This is why; it shows respect to the men and women who fought under the flag of Australia and died for our country.

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!

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There were many other fantastic pieces of work produced and all the students should be commended on their efforts.

Some of the techniques used by the students were...

Sizzling Dynamic Dialogue Show Don’t Tell

Could you pick them?
EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary School Attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it’s important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

**Sickness** – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It’s vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

**Day off** – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

**Truancy** – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:

Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.
Well, the first term of tuckshop finishes up today! We have certainly changed things for this term and so far things are going well. Introducing the ability to give change to orders and the slight amendments to the menu seem to be working well so far.

First, some of you may have heard about the forced changes to tuckshop menus that were going to be implemented at the start of Term 2. These changes have now been pushed back to 2017, so the menu will not be changed dramatically until at least then.

Some housekeeping items…when ordering, if your cash amount covers more than one child, please put the money in the youngest child’s order bag. Also, please don’t put one order bag inside another. Simply put all the money in the youngest child’s bag, write on the front which names it covers, and put the older children’s orders in without any cash. Or, you can attach the orders that the money covers and submit them together. This reduces any confusion, as the tuckshop is processed in order of age, from youngest to oldest.

A quick reminder…If your child is away on Friday after ordering tuckshop on Wednesday, we are unable to cancel your child’s order, and the money is nonrefundable. We will refrigerate or freeze anything suitable, but any hot food is either given to another child if you ask us to, or is disposed of.

As always, if you have any problems or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact Kate on 0437 922 224. I am always happy to discuss the tuckshop scheme, or answer any questions you may have.

We hope that your children are enjoying the treat of tuckshop at the end of the week! All of the volunteers really like seeing the excitement on the kid’s faces when they get their full brown bags! Have a wonderful autumn school holidays, and we look forward to the first Friday of Term 2!

Cheers

Tuckshop Team
DO NOT pass go, DO NOT collect $200

But head on down to Murgon Library to Play Life Size Monopoly
(Like you’ve never been before)

Where: Murgon Library
Date: Tuesday 5th April 2016
Time: 10.00am

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Ages 5 & up

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COME JOIN THE RATION SHED’S RECONCILIATION FUN RUN 2016
Sunday 15th May
Starting at the Murgon Showground and ending in Cherbourg

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, walk with strangers, share with everyone, enjoy together and at the end of the route in the Cherbourg Memorial Park and the Ration Shed Museum we’ll have a big party - with food, traditional games, stalls, workshops, market, face painting and performers swaying to the music.

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

Buses will leave Cherbourg for Murgon Showground on Sunday morning at 7.00am for check-in at 7.30am with race start at 8am sharp. Shuttles will run between Cherbourg and Murgon from 8am to 1pm on race day.

Also please note the Cherbourg-Murgon road will be closed in both directions between 7am and 11am on race day: Sunday 15th May.

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

More information go to: rationshed.com.au/run
or contact the Ration Shed Museum, 07 4469 5753 or info@rationshed.com.au

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Saturday 26th March 2016
12:30pm - 3:00pm

BBQ LUNCH AND CANTEEN OPEN

AFTERNOON PROGRAM:
12:30 - BBQ Lunch Starts
1:00 - 2:00pm - Rugby League Fun Activities
2:00 - 3:00pm - Welcome Home Gavin
Presentation of NRL Trophy
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South Burnett
**Next Meeting — 19th April**

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.

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**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.