Welcome back to the new school year. I trust that the Christmas break was an enjoyable time for all families and that batteries are recharged and ready to go for the new school year. For the teachers and I, the holidays are now a distant memory as the hectic pace of school life has taken over once again.

We would like to offer a very warm welcome to all our new families especially those starting school for the very first time in our Prep class. We have eleven Preps this year and they have already started learning routines and just what it takes to be a Wheatlands State School student. However, overall student numbers are down and now that the ‘Day eight’ deadline has passed their will need to be some adjusting with staffing levels to align with government grants and budgeting. I will keep you informed as developments unfold.

On a more cheerful note I will be taking a week’s long service leave during week 4. My oldest son may be deployed to the Solomon Islands this year and we will take this opportunity to spend some time together. Camping on Moreton Island sounds like a great way to accomplish this!

**Does your child require medication during school hours?**

If your child requires medication while at school, please ensure you request an ‘Administration of medication record sheet’ from Glenda at the school office.

You will also need to provide the school with the prescription-labelled medication in the original packaging with clear directions for its use.


**Same day student absence notification**

The safety and wellbeing of students is the highest priority for the Department. Parents need to know if their child hasn’t turned up for school and schools need to know when and why a child is absent. State schools are required to notify parents on the same day that any student is absent from school without explanation. The Roll Marking in State Schools and Managing Student Absences and Enforcing Enrolment and Attendance at State Schools procedures provide further information on this requirement.

Schools can choose the approach to same day notification that best suits the local community. This may include text or email messages, phone calls or home visits. It is also recognised that for any notification process to be effective, parents will need to ensure the school has current contact details and schools will need to have effective and efficient processes in place to ensure this occurs. Therefore please contact the school when your child will not be attending school. This can occur by phone, email or in person. Please note, we cannot accept notification via a sibling or other students.

Once again welcome to the 2017 school year. I look forward to catching up with all of you over the next few weeks.

Kind regards

Adam
Hello from Prep/Year One

Mrs Stanley and I would like to welcome you back to school! It certainly has been a busy beginning to 2017. We are pleased to say that all of our students are fitting in well, making new friendships and beginning to establish classroom routines.

Classroom testing continues. This is completed one on one with the teacher. Tests such as: PM reading benchmarks, letter identification, sight words, PAT Mathematics, PAT Reading Comprehension and Brigance (general knowledge & motor skills). We will need to continue testing into week 3 therefore interviews will begin in week 4 for the Prep/Year One class only. Apologies for the delay.

As you can see Mrs Stanley and I are surrounded by wonderful smiling faces all day and we feel very lucky to have such a talented class of twenty this year. We have eleven prep and nine year one students.

The main focus for the beginning of our school year in Prep/Year One is to establish positive relationships, develop independence, learn and revise school rules, establish classroom routines and introduce new topics a little at a time.

In English, we have started learning about forms of communication. Students learned there are verbal and non-verbal ways to greet people. We acted out some scenarios and completed a cut and paste activity to reinforce these communication methods.

Maths has involved plenty of classroom manipulates, playdough, blocks, place mats, counters, tall towers etc. We have been learning the numbers to ten and will be moving onto numbers to twenty within the next few weeks. Year One have been revising numbers to fifty and started working on their online Mathletics lessons. Passwords will be sent home next week so students can continue to work through lessons at home also.

Thank you to the parents who have completed the extra homework item “About Me” – plenty of photos coming in to help us get to know each of our class members and their interests.

Please continue to check Communication Books for important notes & updates. All books found in the homework folder must be returned to school every day in order to be checked and sent home again.

Keep an eye on the Wheatlands State School Facebook page for extra updates, important announcements & photos. I will begin adding photos once I know who is able to have photos uploaded on social media 😊

Reminder that library borrowing is TUESDAY.

Green Slip Winners weeks 1 & 2: Georgie, Charley, Daniela & Dean
Bookwork Award Winners week 1 & 2: Max, Isabella & Matilda
Welcome back to the 2017 school year! We welcome to our class Jack (Y3), Harvey and Monica (Y2). Boy have we been busy...PAT testing...some reading testing...and placement and the start of reading, spelling and Mathematics groups as well as Homework- maths mentals, reading, and spelling/phonics. Everyone has settled into our class routines and structure.

In English we have started a C2C unit about looking at stories from different perspectives. This week we have looked at Dreamtime stories from the indigenous perspective. We listened to stories like the ‘Rainbow Serpent’ and discussed what the main idea of the story was and how these stories were told.

In Maths we are learning about time- months of the year and next week will move into digital/anologue time, half past and quarter past and to the hour.

In Science we are ‘mixing things up’ in a chemical sciences unit. This week we discussed what a chef, a wizard and a scientist might ‘mix up’. Next week we are going to ‘mix up’ a few household solutions- like a cup of tea!

In History we looked at how things change over time- we looked at modes of transport, communication and building types. We specifically looked at photos of our school from 1903-2013 and discussed what has stayed the same and what has changed at our school. We also have a copy of the school Centenary book in our reading area for further information.

I look forward to meeting with parents over the next few weeks to discuss their child’s current progress. Notes have been sent home to arrange interview times.

Award Winners
Week 1
Green slips- Harvey, Abby and Ethan
Bookwork Award- Olivia

Week 2
Green slips- Monica, Amber
Bookwork Award- Ruby A.

Mrs Brimblecombe

Welcome back! We are once again looking forward to an action packed year in the Wheatlands library with a few changes happening. This year I will be job sharing the teacher librarian role with Ms Emma Fox, which we are very excited about. Ms Fox and I will work a week about every Tuesday. This term I will be teaching the Prep/Year 1 and Year 2/3 classes and Ms Fox will be in the 4/5/6 classes. Nothing else will change except that library day will now be on a Tuesday. We will continue to do library lessons in the morning and borrowing in the afternoon.

For our new families, students are encouraged to borrow every week at Wheatlands – in fact, we reward them for it! Every time students bring back their library bags and borrow they receive a sticker on our ‘Star Borrowers’ chart and at the end of each term receive a prize. However, they must borrow at least 6 times or more during the term to receive their prize. Please encourage your child/ren to borrow each week to develop the habit of regular reading at home. All students from years 1 – 6 can borrow two books each week and Preps can borrow one book each week. Students can also borrow an extra book for their chair bag which remains at school.

For all our new families that may not be aware, the library is open every day during second break. Students can come into the ‘air conditioning’ (bliss during these hot days) and read a book, watch TV, colour, play lego or just hang out with their friends.

During the term we will put students’ work on display in the library, so please feel free to pop in and have a look around or just say ‘Hi’. Our two big events for Wheatlands school is our annual Book Fair which will run in term 2 and our annual Book Week parade which will be in Term 3 – a big event here at Wheatlands and something to look forward to.

Mrs Tracy Anderson & Ms Emma Fox
Teacher Librarians
Mrs. Bishop’s Year 4 Classroom Newsletter
February 3, 2017

**Strive Words**

**Week 1:** Sprouted and Deed

**Week 2:** Terrifically and Daring

**Greenslip Recipients**

**Week 1:**
Ty Keliher

**Week 2:**
Hayden Kiem

**Book Work Award Recipients**

**Week 1:**
Lacy Lee
Shea Troeth

**Week 2:**
Mia Bishop
Hannah Mollenhauer

**Classroom News**

**What we are learning:**

**English:** In term 1 we are looking at narratives and the language features and structure of a narrative. The book we will be studying is ‘The Twits’ by Roald Dahl.

**Math:** We are exploring reading and understanding whole numbers this term and have looked at reading and writing numbers to 9999, ordering numbers in ascending and descending order and investigating greater than and less than concepts and symbols.

**Science:** This term we are investigating Plants in Action which will incorporate the students utilising the gardens at the back of the school and planting various items edible and non edible.

**History:** This term has us looking at World Explorers and their expeditions. We will be researching and discussing the significance of their expeditions and how they affect us today.

**Art:** Students will be focusing on Meaning found in objects. They will be planning and designing their own 3D sculpture made entirely of items found around their home, school and community.

Michelle Bishop
Year 4 Teacher
Wheatlands State School
Email address: mbish54@eq.edu.au
We have had a busy start to the year! We initially started with a Year 4/5 and a Year 5/6 class, but after the finalisation of numbers on day 8 we will now be operating as a straight Year 4 and a 5/6 class. I greatly appreciate your support and patience through this process. As a parent myself, I understand that this is yet another transition that your children will all be managing, however, the children, Mrs H and myself are all very excited about what the year will bring in the Year 5/6 classroom.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students Cailan and Riley. Our two new students seem to have slipped into the Wheatland's family quite well. If you happen to see them around, be sure you say"Hi" and ask them how they are going.

I plan to open up my classroom again for study sessions in the afternoons. This year, it will more than likely occur on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. I hope these days are suitable for most families and you are able to take advantage of these sessions. Keep your eye out for the permission slip next week, study sessions should be commencing week 4 (after parent teacher interviews).

Parent teacher interviews are scheduled to be held during week 3 and 4. A note about this should be in your child’s homework folder TODAY. Please fill out the parent teacher interview form and return it to me ASAP so I can return it to you with a confirmation day and time. Please also be mindful that I am sometimes required to teach at other schools on MONDAYS so there is a slim possibility that any interviews booked on a Monday may need to be changed at short notice. I am, of course, available at later dates or times if the provided time slots do not suit you and your schedule. Please contact me should you need to organise a different time.

Remember that my door is always open, should you need to chat about anything. Your child’s student diary is a great way to communicate with us about everyday things such as absences, homework or other minor details you need us to know, however, if you feel the need to see me face-to-face please don’ hesitate to pop in. Remember, CLEAR COMMUNICATION IS KEY, I think my friend Piglet says it best...

That’s all from Ms Fox

WELCOME TO THE 5/6 CLASSROOM!

ASSESSMENT NEWS

ENGLISH - In English we are looking at narrative poetry. For our assessment we will be transforming a narrative poem into a digital, multi modal, narrative (pwoor! That’s a mouthful!).

LECTURETTES – Our lecturettes this term will be about ‘HOW STUFF WORKS’. I look forward to hearing all about the different topics and learning something new in this term’s presentations.

TECHNOLOGY – We will be using the technology process to create a design for nature in our technology unit this term. It should be a very hands on unit and we may require some parent assistance when it comes time to build our projects, especially those who are skilled in wood work.

SCIENCE – We will be earthquake explorers this term as we investigate the causes and effects of earthquakes.

DATES TO REMEMBER

TUESDAY 7/02 (week 3) – Lecturette Topics to be chosen
WEDNESDAY 22/02 (week 5) – Research outlines (for lecturettes due)
FRIDAY 17/03 (week 7) – Sports Gala day
FRIDAY 17/03 (week 8) – School photos.
Get involved in the School Banking program.

Wheatlands State School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop a good savings habit. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online
   Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch
   Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child ie a driver’s licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Wednesday. Each week you need to hand in your bank book to your child’s class teacher.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.

Junior Golf

Starting Sunday 5th February from 9.00-11.00am at the Murgon Golf Club

All Juniors welcome—must be accompanied by an adult on all holes

$2.50 per round
Representative Sport

From Mrs Sue Goschnick (PE Teacher)

Here are the dates for South Burnett Trials coming up. Please note that these events are NOT ‘have a go’ events and are for students that have a high level of skill and understanding of the sport. Decisions will be made at a school level as to whether students are eligible to attend. We will send information out as soon as we get it. Information only comes out about 2 weeks before the trials. Please send your child to see me if they are interested in any of the following sports. Students will also need to have their own transport to and from the venue. PLEASE NOTE – Even though 10 year olds are listed as eligible, they have to have excellent skills as they are competing against 12 years olds in the entire South Burnett. It is rare that a 10 year old is chosen.

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What’s happening in…..

Wheatlands Japanese

In this term, we will doing a basic introduction on Japan and how it is different to Australia. We will look at the geography of Japan, We will also look at some Japanese greetings phrases, classroom phrases and how to count to 99. The assessment will be an exam on the above mentioned topics.

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FREE COME AND TRY..... Kingaroy Junior Motorcycle Speedway Club Inc will be giving the public a chance to come and give speedway motorcycling a go in a safe and controlled environment for FREE on Sunday 5th February 2017.

Lead by an experienced team of officials and volunteers, riders will be able to come and try their hand at the Kingaroy Showgrounds Speedway Track at NO cost.

KINGAROY JUNIOR MOTORCYCLE SPEEDWAY CLUB is a Speedway motorcycle club, offering competitors the chance to slide around an oval circuit with no brakes, no gears and very little suspension.

Any participant heading to the Come ‘n Try will be eligible to claim a FREE Recreational Motorcycling Australia Licence (valued at $130), just for participating. The free licence is only available to those who have never held any type of MA licence previously.

The licence lasts for 12 months, and insures riders for participating in the sport, offering them more access to motorcycle venues, events and resources.

Bring your own bike (no quads please), boots, helmet, gloves, goggles, long pants and a long sleeved shirt. The club has 2 x 50cc Peewee bikes and some gear along with a 125cc slider for you to use if you don’t have your own bike.

Registration will begin at 8.30am with safety talk at 9.00am and riding from 9.15am until 12noon. Registrations will be taken all through the morning so if you can’t be there at the start – that’s ok.

For more information check out our facebook page or contact Simon on 0439 716 742 or Tracey on 0407 623 012 or email us at kjmscbees@gmail.com

**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.

A big Thank You to Murgon Tyre and Auto for the $542 donation to School Council

### Week 1 Rewards

![Week 1 Rewards](image)