Here we are already at the end of week two and the holidays are a distant memory. I trust that you all had an enjoyable and relaxing time. The students certainly relayed many stories of their adventures during the break. Once again we have hit the ground running and this has been compounded by the first three weeks being short weeks due to public holidays. But the students have taken it in their stride and are all settling back into routine and working hard. Thanks to all the parents and students who travelled to Hivesville to commemorate the ANZAC Dawn service. This was my first time attending the Hivesville service and I was very impressed with the way the Wheatlands students conducted themselves. I also enjoyed the relaxed casual format and listening to the roosters and birds bringing in the day.

Last term we held a working Bee to start the new garden and to clean up a couple of the old gardens. Thanks to the helpers who gave up their Saturday morning to help out. The new garden edging looks great and we can now proceed with making B Block look a bit more inviting. Thanks again to Fay, Kate, Kerrilee, Michelle, Steve and Alisha and of course Mrs Fuller and Mrs Head who showed the students how to propagate cuttings for the new garden. Without your tremendous support we would not have finished the edging.

Please join us in wishing Mrs Webber the very best as she has accepted a new role at Murgon State School. Mrs Webber has been a valued staff member here for the past five years and in that time has been a great support to the staff and students of Wheatlands State School. Congratulations Tanya we all hope that this new role is as rewarding and challenging as the past five years. In Mrs Webber’s absence I have appointed Mrs Kunde to the 2/3 class to support Mrs Brimblecombe. This will be a contracted position until the beginning of next year. Kimberley comes highly recommended as she has been working as a Teacher Aide for several years at Cherbourg State School. Please join me in welcoming Mrs Kunde to our school.

Kind regards

Adam
“Hello” from Prep/Year One 😊

We are going to fill our newsletter page with photos and a few short notes this week – it’s been very eventful!

Let’s Talk Rewards, Easter Fun & Learning...

Our Easter Fun Afternoon was certainly full of fun and prizes. Thank you to the parents who attended and also helped out with the four rotations:

- Bonnet Making
- Egg Decorating
- Egg in a Bucket
- Easter Family Feud – Miss S those questions were too hard! (haha) 😊

Our disco was a huge success – dance fever!

Plenty of fun in maths as we learn patterns using shape and colour, adding two and three elements and also repeating patterns. We will start to extend into growing patterns in the following weeks.

Prep/Year One Bonnet Parade 😊
Welcome back to Term 2, it is shaping up to be a very busy term. We have now completed a few things that have hung over since last term. Lecturette results are back to students, we completed our written retells from another character’s point of view- from the Lorax, our puppet construction for design technologies is also finished! Our certificates for Term 1 achievements were also sent home. Phew!

We welcomed Mrs Kunde to our classroom as Mrs Webber’s replacement. We thank Mrs Webber for her contribution to the 2/3 class this year, and although we miss her, we wish her all the best in ‘having a go’ at something new. Wheatlands kids are ‘have a go’ kids after all!

In History we have looked at the ANZAC traditions through picture books. We have a wide range of suitable picture books in our library that we utilised in class, to discuss the ANZAC commemorations. We also made poppies, slouch hats and ate ANZAC biscuits. As well as completing an ANZAC colouring in competition through the Murgon RSL.

In Maths Bright Sparks completed their fractions and ordinal number assessment and are moving into addition strategies. Smarty Pants and Whizz kids are almost finished with their addition strategies, moving into subtraction.

Next week we welcome Mr Brad Edwards to our classroom to complete two weeks of his teaching professional experience placement towards his teaching degree. Luckily he will also be coming with us to Barambah Environmental Education Centre for our overnight camp.

In Science we are looking at how things grow and change. If you can send me a picture of your child as a baby that would be great!! Digital is best abrim1@eq.edu.au. Or a photo for me to scan- I am going to keep the child’s photo a secret and we are going to see if we can guess who the babies are!

Week 1

Green slips- Abby, Ruby A.

Mrs Brimblecombe
Mrs. Bishop’s Year 4 Classroom Newsletter
April 27, 2017

Strive Words
Week 1:
Property and Feature
Week 2:
Geologist and Magma

Greenslip Recipients
Week 1:
Peter Anderson and Mia Lindenberg
Week 2:

Book Work Award Recipients
Week 1:
Week 2:

Classroom News
What we are learning:
Welcome back everyone! What a busy time it has been in these first two weeks. Our English unit this term is on Examining Humour in Poetry. We will be looking at the structural features of poems and the poetic language devices (word play) used.
Maths this term sees us looking at Multiplication and Division. We have so far engaged in revision of our times tables and have now started investigating square numbers and what is a multiple and a factor.
History is a continuation of World Explorers. Our lecturette this term has the students choosing one of the world explorers they are studying in History to research and give an oral presentation.
Science is all about what is Beneath our Feet, in particular rocks and the different types there are.
Art this term is all about Patterns in the Playground and exploring pattern, texture and shape of their local environment.

I am so excited about all the investigating we will be doing but not excited about the short amount of time to do it in. So, please remember that everyday counts, especially when we have these short weeks.

Michelle Bishop
Year 4 Teacher
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ENGLISH – This term, students will be creating a short animated film to explore an ethical dilemma. Already we have looked at an array of different types of animations including comics, digital animations, stop-motion films and flip books. It is good to see students firing off ideas already with some even experimenting with technologies that they may apply to this task. Most students seem quite excited about creating their own stop motion production.

LECTURETTES – This term, the students will be presenting their lecturette about a historical artefact. This coincides with their HISTORY unit that will continue over from Term 1. It is good to see some students using their own time to further their research in preparation for their lecturette. Dates for lecturette research outlines and palm cards will be sent home shortly.

SCIENCE – We are studying “Marvelous Micro-Organisms” this term and the unit kicked off with an engaging lesson where we studied the different properties of different types of bread. What we learnt is that breads that had the ingredient “YEAST” were high rise breads, while breads without this ingredient were flat breads. What we will be learning about over the following few weeks is HOW this micro-organism works and WHY it has such a drastic impact on our bread. Also, what other marvelous micro-organism are at work in our world?

MATHS – We are currently exploring the mathematical concept of time. Students are practicing reading digital, analogue and 24 hour time. To help students develop a quick recall of the “minutes past” and “minutes to” on the clock, we played a fun “quick draw shoot-out” where classmates had to fire off against each other. This is something you could do at home with your child. Simply ask “how many minutes past if the minutes hand is on the ___?” (insert a number 1-12 here). OR “how many minutes to if the minutes hand is on the ___?”. It was a great activity to get them recalling their 5X number facts quickly rather than counting up in 5’s.

Last Thursday, we held a Technology construction day for students to complete their Technology project from Term 1. Everyone had a great time measuring, sawing, nailing and gluing bits of timber together to create their designs for nature. It was awesome to provide an opportunity where students with lots of construction experience and skills could put that to use and help teach their peers, but also for the students who may have never held a saw, to have a go at a new skill. Besides the invasion of bindis that ended up covering our classroom carpet, it was a successful and enjoyable day! Check out the photos.

That’s all from Ms Fox and Mrs H!
Anzac Day

Week 1 Rewards

Year 4’s with first crop of carrots!!
Mother’s Day Stall

The Student Council together with the P&C are holding a Mother’s Day stall on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th May in one end of the year 2/3 classroom. This is an opportunity for students to shop for great value gifts that have been selected specifically for Mums and Grandmothers.

Gifts are priced from $1 to $6, with the wholesale prices only being increased to cover freight, gift wrapping etc. Therefore, if your child only has a small amount of money there will be gifts for them to purchase, and if they have more money they are certainly welcome to purchase more than one gift. There will be over 60 different gifts to choose from, with more than 1 of each gift available, so students should not feel as though they are going to miss out if they are not first to come to the stall.

This stall is not held to be a fundraiser – it is primarily to provide amazing value gifts for kids to purchase without the need for busy families to get to the shops (without Mum) to do some shopping. And it gets the kids excited about Mother’s Day – that certainly can’t be a bad thing!

If anybody is available to assist with gift wrapping on either Thursday or Friday your assistance would be appreciated – please let Kylie Ward know if you can help.

Sorry we can’t show you any pictures of items available – that would spoil the surprise for Mum! Just trust us that it is all awesome!
Tuckshop and School Banking

Tuckshop has been cancelled due to other school activities the first two Friday’s this term but it should all go back to normal next week. Also, the school banking routine has been thrown out of whack due to the public holidays etc. and it too should go back to normal from next week. Unfortunately, due to my mobile phone being lost/stolen, the number to contact me regarding either of these is now 0427 445 111.

Kate

Sports News

Congratulations to the following students who recently competed at the Wide Bay Trials:

Denim (Basketball)
Lacy (Basketball)
Riley (Touch)

All students who competed did themselves and the school proud.

We wish Ryder all the best for his upcoming Wide Bay Trials for Rugby League.

Dates to Remember

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P & C NEWS

Next Meeting — 9th May 2017 6.00 pm

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.