Well the cooler weather has certainly arrived. This reminds us of the importance of staying healthy...with the cold usually comes sickness. We have had a lot of students arriving at school without appropriate warm clothing ie. a jumper or track pants. Students reasons are usually “I forgot my jumper” or “I can’t find it”. Please ensure that your child/children do have warm clothes either on or in their bags as the days can start warm but grow colder as it progresses. Winter is also a time that our lost property box grows as many students remove their jumpers and track pants if the day warms up or they are running around the oval. It is essential that the student’s name is on all items of clothing so that we can return them to their owners. With all jumpers and track pants the same or similar colour it is virtually impossible to distinguish who belongs to unnamed items. Please use this reminder to check your child’s/children’s clothes as names can also wash out when being cleaned.

During this week our year three and year five students have completed the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). This can be a very stressful time for some students and we can often see many tears and upset children. Although this year we had a couple of anxious moments, as a whole the students managed the experience very well. Now it is purely a waiting game for the results that will arrive next term.

Please be aware that the yellow marked area in front of school gates is an ‘ambulance area’ only and must be kept free of obstacles at all times.

Thanks to Mrs Ward for organising and running the Mother’s day fundraiser during the week. All students were excited to be able to purchase a small gift for their mums. I would like to wish all the Mums a very happy and enjoyable day on Sunday and congratulate you for the fantastic and most important job you do. HAPPY MOTHERS DAY.

The year two, three and four camp is on next Monday and there is certainly a lot of excitement from the students. Although only an overnight camp it helps prepare the students for future ‘away from home’ experiences that some children don’t often have. They will participate in many activities at the Barambah Environmental Education Centre with a focus on how different people used the land around Barambah and what we can do to create a better future. The campers will depart the school via coach at 9.00 on Monday morning and return by 3:00 on Tuesday afternoon. The following week (Friday 26th) the years five and six students will travel to Murgon for their second sports gala day. This term the students chose their sport from a substantial list that included golf, hockey, speed minton and lawn bowls. These days do create the opportunity to mix with students from the other schools in the cluster which will enhance the experience of transitioning to high school as well as learning new sports.

Kind regards

Adam
There will be plenty of testing being completed over the next 5 weeks of school, assignments and unit work. Please ensure your child/ren are attending each day. Every day counts!

In English, we have been learning how to write a simple retell. We started by discussing our holidays and have moved onto weekly retells from our weekends. Students will then move to retelling known stories, to selecting a text to write a written retell and share with a familiar audience. Sentence structure has been a huge focus in our classroom and we are pleasantly surprised with how quickly the Prep/Year One class are applying these new skills.

Guided Reading: Continues to occur on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. You would have noticed that your child’s readers get changed on these days. Continue to encourage your child to read every night. The more nights they read – the faster they will reach the reading certificates: 75 nights, 100 nights, 125 nights etc. Reminder: That I will be awarding a special surprise for the student/s who read the most each Semester (changed from Term due to last Term’s cyclone disruption) 😊

Maths revolves around patterns and relationships for Year One’s. They started by learning about varying patterns and rules such as continuing patterns, repeating patterns, number patterns, growing number patterns and so forth. They sat their revision test today before moving on to number relationships. They will learn content such as equivalence, addition combinations, ordering and turnarounds. Preps have also been completing their Mathletics workbooks and are doing a fabulous job. This week we completed numbers to 30, sat the revision test and started learning about fractions. Preps will continue with ordinal numbers, patterns and then number relationships.

In History, students have continued to learn about the past and make comparisons with the present. We discussed new terms such as: past, present and future and talked about how we can learn about the past. Students decided that we can learn about the past through books, movies, photos, talking with parents and grandparents and so forth. We will continue to compare objects from the past to now – comparing: toys, electrical items, data storage, homework etc.

During Science lessons we have been learning about the weather in our world. Students selected three locations: Wheatlands State School, Kyoto, Japan and Johannesburg, South Africa. We check the temperatures (high and lows) and weather conditions for each of these locations daily and record them into a chart in our science journals. We have also put up a science weather wall to assist with understanding weather conditions and familiarise ourselves with conditions we may not have experienced in person (snow, tornado, hurricane etc) Students will also complete activities based around cloud finding, types of precipitation, seasons around the world, We will then conclude the unit with a weather analysis tracker, graph and multiple choice test.

Show and Tell Roster has been altered. Please find a new copy of the roster in your child’s Communication Book. It will now only occur on a Thursday! So your child may only have to bring in show and tell once every 3-4 weeks 😊

Green Slip Winners weeks 3 & 4: Danieka, Dean, Aiden & Evelyn.

Bookwork Award Winners week 4: Hayden & Isabella

Reading Award: 50 nights: Brady, Monica, Siera. 75 nights: Max, Hayden, Andrew, Danieka, Gabriel, Elliana, Cooper. 100 nights: Danieka.

The following shows were the Prep/Year One students are currently working. (Reminder that Year One students are revising their sight words for the second time and had to start back at their Golden Worlds 😊)

"Hello" from Prep/Year One

PM Benchmark Reading Tests Week 5 & 6
I hope all the Mums have a brilliant Mother’s Day!
Year 2/3 News

We are now well into writing persuasive texts. We read ‘I wanna iguana’ and ‘I wanna new room’ by Karla Kaufmann. In ‘I wanna iguana’ the son, Alex, writes letters to his Mum giving reasons why he should be allowed to have an iguana for a pet. We then had a go at writing to our Mum’s to ask to have some unusual pets including a pygmy pig, a teacup poodle and a shark!

In Maths, Mr Edwards has been teaching both groups addition and subtraction strategies. We will soon move onto written addition and subtraction.

In Science, Mr Edwards has continued our work on life cycles. Over the fortnight we have looked at human and plant lifecycles through powerpoints, timelapse movie clips and worksheets. This week we ‘planted’ our own seeds in dampened cotton wool, inside ziplock bags. These are now on our windows and we are keeping a diary observing any changes we see.

Lecturette information sheets have been distributed to students. The topic is lifecycles. Students are permitted to have one visual that supports their presentation ie. a powerpoint, photo, poster or the like.

A lot of time has been taken up this week with NAPLAN. Thank you Year 2 students for continuing to work with other staff while I delivered the Year 3/5 NAPLAN testing. I was extremely proud of the Year 3 students who gave their full effort, even if the task was challenging. Each and every one of the Year 3 students displayed a ‘growth mindset’ to the completion of the testing.

We are really looking forward to 2/3/4 Camp next week. It should be an exciting, if not chilly, experience. We are very lucky that Mr Edwards is giving an extra day of his own time to join and assist us. Thank you Mr Edwards for your contributions to our class over the past few weeks, we have enjoyed the outdoor games you have shown us.

Happy Mother’s Day to all our special Mums, we appreciate you all very much. We hope you enjoy our ‘surprises’ on Sunday.

STRIVE words

Infinity- when something never ends
Persuasive- when you change someone’s thoughts about something
Metamorphosis- a big change
Adorable- very cute or easy to love

Week 3

Green slips- Coby, Reagan, Anna
Bookwork Award- Ryan

Week 4

Green slips- Ethan, Jack
Bookwork Award- Shaun

Mrs Brimblecombe
Mrs. Bishop’s Year 4
Classroom Newsletter
May 12, 2017

Classroom News

What we are learning:
Hi everyone! Four weeks down and we are starting to get closer to reporting time. We still have lots of learning to do but we are very much on track. Just a reminder for students that research for their lecturettes is due on Monday the 15th May.

We still have corn growing in our garden, but I am looking at putting down a winter crop so if anyone has any good suggestions feel free to come and have a chat.

We have been investigating rocks and minerals in our science lessons. We have been looking at the different types of rocks and the rock cycle and properties of minerals.

The students have just recently finished another maths unit of work which was on Multiplication and have completed their test. I have to say I am very pleased with the results. The students should be very pleased with themselves.

Next week the years 2, 3 and 4’s are going to the Barambah Educational Centre for a one night sleep over. I am very excited about this camp and I am sure the kids are too. Please make sure you check the list of items to bring.

Well that’s enough from me for another two weeks. If you have any queries about anything at all please feel free to contact the school and make a time to come in a chat.

Michelle Bishop
Year 4 Teacher
Wheatlands State School
Email address: mbish54@eq.edu.au
Cross country was held at Cloyna State School back in week 2. We all had a great day and I am pleased to say that the Wheatlands School spirit was high as I heard many students cheering and encouraging others as they made their way around the challenging course. I managed to snap some pictures and have included just a few of them in this week’s newsletter.

Our classroom has been somewhat disrupted this week with NAPLAN being held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning. We are pleased to say that the testing is now over and we will be returning to normal routine. I must congratulate all the students who participated in the testing. It has been noted and I have heard many positive comments about the positive way that our students handled the whole process and how no-one seemed to let the pressure get to them. WELL DONE!! This is an important skill to have.

ENGLISH – The students are almost ready to begin production on their short animated films. I am seeing some interesting and creative ideas and I am looking forward to helping the students explore the capabilities of the various computer programs to put the finishing touches on their films. Hopefully, we will be able to have a class viewing day at the end of the term where we can watch both their digital media assessment pieces from this semester.

SCIENCE – Our Marvelous-Micro Organisms unit has been very interesting so far as we explored what yeast needs to live. Our experiment created some very interesting results … and smells!

MATHS – We have almost completed our unit on time with the Year 5’s completing their unit test today. The Year 6’s will be completing their unit test early next week. Our next unit will be “Position” where we will explore directions and mapping skills.

VISUAL ARTS – We have begun exploring the design principles and design elements used in 3D sculptures. Students will be choosing an issue they would like to portray in a 3D sculpture and incorporating a variety of different elements and principles in their art piece. They may wish to use recycled or discarded items from home to help represent their chosen issue. This should be a fun and creative unit!

We have a lot of work to get through between now and when report cards are due. As always, time is so valuable to us. We have had many disruptions this term, in fact, next week (week 5) will be the first FULL WEEK for the term for us! There will still be some disruptions next week due to the 2/3/4’s being away on camp, (there will be no spelling on the Monday or Tuesday), but at least we have a full 5 day week! With this in mind, your child’s attendance is extremely important. A day off school sets them back considerably. Of course, anyone who is unwell is not advised to attend school, but please avoid allowing unnecessary absences.

That’s all from Ms Fox and Mrs H!
CREATIVE ARTS IN THE PARK

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Parents are welcome to stay or leave child/ren for the workshop. Cre8tive craft kits for sale to make & cre8 on the day / take home (3:30 – 10 yrs / 1pm – Adults)

Paint your own Fridge Magnets / Cross Country
Make a beaded wire Tree of Life
Make & decor8 your own Wind chimes / suncatchers / Home made crafts
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Cross Country
Book Fair is Coming!!

Monday 29th May to Thursday 1st June

Tues & Wed  8:30 – 9:00am
Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs  3:00-3:30pm
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**P & C NEWS**

***Next Meeting — 16th 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.

***Pie Drive Reminder***

Orders and money are due on Thursday 1st June 2017.

**Week 3 Awards**