The senior shirts have finally arrived and they look great. Each year the year six students choose a pattern and colour scheme for their senior shirt. They all then submit a design for the printing on the back, when one design is chosen we send it off to Mark Smith Menswear with the order. Mark has them specially made by his suppliers and the final product is returned to the school. This process can take some time as you would appreciate, particularly having the students all agree on the best shirt design. However, they have now arrived and as you can see on the faces of our year six students they are very proud of their shirts.

Last week we took the year two/three and year four students on an overnight camp. This was a great opportunity as it has been many years since the students in the lower grades have been away. All students had a great time and surprisingly there were very few tears. Thanks to Mrs Brim, Mrs Bishop, Mr Edwards and the great staff at the Barambah Environmental Education Centre for all their hard work in making this activity such a good experience for the students. We hope to take the students again next year.

I can’t believe that we are at the assessment stage of our semester already. I don’t know about everyone else but I am struggling with how fast the weeks are disappearing. Next week will see most classes start their assessments for unit work. Please ensure all children are getting to bed early and eating properly to give them the best possible chance to do well during this time.

You will have noticed on invoices sent out by the school there are details for payment by bpoint. Please note, this is our preferred method of payment for monies owed to the school. Please see Glenda in the office if you have any questions.

Over the last few weeks we have had several new students start at Wheatlands State School. Please join us in welcoming to our community Charlie and Jack in year one (another two boys!), Blake in year three with brothers Isaac in year five and Jai in year six. All students have enjoyed learning the Wheatland’s way and meeting all their new friends.

Kind regards

Adam
“Hello” from Prep/Year One

Unit Testing/Assessments Weeks 7 - 9

Terrific progress in PM Reading Levels – Check Communication Books for a copy of your child’s record summary

Please ensure your child/ren are attending each day. Every day counts! Unit Testing and assignments will be completed and due over the next four weeks.

In English, students have been retelling familiar stories and will soon select a text to write a written retell and share with a familiar audience. I have almost completed the Alphabet ID tests. Progress is HUGE! I will send home a copy of your child’s test as soon as they have all been completed.

Guided Reading: Continues to occur on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. You may find some harder (higher level readers) in your child’s homework folder this week and next, plenty of students have jumped up levels after their PM Reading Tests. Although, please note that in some cases your child may be reading higher than the guided reading books that are sent home. We work on FLUENCY for home reading and this is completed through reading easier texts. Reminder: That I will be awarding a special surprise for the student/s who read the most each Semester (changed from Term 1 due to last Term’s cyclone disruption) 😊

In Maths, students continue to work through their patterns and relationships mathletics workbooks. We are also revising basic number concepts. Counting to 10, 50, 100; skip counting; simple addition and subtraction. This is a quick revision before completing reporting comments and also helps with consolidation before moving on to different math strands.

In History, we discussed light this week. Students discussed inventions, Thomas Edison, what we could invent to make our lives easier and what life was like in the past without electricity. I’m sure by the looks on their faces it was like I was speaking another language 😃 haha! Life without electricity ... WHAT ??? Next week, we will discuss toys from the past, present and what they could look like in the future. We will draw examples and create a FUTURE toy! Who knows Mum and Dad .. they could become millionaires!

During Science lessons, we have been learning about the weather in our world. This week, Mrs Stanley was in her element! CLOUDS! If you know Mrs Stanley, you would know that she LOVES clouds and cloud formations. We thoroughly enjoyed our lesson this week. It may have looked like we were sleeping on the oval but we were really using our newly created cloud viewer to locate and name a variety of clouds that have formed in the sky. Students were able to match them perfectly using our cloud viewer. We will continue one more lesson on clouds before moving on.

Reminder that the new show and tell roster is in the Communication Books. Show and tell will now only occur on a Thursday afternoon.

Green Slip W inners weeks 5 & 6: Andrew, Isabella, Charley, Harry & Siera
Bookwork Award W inners week 5 & 6: Eliana, Charley, Jack & Gabriel
Reading Award: 50 nights: Charley, 75 nights: Matilda, 100 nights: Max & Dean

We have MAJOR Sight Words Award Winners:

Congratulations: Max & Dean
You have not only completed the Magic 300 Sight Words (for the 2nd time)
You have FLOWN through them in RECORD TIME!
Max & Dean are now the lucky holders of a $10 Big W gift voucher
(P.S. I hope you buy Miss S something REALLY nice!!!)
Year 2/3 News

What a busy fortnight we have had. The highlight, of course, was school camp. This was a wonderful opportunity for the students to learn some History and Science in context and in an investigative way. It also began to develop independent skills as students had to look after and pack their own things, although I think the teachers rolled up many a sleeping bag. It was great to see the students thriving in a different environment and a couple of students really stood out, from our class. The boys that demonstrated a responsible and caring attitude towards others, above and way beyond the expected, were Ryan, Reagan and Shaun. Our students were complimented, in general, on their politeness. The girls were excellent at packing up their items and displayed self-regulating behaviours, requiring little teacher assistance to get into bed and go to sleep. Great news for me, in the room next door.

Please see below some writing samples after camp:

The bushwalking is great. So is the star gazing. It really is the best camp to go on you could get. If you want something sweet- like dessert- go to BEEC. It is the best! If you want to relax and have fun with your friends then you should go to BEEC. If you want to test your climbing skills, then go to BEEC. **Amber (Year 3)**

BEEC is so good because it is so fun. You get to go bushwalking and you have to step over logs but be careful not to slip. BEEC gives you good, free food. There is a big hill called ‘One Tree Hill’ and on the way up and down there are some pretty rocks to see. You get to build a hut and throw rocks and spears too. There was a big campfire, as well. It is the best camp ever! **Anna (Year 3)**

Listen here everyone! I loved going bushwalking at BEEC because we got to go up a big hill. I liked sitting around the campfire too. **Ethan (Year 2)**

**BEEC is the best camp ever for Year 2/3 because you can go bushwalking and throw spears. Harvey (Year 2)**

DON’T FORGET LECTUREtte ROUGH DRAFT WAS DUE TODAY- Monday at the latest

Strive

Concerned- worried that something bad will happen

Responsible- when it is your job to do it

Lonely- when you are unhappy by yourself

Awards

**Week 5 Green Slips**- Ryan, Reagan

Bookwork Award- Olivia

**Week 6 Green Slips**- Shaun, Ruby K

Bookwork Award- Olivia

Mrs Brimblecombe
Strive Words
Week 5:

Week 6:
Gritty and Characteristics

Greenslip Recipients
Week 5:
Pixie Gilbert

Week 6:
Hannah Mollenhauer

Book Work Award Recipients
Week 5:

Week 6:
Hayden Kiem

Classroom News
What we are learning:
All the students have been working extremely hard and are to be congratulated for their continuous efforts in class. I would like to remind students and parents that although it may seem we still have so much to do in a short amount of time DON'T FREAK OUT!! We are very much on track in completing all assessments and even though for some it may seem like there is no light at the end of the tunnel I assure you there is and that light will become brighter as the term draws to a close.

Students have started composing their poems for part of their English assessment and I am quietly impressed with what I have seen so far.

We will soon have some lovely corn to munch on from our garden out the back. Once the corn has been harvested we are going to work the soil and prepare for our next crop which, at this stage, we haven't quite decided what we shall grow.

I would like to say a huge congratulations to my kids on how well behaved they were on our short camp last week. We all had an excellent two days and I would happily take them on another camp. Well done Yr 4!! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome any parents/grandparents to come into our class whether it is before school or after school and have a look at what your child has been learning and engaging in. The door is always open!

Michelle Bishop
Year 4 Teacher
Wheatlands State School
Email address: mbish54@eq.edu.au
We are well and truly in the swing of things now! It is hard to believe that in a few short weeks we will be wrapping up report cards for the semester and preparing for the end of term rewards day! I hope everyone from the 5/6 class earns an invitation to the day... it is always a lot of fun!

We welcomed two new students to our class last week! With a warm Wheatland’s hello we welcome Jai and Isaac Ahern to our school. They also have a younger brother Blake who is in the 2/3 class with Mrs Brim. It has been exciting to see new faces around the school and if you happen to see the boys around, be sure to say “hi”. I am pleased to say that they seem to have transitioned to the Wheatland’s family without too much trouble.

Our class units are coming along nicely! Most students are in the stages of editing their short animated film for English. It has been enjoyable watching the students explore the new skills and technologies for this project. With any luck, I would love to hold a viewing day towards the end of term where the students can all view and enjoy each other’s Power Point presentations from Term 1 (where they transformed a Banjo Paterson poem into a narrative) as well as this term’s short animated film. The students have also expressed their desire to share their work with their peers!

We have been having a great time exploring micro-organisms in science. Last week we made fresh bread so we could observe the role that yeast plays in the bread making process. Our classroom smelt A-M-A-Z-I-N-G and the students all enjoyed having a taste of the freshly baked loaf (after we completed our observations of course). Most students can quite confidently explain the process that yeast undergoes during the bread making cycle – why not quiz them?? We have now moved onto the micro-organism of mould and are exploring the kinds of conditions that mould needs to grow best (luckily, there will be no taste testing for this part of the unit).

The students have commenced constructing their sculpture for Visual Arts. The idea of the project is for them to express their feelings about an issue through a 3D sculpture. Students are encouraged to use recyclable items from home or to repurpose items that may normally be disposed of. Their choice of materials will largely depend on the issue they are exploring. Why not ask your child about the following art sculpture titled “Roadkill” by Simryn Gill.

I hope all the 5/6 students enjoyed the second sports gala day of the year. Hopefully you got to experience a new sport, learn some new skills and meet some new people!

Green Slips Week 4 – Kai Allan & Cailan Murray
Green Slips Week 5 – Isaac Ahern & Dallas Gordon

Keep up all the hard work year 5/6! We are half way through the term and the next few weeks are going to be busy, busy, busy!

That’s all from Ms Fox and Mrs H
Sports News

Well done to everyone who competed in the South Burnett Cross Country Trials. Congratulations to Darcy Mitchell who will now be competing at the Wide Bay Trials in Gympie on Tuesday 30th May.
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Ahoy matey!!

Next week from **Monday 29th May to Thursday 1st June**, Scholastic Bookaneer Book Fair will be hosted in the Wheatland’s School Library. You will find the opening times in the square.

Book Fair is an opportunity for families to look at books and other merchandise that is available for purchase. The wonderful thing about Scholastic Book Fair is that the school is given a commission on all the books and items sold at the fair. This commission is then used to purchase more books for the library shelves. In previous years, this has enabled us to sometimes purchase up to 60 new books!! An amazing effort for a small school community like ours. So we would once again appreciate your support with our Book Fair for 2017.

To promote our Bookaneer book Fair there will be a ‘Pirate Flag’ art competition open to all students. Those interested will be given a blank flag outline and asked to design their very own pirate flag. Winners from each year level will be awarded vouchers to spend in the fair. This is only for those students who would like to participate. For all families that are purchasing from the Book Fair, Wheatland’s students can get involved in the ‘Guess the Pirates Treasure’ chest competition as well – always lots of fun when there are lollies at stake!

Once again there will be cash and EFTPOS facilities available at the fair. Please note that students from Prep to year 3 are not permitted to purchase from the Fair without a parent or carer.

Shiver me timbers!! Can’t wait to see you all there!!

Tracy Anderson & Emma Fox - Teacher Librarians

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P & C NEWS

***Next Meeting — 13th June 2017 6.30 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. Any questions please phone Michelle on 0419 650 364.

***New Shirt Clearance on Old Logo***
Sizes 4, 14 and 16—$10 each. See or phone Michelle MacCartie on 0419 650 364.

Week 5 Awards