Here we are at the end of another school year. My how the time has flown and I can’t believe that my first year here at Wheatlands State School is over. I have certainly enjoyed this year and I look back over the past twelve months with fond memories. Thanks must go to all for welcoming me and making me feel at home here at Wheatlands. Thanks to a very hardworking P&C for all their efforts throughout the year. Also thanks to the parents for supporting the teachers and what we are trying to accomplish. Thanks to all the staff whose efforts are simply amazing. It is fantastic to work with people that have the very best intentions for the students in their care. And finally a big thank you to all the students that consistently live up to our very high expectations. They are an awesome group of children and you should all be very proud.

Last week I had the pleasure of working with Mikayla and Madison at the Barambah Environment Educational Centre. The Captains, along with school leaders from cluster schools, spent three days honing their leadership skills. I feel confident that our school is in good hands with these two lovely girls. I also had the pleasure of travelling to Hervey Bay with the Preps – Year threes to celebrate their rewards day. A great day was had by all students and staff as we visited the Jump Park and Water Park. I always get a thrill when staff from such venues compliment our students and say “what a pleasure it is to have them”. Just another positive for being a part of the Wheatlands school community.

On Friday we hosted the Small Schools Swimming Carnival at the Wondai Pool. Although it was an extremely hot day the students were very proactive with staying in the shade and applying sunscreen regularly. It was great to see a good competitive spirit and an ‘always try your best’ from students. Thanks to all the staff and volunteers who help make the event a great success and enjoyable for everyone.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a safe and enjoyable Holiday.

Adam
Mrs Stanley and I would like to wish all our families a very **Merry Christmas**, safe holidays and happy **New Year**!

Thank you to the lovely parents and grandparents who have volunteered their time over the last two weeks — helping us with our Christmas cooking and craft.

We have had a brilliant time!
Year 2/3 News

MERRY CHRISTMAS! We have had a festive week of finishing off work, visits from Eddie the Elf, making and eating treats and crafty fun! Thank you one and all for a brilliant year. One in which the students learnt lots and so did I! Take care and have a safe holiday.

Mrs Brimblecombe

Prep-Year 3 Rewards Day
Year 4-6 Rewards Day

2016 Swimming Carnival
Strive Words

We finished this year with activities which involved students matching strive words we have learnt this term with their respective meaning.

Greenslip Recipients

Week 8:
Ryder Brown
Cooper Mollenhauer

Week 9:
(Swimming Carnival)

Week 10:
Whole class!!

Book Work Award Recipients

Week 8:
Lacy Lee

Classroom News

What we have learnt

English: We have examined humour in a poem, examined traditional stories, explored recounts set in the past and explored a quest novel.

Maths: We engaged in chance and data activities, working with fractions, length, area and perimeter, space, shape and position, time, volume, capacity and mass.

Science: We discovered ‘Smooth Moves’, which looked at forces and motion; ‘Rocking the Earth and Sky’, investigating how the Earth, Moon and Sun rotated; ‘Material World’, researching high and low tensile materials; ‘Life Cycles’, exploring the life cycles of various plants and animals.

Technology: We learnt how to reuse and repurpose old items of clothing and engaged in the production of our own short films to explain why our school is cool.

Geography: We explored ‘Sustainable and Unsustainable’ resources and how we make our homes more sustainable.

Art: Students explored the art of freeze frames and how to tell a story without words.

Merry Christmas to you all.
I wish you all a very safe and happy holiday!!
Library News

It was all hands on deck last week when we had our Christmas library craft on. The students really enjoyed making their hanging wreaths, and they looked fantastic too! Once again a big thank you to Mrs Rattray (Mrs Andersons Mum), who volunteers not only her time to do our craft sessions, but also donates all the craft materials students use. It’s much appreciated!

Last reminder to all students that ALL books borrowed from the library must be returned by the last day of school. Students can return books into the return boxes any time.

Merry Christmas everyone and happy holidays!

Tracy Anderson

Teacher Librarian
I would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers that have helped with Tuckshop this year. As we have quite a few volunteers leaving us we are desperately looking for new volunteers for 2017. Please contact me on 0437 922 224 or email katescott8@bigpond.com if you are able to assist.

Have a great holiday.

Kate
It’s Farewell from Year 6

Goodbye and Good luck to you all!!