Well the term is certainly off and running. I can’t believe that we are at the end of week three already. It certainly has been a very busy three weeks with two short weeks, the commencement of swimming and the LOTE trip to Brisbane all on top of a very busy term. We still have the swimming carnival, sports Gala day, year six and Prep transition days and senior graduation to look forward to.

Illness is still a big issue this term. Please remember to keep children home if they are unwell as this will help their recovery and break the cycle. It is also a reminder to keep unnecessary absences to a minimum as students may be home sick adding to their days off.

The laws in Queensland are changing and from the beginning of 2017 it is compulsory for all children to undertake a full-time Prep Year before they can begin Year One. Find out more at the Education website (www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/find-school/enrolling.html). We are now taking enrolments for 2017 and have relaxed the enrolment management plan for students starting in Prep to year four in 2017. Please see Gladys for an enrolment package.

New report on Queensland state schools now available.
Did you know that all Queensland state schools are reviewed by the Department of Education and Training every four years? The reviews are undertaken by the department’s School Improvement Unit (SIU) and are a great way for schools to get quality, independent feedback on what they are doing well and where they can improve. The SIU recently published its first annual report, which is a comprehensive analysis of the 369 school reviews it conducted last year. The report found that Queensland state schools are doing some great work, including the commitment of staff, positive learning environments, care and concern for students and a strong focus on improving literacy and numeracy achievement. A short animated video highlighting the key findings from the report is available online. To watch the video or to read the report, visit the School Reviews website (www.schoolreviews.eq.edu.au).

This term the office will be unmanned every second Friday. This is the hours allocated to the school based on the student numbers. Mrs Fuller will be away on Fridays of even weeks. I hope that this will not be too inconvenient and we will still be answering the phones so messages can still get to students.

On Tuesday I had the pleasure of travelling to Brisbane with the year 5/6 class and students from Cloyna SS, Windera SS and Moffatdale SS as part of the LOTE excursion. It is always a pleasure travelling with students from Wheatlands, and indeed the cluster, as they are all so very well behaved and represent their schools proudly. It was an early start departing from the BP in Murgon at 06:00 and for some it was their first visit to the capital. All three attractions were well received by the students but the Japanese restaurant experience was definitely the highlight for most students and teachers. Thanks to Sensei for organising such an educational experience that all students enjoyed.

Kind regards

Adam
Hello from Prep/1

I hope all families enjoyed their holiday. Prep/One students have jumped back into action and it’s going to be a fun filled, jam packed term! Thank you to the parents who took the time to fill out the Prep/Year One feedback form. This will not only help make personal improvements to my teaching but also to the classroom routine, assessments, notices being sent home and of course your child’s education.

** Prep Open Day ** The flyer has been sent out and I would like to extend an invitation to our current prep parents to join us for a morning tea on Tuesday 1st of November to meet our new prep parents for 2017. Morning Tea will begin at 11am. I hope to see you there to welcome the new families into our amazing school.

** What Prep/Year One have been up to:**

- We have moved on to harder readers in our Guided Reading groups. You will notice that the preps reading level 15 and above will only have one reader sent home over two nights. They will also be making the move into Mrs H’s guided reading group starting next Wednesday. This is a HUGE step and we will encourage them to embrace the change and challenges with a positive attitude.
- Math race track – what can I say? We are just flying. We have students on a variety of laps with some Year One students moved onto the subtraction race track. Well done to Shaun and Ethan. CJ is gaining speed, currently on lap 10 of the addition race track and very close to completing.
- Mrs Stanley and Miss S are so proud of Prep/One for completing their homework early each and every week so far. You will notice that we have started extending the English activities for Prep and have included extension math sheets (two-digit addition) for students who have completed their core math homework by Wednesday.
- Prep/Year One will begin completing a number of assessments throughout the following weeks in preparation for end of year reporting. In order for us to assess each student in each area it is important they attend school every day. Please refer to the term planners for further information.
- We have started researching and learning about a variety of cultural dances in preparation for our Dance Arts unit.
- “HAPPY DANCES!” … plenty of these happening in the mornings before school. We are flying through those sight words and will surpass all benchmarks by the end of the year. W oo Hoo!
- Prep/Year One students may have started dancing some interesting “dance steps” as we are currently in the process of choosing a cultural dance to perform in front of the class and our parents. Very exciting.
- Mapping, mapping and more mapping. We have completed plenty of activities based around the map of Australia, colour coding the states, a jigsaw of the states, locating the capital cities and oceans. Next week we will locate the main tourist attractions within each state or territory.
- SWIMMING! We had a very successful first swimming lesson on Thursday. Thank you to all the parents who made sure their child had everything they needed. We look forward to many more lessons throughout the term.
- Prep-Year Three will be inviting the grandparents to spend a morning with us. The Prep/Year One class will be completing some cultural crafts with their grandparents. Date to be advised.

Miss Sarah Sullivan
Greetings from the Year 4 class. Welcome back everyone! Well we are in our last term of the year and as you all know it is the CRAZY time of the year. We are well and truly into the swing of things. Busy is an understatement! We are, however, very much on track and I look forward to finishing off assessments and our unit work.

**Green Slips**

Week 1 – Rory Scott,

Week 2 – Charlie Gilbert, William Halse, Noah Frahm

**English**

In our English unit this term we are working on a Quest Novel – ‘Rowan of Rin’. Students will be required to read the novel and answer questions about each chapter and also join in an online discussion board about the book. We have completed our first three chapters and are now ready to engage in our first online discussion.

**Maths**

At the beginning of this term we completed our last unit of work on Shape and Space including assessment. We are now working on our next unit – ‘Time’

**Geography**

This term in our Geography lesson we are continuing on with our unit from term three ‘Using Places More Sustainably’. We have been looking, in particular, at natural and processed materials and what things are classified as sustainable and non-sustainable.

**Science**

In Science we have commenced our next unit – ‘Friends or Foes’. We will be looking at the life cycles of different animals and plants. In weeks one and two we have looked at the life cycle of a tomato. We have discussed the meaning of the following words: (These are also our Strive Words for weeks one, two and three)

- Germination and Pollination
- Reproduction and Fertilisation
- Cooperation and Foe

**Technology**

This term the Year 4 students are working in collaboration with the Year 5-6 class. We will be working in small groups to come up with ideas on why our school is a ‘Cool School’. The ideas will then be made into a short video and then all the videos will be voted on by their peers and the winner will be sent to the site.

Thanks

Mrs Michelle Bishop
Years 5/6 News from Ms Fox

Assessment News

English – Analysing and evaluating the writing style of Jackie French

Lecturelettes – Retell of a fairy tale or dreamtime story from the perspective of a different character

Technology – Create a digital postcard outlining “What makes our school cool” for CoolSchoolsTV

Science – Exploring the qualities of different matter

Dates to Remember

þ Swimming every Thursday afternoon
þ Wednesday 26/10/16 (week 4) – Lecturette research outline due
þ Wednesday 02/11/16 (week 5) – Lecturette palm cards due
þ Friday 04/11/16 Rewards Day (week 5)
þ Wednesday 9/11/16 Lecturettes Due (week 6)
þ Friday 11/11/16 Sports Gala Day (week 6)

Strive Words

Objective, Subjective

Green Slips

WEEK 1 – Samantha Hetherington

WEEK 2 – Joe Meikle, Nick Divljak

A Big Congratulations to those people who earnt their pen licence!

– Jordy Louis –
– Hannah Farrer –
– Amy Henderson –
– Brooke Dowling –
– Molly Anderson –

I have opened my classroom for independent study sessions on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3-3:30. The students who were interested have taken home a note outlining the expectations of those who are participating. I would like to reiterate – this is an INDEPENDENT study session – not a personal tutoring session. I will be available should students require clarification or assistance, however, it is not one-on-one. The purpose of these sessions is so students can do homework before getting out of school mode – it is also a great way for seniors to get used to independent/group study sessions in preparation for high school. Students who do not use this time and space appropriately will be uninvited. Please remember to pick your child up by 3:30 pm sharp as I have other commitments to attend to after this time.

Term 4 is going to be a busy, busy term for everyone! We have already missed days due to the public holiday, pupil free day and Japanese excursion. As always, your child’s attendance is critical. It may only be a day here or there, but every day of our term is crucial to achieving the learning outcomes for this term.

There is a lot of hype surrounding our technology unit this term. The Years 4, 5 and 6’s are collaborating on a digital media project where they will produce a digital postcard highlighting why they think our school is unique. All the videos will be viewed and voted upon and the submission which best represents our school will be submitted to the CoolSchoolsTV website. Any student being videoed will require parental consent and the signing of an official release form from Cool Schools TV. These forms need to be signed and returned to Ms Fox or Mrs Bishop asap. The footage used in students projects will not be limited to Years 4, 5 and 6. Any student in our school may be filmed for these projects. In which case, the consent and release forms will need to be completed by all involved. If you have not yet received the application forms, they will be sent home in the next week or so.
Thank you to Fay for organising volunteers to set up at the Wondai Garden Expo. Great job. Thank you also to all the volunteers that helped on the day. Monies received will go to the P & C.

Thanks Jessica for your hard work as well.

Library News

The weather is warming up, so the library becomes a very popular place to be with the air conditioner on. There is always a comfy beanbag to lay on or colouring in to do and of course lots of books to read!

Wheatlands Library Fact: Did you know we have catalogued, covered and shelved over 240 NEW books into our library in 2016! That means that students are getting exposed to 7 new books every week at school. Our new books come from all sorts of places - Scholastic book fair, Scholastic Book Club, Australian standing orders, internet sites or by donation. Please keep supporting Book Club as every dollar spent earns our school reward points which we spend on more books!

Later this term the library will be having a craft activity for students to participate in. It will be Christmas orientated, however there are always other options for those students who do not want to participate in Christmas related craft.

Students need to be reminded to keep bringing their library bags and books each Wednesday to earn their sticker on our ‘Star Borrowers’ board. Student’s who borrow more than 6 times this term will be eligible for their reward at the end of term.

Quote: ‘A book never runs out of battery’

Mrs Tracy Anderson
Teacher Librarian
Japanese trip to Brisbane

The Students had a SENSEItional time on the Japanese Excursion to Brisbane. We listened to a very interesting speech at the Japanese Consulate about Japanese food and chopstick manners. We also walked up to the DAISO $2.80 shop where Students bought a wide range of toys, stationery and presents for friends and family... all for the price of $2.80.

Finally, and perhaps the highlight of the trip for most of the Students, was lunch at the KABUKI Restaurant. Students were treated to a wide range of traditional Japanese foods and an amazing display of Teppanyaki skills by the Chefs. (Kids please do not try those tricks at home......)

Thank you very much to the Teachers who assisted on the trip and thank you to all the Students who participated. All of your behaviour was excellent and I hope everyone had a great time.

ありがとうございました

Sensei

(Sonny Pellinkhof)

Uniform Shop

There is an oversupply of secondhand uniforms at the Uniform shop at the moment. If anyone has a uniform shortage please see Bec Mirtschin re sizes etc that are available. These uniforms will be free of charge to parents.
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.

**Dates to Remember**

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**P & C NEWS**

Next Meeting — Tuesday 22nd November 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.
Weeks 2 & 3 Awards