A great day was had at the Murgon pool for the Prep to Year Three swimming carnival. We were all impressed with the great competitive spirit of our younger students. Thanks to all the parents and staff that helped make the day so enjoyable for all the students.

On Tuesday morning we will hold a special parade for our Year Five students to present their speeches to become the 2017 School Captains. This is a very exciting time for the students but also a very nervous time. Please join me in wishing them all the best and if you can please join us on parade to support them that would be very much appreciated. The successful applicants will join the other Captains from the cluster at Barambah Environmental Education Education Centre in week nine. They will spend three days participating in leadership building activities.

**Are you ready for storm season?**
Severe storms can hit quickly and often leave a trail of damage. It is important to prepare for these weather events. Schools and residents should ensure trees and vegetation are trimmed, gutters and downpipes are cleared and removal of any unsecured items from the grounds has taken place. For imminent danger, ring Triple 000. Schools should also enact their emergency response plan. For school damage contact BAS or your regional office for assistance. For household damage contact SES on 132 500.

As the term and the year grow to a close please keep in mind that every day counts. The temptation to beat the holiday traffic and miss the crowds is tempting, however, the students will be working right up to the last day and although the assessments will be completed we will be learning and preparing for 2017. Wheatlands State School has been recognised as having some of the best attendance data in the Darling Downs South West this year and this has a direct impact on the student outcomes. Please remember to keep unnecessary absences to a minimum.

**Classes for 2017.**
The class structure for next year has been decided after much consideration. With such a large Year Five class, it has been essential that all staff contribute ideas. Ms Sullivan and Mrs Stanley will again be on a Prep/Year One class with approximately eighteen students. Mrs Brimblecombe and Mrs Webber will head up a Year Two/Three class, again around the eighteen student mark. We will split the Year Fives to have a Four/Five and a Five/Six class. However, these two classes will operate as a single Four/Five/Six class with two teachers and two teacher aides. They will be Mrs Bishop and Ms Fox assisted by Mrs Heatherington and Ms Ange. Each class will have around twenty students. We are all looking forward to next year as we get to know our new enrolments and watch the new seniors take up their leadership role.

Kind regards

Adam
Hello from Prep/Year One

Yesterday, the Prep – Year 3 students had their spectacular swimming carnival. Thanks to Mrs G and our efficient team of teacher aides, the morning ran very smoothly. I was amazed at the progress our students have made in such a short time. Congratulations on the tremendous sportsmanship exhibited from students and encouragement from parents who were able to attend the morning carnival also 😊 Photos are included in this newsletter and I will upload photos to the Wheatlands SS Facebook page shortly.

What Prep/Year One have been up to:

- We were very excited to see our smiling faces in Tuesday’s South Burnett Times once again. Our Prep Open Day photo and Grandparents’ Day photo were chosen to be included with the Year 6 images. Hooray!
- Final assessments are almost completed for the year. A few more to take place before we can get onto the arts and craft, Christmas activities and FUN!!! I know the Prep/Year One class are counting down the days until our final two weeks arrive.
- Students have continued to work through the measurement strand in maths over the last two weeks. We are currently working towards finishing the volume and capacity section before our final assessment. Our favourite part to this section would have to be filling containers with what looks to be green cordial…plenty of fun with our learning as always!!!
- BIKEATHON! Just a reminder the photos were uploaded to the Wheatlands SS Facebook page. If you would like a copy – send a USB into school with your child/ren and I will save you a copy. Please feel free to do the same for photos from the recent swimming carnival. Just note that report cards are currently being typed (so please allow a few days for me to get to it).
- Prep/Year One students have been learning about the main attractions found in Australia. We are currently exploring the Great Barrier Reef. Students have been learning where it is located, what lives there and why it is so important to protect it by reducing pollutant loads entering the reef.
- In Science, students have completed the main assessment for the unit and will begin the final practical over the following week. We will be exploring the great outdoors and photographing materials around the school that fall under two headings: man-made and natural.

NOTE FOR PARENTS:

- Keep an eye on Communication Books for an invitation to join your child in our classroom for some craft and cooking in our final two weeks. I will put a timetable and an activity summary in by the end of next week. If you would like to join in our fun – just write your name in next to the activity and time you can make it.
- No more tuckshop. It was our final tuckshop day… Today! Thanks for the lovely ladies and gents who gave up their time to organise this for us.
- Library will continue right up to week 10.
- Homework will conclude after next week for the Prep/Year One class. Encouragement for your child to read and complete sight words will remain up to week 10.

Miss Sarah Sullivan
‘So much to do…so little time’ seems to be the theme in the 2/3 Class at this time of the year. In Maths we are working on completing our unit on shape and space in both math groupings. Many children are at the stage of completing their online units as well.

In English/Science all students have demonstrated their scientific procedures. All students had their equipment organised, outlined their hypothesis, followed their steps and then explained their results to their peers and myself. We saw many amazing demonstrations including elephant’s toothpaste, tornadoes, tie-dyed milk and exploding volcanoes - to name a few. I am also listening to reading for benchmarking assessments and I am very pleased with the relative gain of many of the students this year. Thanks to the parents for supporting the home reading program- the practice and experience truly makes the world of difference to reading skill and understanding of text.

We have completed our Geography and Science units and are now busy working on our Visual Arts Unit - Colour my World. This week we looked at warm and cool colours and the feelings that we may experience when looking at a picture based on the colour group. We also looked at how the famous artist Vincent Van Gough used these colours as contrast or complement to invoke feelings in the viewer. We then used outlines of his more famous works of ‘Sunflowers’ and ‘Starry Night’ and used opposite colours to show how the author’s intent could have been changed with the use of different colours. Next week, students will plan and paint their own artwork. Students will also develop an ‘artist’s statement’ about what feelings/emotions/events they are expressing in their art work.

**Week 6**

Green Slips- Sarah, Amber, Harley
Bookwork Award- Peter

**Week 7**

Green Slips- Jayden, Anna, Peter

Mrs Brimblecombe

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**Library News**

**Date claimer:** Christmas craft day in library – Wednesday 30th November, second break. We will be making hanging Christmas wreaths, see the picture below. Should be lots of fun!

There are only two weeks left of borrowing – please note, students are not able to borrow in the last week of school. All library books must be returned before the end of the school year. Star borrowers will be eligible for an end of term reward.

Mrs Tracy Anderson
Teacher Librarian
Strive Words

Week 6 & 7:
Aerate – To supply with air, to expose something to the circulation of the air.
Decompose – To become broken down into components. To rot or disintegrate.
Larva – The second stage of the life cycle of an insect.
Dispersal – Is the action of spreading.

Greenslip Recipients

Week 6:
Isabella Fox
Week 7:
Zac Kennedy
Dustin Ramke
Julia Kerkow

Classroom News

What We’re Learning

English: We have completed our English Unit on ‘Rowan of Rin’. We will be viewing their online blogs and we are going to be writing an extra chapter that changes the ending of the story.

Maths: We are currently doing revision on the last unit of work which is ‘Time’ as well as working on problem solving activities and strategies used to solve them.

Science: We have just looked at the life cycle of a butterfly and we will be finishing the unit off with an assessment on ‘The Life Cycle of a Butterfly’.

Technology: We are finally up to editing and putting the final touches on our short films. Viewing will start next week to choose the best film to represent our school.

Geography: Our unit is now complete with the students producing their own poster depicting what ‘Sustainable’ and ‘Unstainable’ means to them.

Michelle Bishop
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We’re at the pointy end of things now! Only a few short weeks to go before we can all kick back and relax. The time is flying past us and before we know it we will be celebrating the end of year at WET-N-WILD and farewell-ing the current Year 6’s.

The bike-a-thon was a great success and, with the exception of a few collisions, went off without too much of a hitch. I personally witnessed many near misses where I thought students were going to come-a-gutsa, but we must have had luck on our side. Unfortunately, poor Jacko lost the nut holding his pedal on but with a bit of luck Amy was able to locate it. Ms Fox and Mr Head put their mechanics skills to the test and re-attached Jacko’s pedal, little did we realise we had put it on facing the wrong way, making it practically impossible for Jacko to ride! Hats off to Jackson for his persistence and determination as it was a good amount of time before he returned to inform me that “something was wrong”. It provided us with a bit of a laugh and the problem was eventually fixed! Let’s hope there are no incidences like this at WET-N-WILD!!

I have had to talk to the students about some minor behavior issues and general attitudes that myself and other staff members have been witnessing lately. I could easily put it down to the fact that the end of the year is edging closer and everyone’s feeling a little exhausted, however, regardless of the time of year, we must always uphold the high standard that makes Wheatlands School and its students so unique. It would be a horrible shame for any student to miss out on an invitation to the end of year rewards day simply because they have become complacent about the expectations of our classroom and school, especially after having such a wonderful year together. We all just need to keep making that effort to be a learner, be respectful and be safe with everything we do!

That’s all from the 5/6 class.

Ms Fox

ASSESSMENT NEWS

English – The students are formulating and writing their opinions about Jackie French’s author style and will be presenting them in a panel discussion next week.

Lecturelettes – Are done and dusted! 😊

Technology – Most students are in the editing stages of their short film for CoolSchoolsTV

Science – Unit and assessment is completed 😊

DATES TO REMEMBER

✓ Year 5 Leadership Speeches on special parade, Tuesday 22nd November (week 8)
✓ Pancake Breakfast Thursday 24th November (week 8)
✓ 2017 leadership camp 28-30th November (week 9)
✓ Swimming Carnival Friday 2nd December (week 9)
✓ Prep-3 rewards day Monday 5/6th December (week 10)
✓ Yr 4-6 rewards day WET ‘N’ WILD Tuesday 6th December (week 10)

GREEN SLIPS

WEEK 5 – ELLY-MEI COOK DENIM BROWN

WEEK 4 – JACKSON BROWN SAMANTHA HETHERINGTON
Host an Exchange Student in 2017!

Do you have a spare room? World Education Program (WEP) Australia, a non-profit student exchange organisation is looking for volunteer host families to host an overseas exchange student:

- Visit Australia through the eyes of a non-Australian
- Visit new places and re-visit old favourites
- Learn about local customs and language
- Gain a new family member and friend for life
- Have lots of fun!

Students are arriving in February 2017 and are looking forward to learning about Australian culture.

Meet some of our students!

Hello, I’m Ana from Italy. I can’t wait to come to Australia! I am very sportsy and I enjoy dancing, particularly hip hop! I also enjoy playing volleyball! In summer my family and I spend time together boating, cycling and hiking. Being outdoors in the open space in the lake, sea and mountains is something really nice!

Oki, I’m Tama from Brazil. Here’s a bit about me! My hometown is in the southern part of Brazil and I enjoy skateboarding. My favourite sport has also been skateboarding on a WEP student exchange and I am excited to have the same opportunity. Whilst I’m learning about Australian culture, I am looking forward to seeing new places!

I’m Diletta from Italy. I always look on the bright side of life! I am sportsy and last year I was involved in doing competitions. My parents run a restaurant and I often work there over the summer holidays. Sometimes I cook dinner for my brothers and I can bake delicious cakes!

Find out more! Request a free information pack for your family!

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SUNDAY EVENING
NOVEMBER 27
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS
SET PROGRAM
AT NEW HORIZONS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MURGON
FOOD & FAMILY FUN @ 5PM
CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT @ 6PM

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**Week 6 Rewards**

**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.

**Week 6 Rewards**

![Image of students holding rewards]