School Banking Winners for Weeks 1, 2 & 3
Christopher Kerkow, Isabella Borninkhof & Denim Brown

PAULS COLLECT-A-CAP promotion continues in 2012. Reminder to bring all specially marked caps off your Pauls Milk cartons to the school, as every cap is worth 10 cents redeemed by Pauls.

SCHOOL BANKING REMINDER
School banking will be available every Tuesday in the Library from 8.30am. Banking will be supervised by one of our parent helpers, Cathy Davis. Each week, on parade, there will be a variety of incentive prizes handed out. It’s not too late to still open an account. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy.

Term 1 Week 7
9th Mar 2012

I have had the joy once again this week of visiting classrooms to see some of the great work our students are doing.

Joining in with the Prep News first up on Tuesday morning was one of the highlights of my week. We have some very articulate students in the class, excellent listeners and some great questioning. All students listened intently to the speaker and thanked them at the conclusion. Additionally I have been receiving e-cards from the Prep class as well as emails. Keep up the great work Prep.

During my visit to the 3-5 class, I spoke with some budding botanists as they checked their Mustard Seed germination experiment. I was excited to observe and listen to individual groups of students show me their experiments and explain their interpretations of the seed germination since they started the experiment.

I am pleased to say that my random lunch box inspections have shown a large majority of our students are coming to school with healthy lunchboxes. Sandwiches, fruit, nuts and muesli bars are healthy nutritious ways to ensure your child gets the brain food they need for a day of learning. Please refrain from overloading your child’s lunchbox with sugary items. Could I please ask parents to ensure that all fruit is cut up thin. We are fast approaching the Winter months, with a cooler than normal start to the day already this morning. Get in early and ensure that your child is equipped with blue track pants and jumper for the onset of the cold.

In closing, please remember that every day at school counts. If your child is genuinely sick please send in a note explaining the reason for absence or ring the school to let us know. As previously communicated we need to ensure that our children are at school every day. I have attached some flyers once again to highlight the consequences of absence for even 1 day of a week and what it amounts to over 13 years of schooling.

Yours in Education
Daniel Bishop
**Dates to Remember**

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<td>April 16</td>
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**Administration Updates**

Consent forms for 2012 were sent home a couple of weeks ago. Whilst many families have returned them, there are still quite a few that are outstanding. If you have not returned these consent forms, please arrange to do so as soon as possible. If the forms have been misplaced, please ask Jenny in the office for another copy. Thankyou for your attention to this.

**Prep News**

This week we have received and begun using 6 new laptops in our classroom. These little laptops have been very motivating and exciting for the children. We began using ABC Reading Eggs this week. The school has paid for a home and school subscription, the children find the literacy activities in this program both challenging and purposeful.

This week we looked and the letters ‘c’ and ‘k’, next week we will look at the letter ‘h’. As part of our C2C unit we read the Rob Scotton series about ‘Russell the Sheep’, next week we will read the ‘Hairy Maclary’ series. We have been consolidating the numbers 1-5 and we have been exploring ordinal numbers- first, second, third and last. In Science we were introduced to the five senses and we explored the school rule ‘Be Respectful’.

Mrs Alex Brimblecombe
More pictures from the  
Barambah Small Schools Swimming Carnival 2012

1/2 Class

English
We have had a very busy couple of weeks finishing off our fictional stories ‘We’re going on a ____ hunt’. Students have been writing and illustrating their own version of the well-known story, ‘We’re going on a Bear Hunt’.

The class has also been working towards completing a ‘character profile’. We chose a character from a fictional story we could relate to and the students are now completing a character profile to share with our class during circle time next week. I hope the parents from my room found the notice in their child’s Communication Book outlining the events for next Friday. Students from our class will dress as their chosen character and complete an oral presentation.

Math
This week we have been completing activities on numbers to 100 and beyond. Students have been ordering (ascending order), writing, matching and representing numbers beyond 100 using MABs (hundreds, tens and ones blocks). Next week we will focus on number sequences (2s, 5s, 10s etc) and representing and solving addition and subtraction problems.

Science and SOSE
We have nearly completed our Primary Connections unit ‘Spot the Difference’. Last week the students completed investigations on how food changes by applying heat or by cooling. A chart was then completed on what it looked like, smelt like and tasted like – before and after cooking or cooling. The students will now complete an investigation on ‘What’s wrong with this picture?’ It illustrates a number of different ways food has been used or served and students will need to brainstorm in groups and come up with solutions to each problem.

In SOSE we have been learning about ‘Our Place in Space’ discovered what town we live in or near, and the district we live in. Next week we will investigate the different States and Territories in Australia and locate where we are on a map of Queensland.

Reading Awards
Congratulations go to Denim Brown, Larissa Ramke and Amy Henderson for completing 25 nights of Home Reading. The girls were awarded their certificate on Parade. They have even been reading on the weekends. Keep it up!

Sight Words
Week 6 – Well done Alysse Bell for gaining another 2 levels in her sight words, Alysse was awarded her Orange and Blue Certificates. Also a big congratulations goes to Lilly Weier for gaining her 100 Words Certificate.

Week 7 – Congratulations to Madison Bishop for completing her Orange Words. Hannah Rosenthal, Makayla Ward, Denim Brown and Amy Henderson were all awarded their 200 Words Certificate today. Well done girls! Samantha Hetherington is getting a Violet Certificate and Jackson Brown will receive a Pink Certificate.

Spellers
Congratulations to Elly-Mei Cook, Amy Henderson, Mikayla Ward, Hannah Rosenthal and Denim Brown for joining our spelling team. This means that HALF of the class is now SPELLING!! Brilliant work Years 1 and 2.

Miss Sarah Sullivan
What sort of start to the day do you have?

Just a little bit late doesn’t seem much but........

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Did you know that the best time for you to learn is at the start of the school day?

That’s when every minute counts the most!!

SCHOOL STARTS AT 9.00AM!!

What chance have you got of being successful?

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but........

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AT WHEATLANDS STATE SCHOOL EVERY DAY COUNTS!!