This fortnight I would like to share with you some recent data I received from my Assistant regional Director concerning our student attendance. We are currently sitting at 94.2% for Semester 1 which is a good achievement and certainly an improvement on the 90.4% at the same time last year. However, if you look at the table you will see a definite pattern particularly with attendance on Fridays. As you would be aware Friday is the day we collect school data for spelling and dictation, mental maths and submission of the week’s homework. Every day at school counts and Friday in particular is important due to the data collection carried out by teachers. I love long weekends as much as the next person, however this data indicates a need to ensure all of our children are completing a full week of school. As I stated at the onset I am very pleased with the progress we have made but I believe we are still capable of better.

Those of you who have been up to this school this week will have noticed a significant change to the physical appearance to the front of the school. This landscaping project is part of our grounds beautification for next year’s Centenary. Please stay tuned for a working bee at the school in mid-August at which point we will replant and finalise this landscaping project. A date for this working bee will be decided at the next P&C meeting on August 8, your assistance on this day would be appreciated.

Yours in Learning
Daniel Bishop
Please note that Daniel will be absent from school from the 1st – 3rd and the 27th – 29th of August attending Principal Business meetings and Research Conferences.

***Seeking Donations***

The library is going to be open during second break at lunch times for student to enjoy. There will be various activities to do including colouring in, games, listening to stories and of course reading a good book! We are looking to create a games cupboard in the school library for our lunch time fun. If anyone has any games or jigsaw puzzles at home that your children have outgrown and need to find a new home, we would love to have them! Please ensure they are in good order and without pieces missing. They can be dropped off at the library. Thankyou in advance.

Tracy Anderson – Teacher Librarian

HEAD LICE ALERT

There have been more reported cases throughout the week from parents that they have found live lice in their child’s hair. Please be vigilant and continue to check your child’s hair on a regular basis for head lice and take appropriate action should you find eggs or live lice. Eradication of the problem is only possible when ALL families follow the treatment program regularly. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM— Please note that we will not be participating in this program this year.

Grace Christoffel has excelled herself representing the Wheatlands School at the Fraser Coast Inter School Equestrian Competition being held in Maryborough. She has placed in all her events, with a 1st place in her Trail, 2nd place in Stockman’s Challenge, 3rd in Led and Galloway Class, 4th place in Campdraft and 5th in her Rider Class. Congratulations Grace!

Prep News

We have almost completed our photostories of our rhymes based on the text ‘Brown Bear, Brown Bear what do you see?’ Should any parents like a copy of their child’s photostory please bring in a usb stick for me to copy their work onto.

In maths we have continued to work on the addition concept and the number 13. In Science we have been recording the weather for the week in symbols and in SOSE we have looked at a beach environment.

This week has been plagued with illness from flu to tummy bugs, so we will be revising the concepts from this week, next week. As a consequence the term overview has changed slightly, a new copy is available for you to read on the notice-board at the door.

In Week 6 District Office has appointed Mrs Rachel Hancock for three weeks while I am on long service leave. She has completed a few supply days in the classroom and she has enjoyed working with the class. She is also experienced in Prep.

Mrs Alex Brimblecombe


1/2 Class

ENGLISH
Over the past 2 weeks we have been reading, ‘Charlotte’s Web’ and completing comprehension activities related to each chapter. Students have been able to demonstrate their understanding of the story and fictional characters.

MATH
Last week students completed a revision test related to Telling Time. All students should be pleased with their results and the effort they put into learning how to tell time on analogue and digital clocks.

This week we have started learning the foundations of Multiplication. We started looking at groups of, and rows, moved onto arrays and next week will be learning some of our Times Tables. YAY!

SCIENCE
Over the past 2 weeks the students and I have completed a ‘Water Walk’. The students each had a photocopy of our school grounds and highlighted the locations where water is found in our school. The class then discussed and recorded what we use the water for in the highlighted areas.

SOSE
Students have each colour coded a World Map and had to label each Continent. We have currently been exploring each continent and writing a list of the most ‘well-known’ countries in each continent. We have enjoyed using Google Earth and exploring our World around us and discussing friends and family who have travelled to different parts of the world.

Sight Words
Congratulations to Kyle Sempf and Jayden Monk for completing their Lemon Words AND all of their 200 Sight Words – Well Done !!!!! 😊

Spelling
We would like to welcome Alyase Bell, Jayden Monk, Kyle Sempf, Lawson Schloss and Kai Allan to our Spelling Program. Fantastic effort. Spelling will commence Monday for this group 😊

Reading Awards
Week 3 – Congratulations to Jayden Monk for reading 75 nights, Kai Allan for reaching 100 nights and Lawson Schloss for completing 125 nights of reading. 😊

Week 4 – Congratulations to Kyle Sempf who was awarded his 125 nights, Jari Davis and Mikayla Ward for completing 150 nights of continuous reading. We would also like to congratulate Larissa Ramke for reading 175 nights. 😊

Green Slips – Each week 2 students will be awarded a green Slip from the 1/2 Class.
Week 3 – Larissa Ramke and Harry Iszlaub.
Week 4 – Lawson Schloss and Jayden Monk.

Miss Sarah Sullivan.
CLOYNA STATE SCHOOL—THE GREAT MAILBOX MAKEOVER—FUNDRAISER

Cloyna School invites you to give your mailbox a makeover, plant, paint and prune your grids and entrances … let your imagination run wild.. You could win a $300 voucher from Murgon Tyre and Auto.

Judging will take place between August 31st to September 14th. Winners will be announced at a BBQ at Cloyna School on 20th September. A nomination fee of $10 together with a Nomination Form (available at school office) needs to be returned to Cloyna State School by the 27th August. Any questions, please contact the Cloyna State School.

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