A big thank you to those people who assisted on Sunday at the school’s working bee. As well as these people I would also like to acknowledge those families who have provided their services prior to the day. The landscaping project at the front of the school is beginning to take shape and should be completed in the coming weeks. The school library is also starting to take shape and become a more accessible resource for students and staff to use. We will be looking at opening the school library at lunchtimes in the coming weeks for students to engage in library based activities including reading, board games and colouring activities.

Throughout the remainder of the year I will be including information about “Explicit Teaching”. This pedagogy (way of teaching) is a key focus of the region. This edition of the newsletter will commence our awareness raising phase of what Explicit Teaching means and what it will look like at Wheatlands State School.

What is Explicit Instruction?

Explicit Instruction builds on existing good practice in schools. It promotes standardised pedagogies. When standardised pedagogies are adopted then the other aspects of school improvement fall into place:

- We understand what resources are required,
- We work together to develop our skills,
- We have a shared language to discuss our practice,
- We have something concrete against which to give feedback,
- We know what data we need about learning,
- We have a starting point to improve.

Standardised pedagogies encompass the aspects which Hattie tells us makes a difference. Explicit Instruction removes the trap of a smorgasbord of pedagogical approaches open for experimentation.

The “givens” that underpin an Explicit Instruction model include:

- Teacher belief that students can achieve
- Quality presentation and handwriting
- Collective ownership of student achievement
- Correction of student work and feedback
- Good quality teacher-student relationships
- Quality classroom display
- High expectations
- Quality classroom tone

Yours in Learning
Daniel Bishop

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**Dates to Remember**

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**PRINCIPAL ABSENT**
Daniel will not be at school from 27th to 29th August to attend a Principal Conference.

**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.

**GENERAL NOTICES**

**School Opinion Surveys**—Families who were given an Opinion Survey to complete, could you please have them returned to the school office by Monday 27th August. Thank you to the families who have already done so.

**SHOPPING BAGS FOR CLEANER**
We no longer need these bags for the cleaner to use, as bin sizes have been increased. Thank you for all the donations over the last few years.

**DONATIONS REQUIRED**
Do you have some time to spare? We currently need help covering new reading books. If you think you can help us with this, please let us know.

A4 White Copy paper—any donation of more A4 copy paper would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help with this, please leave the paper at the office.

Thank you in advance for any contributions of these items.

**FOR TENDER**
Large roll of used carpet (removed from the Prep room at beginning of year) available for viewing under the Administration building. Please have your tender into the office by 3pm 14th September.

**GIVE AWAY**
Assorted old computer parts and accessories—available in front of Administration area in foyer. Please speak to Daniel or Jenny if you are interested.

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**P & C NEWS**

**TUCKSHOP MENU CHANGE**
Please note that the Small Vanilla Milk drinks are no longer available.

**BOOKCLUB**
All Bookclub orders are due back at school by 27th August.

**GARDEN AND LIBRARY—SUNDAY**
The P&C would like to sincerely thank all of our helpers on the weekend. Sunday was full of great conversation and plenty of hard yakkas both in the front garden and in the library. Bronwyn Rosenthal, our garden project manager, was very organised and kept us flowing along until about 2pm. Tracy Anderson, our library project manager, has reorganised the library with plenty of sitting room for the kids to enjoy their reading. But we would not have been able to achieve this without our helpers. We would love to see some new faces next time.

**DONATIONS**
Thank you also to:-
Clegg’s Masonry – Chas & Fay, for donating the bags of cement and a bucket full of sand and a great deal on our garden edging blocks.
Wondai Garden Expo Committee – for donating $250 towards our plants.
Kingaroy Garden Centre – for donating $100 worth of plants.

**AUCTION CATERING**
We would like to thank the many people whom donated groceries, baking, money and time. We made a profit of about $460. It was a cold windy day so we sold a lot of coffee/tea and hamburgers.
We really appreciate your time and effort, you are amazing.
Windera State School

Ladies Extravaganza

25th August

10.30 – 3.30

Cloyna Hall

Gold coin entry

CASINO NIGHT
FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST
6.00PM - 9.30PM

The Night:
- Free Courtesy Bus
- Roast Buffet Dinner
- Cocktails
- Casino Games
- Entertainment
- Black Tie – Dress Theme
- $100 First Prize Winner
+ Lots of Joker Prizes

PRICE:
Pre-Sale $25/Head
Door $35/Head
Kids $10/Head

6.00pm to 9.30pm
The Australian Hotel Motel - 4168 1093

IT’S BACK
South Burnett PCYC
FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE
40 Macalister St Murgon
Only $5 per person
Date: August 31st
6pm-9pm

Primary School and High School Students
Music and Multi Activities for Everyone
Dinner Provided and Bus travel free of charge
Bus Pick up and Drop off Times

Gooment Dickersons
Pick up 5:30pm
Drop off 9:15pm

Wondai Timber Museum
Pick up 5:30pm
Drop off 9:15pm

C&K Murgon Community Kindergarten

Our enrolment process for 2013 begins soon!

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Add your children to the waiting list today to reserve your place in early childhood education at the tary.

(Taking bookings from birth)
Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion has now finished. Could all stickers and cards please be sent in to the school by Monday 27th August (even if a card is not complete please return them anyway). 

Thankyou for your support.