And we’re off. As you read this fortnightly newsletter, 40 students and 7 staff from Small Schools in our cluster are preparing to depart for Sydney and then onto Canberra for a 6 day educational experience of a lifetime. Long days and plenty of fun will be on order and I look forward to sharing some stories and photos upon our return.

Following on from the previous newsletters introduction to Explicit Teaching, I would like to share some information about the pedagogical approach (how the teaching is delivered) associated with this methodology. The following is but one example of some of the terminology that may be used when explicitly delivering a lesson.

An Explicit Instruction Model encompasses lesson stages such as:

**Introduction**
The purpose of the new learning. The goals of the lesson. Structured revision of knowledge and skills. Vital for transferring knowledge to long term memory.

**I do**
The explicit teaching and demonstration of new knowledge and skills. The modelling of practices. Clear step by step explanations, revision and reinforcements.

**We do**
New knowledge and skills are practiced in group activities. Teacher actively intervenes to re-teach where required.

**You do**
Individual activities consolidate new learning. Extension of skills for those able. This may also include students performing assessment tasks and activities.

Yours in Learning

*Daniel Bishop*

---

**PREP/ONE NEWS**

Thank you to Rachael Hancock and Mrs H for looking after the Prep class so well for the past three weeks while I was away on leave. I am currently completing some end of term assessments (Brigance, sight words, phonics and maths) with students on an individual basis so reading books may not come home every night as I replace guided reading with assessing.

Over the next few weeks we will be completing a poster about my ‘favourite’ book as part of the C2C requirement for Prep. You might like to discuss this topic with your child at home. We have been looking at books we have read in class over the year but if your child’s favourite book is one they have at home please bring in the book to share with us.

*Mrs Brimblecombe*

---

**Dates to Remember**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>8—14 Sept</td>
<td>Canberra Trip—Have fun 11 students from Year 6/7 and Mr Bishop!</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21st Sept</td>
<td>Last day of Term 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8th Oct</td>
<td>Frist day of Term 4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15th Oct</td>
<td>P &amp; C Meeting  6.30pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22nd Oct</td>
<td>Pupil Free Day</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

WHEATLANDS STATE SCHOOL

BE A LEARNER
BE RESPECTFUL
BE SAFE
ENGLISH
We have completed reading, ‘Charlotte’s Web’ and have watched the movie as an added bonus. Students are currently completing their research on a chosen animal from the story and will write their information onto a poster in their best handwriting. The posters will be displayed in our classroom and 2 students from each grade will be rewarded for having ‘The Neatest Handwriting’.

MATH
Last week and this week students have been learning about repeating, counting and growing patterns. We have been so successful in learning the 3 types of patterning that all students have been working on extension questions for the remainder of the week. Today students completed a revision test on Patterns.

Next week we will revise all math concepts covered this term and students will complete an 8 page revision test to demonstrate their retention and understanding. The concepts covered this term were: Addition, Subtraction and Multiplication, Problem Solving, Time, Location and Patterns.

SCIENCE
Students have completed a number of practical activities on the water cycle, how water falls on the earth and what jobs in our community use water daily. In small groups students will design a Water Wise Poster to assist with passing on the message to their peers.

SOSE
Over the past week students have been researching a chosen country with a partner. The countries chosen are: France, Italy, India, Mexico, Spain, China, Japan, The Philippines, South Africa and United Kingdom. They will design a brochure with information that will include a map, history, attractions, best place to stay, traditional food, and traditional clothes.

HOMEWORK
Just a reminder to parents – Students have been asked to ensure that their Reading Diary, Math Mentals and Spelling have been ‘signed off’ (initialed) each night to ensure they gain points for their team. I am very pleased to announce that all students have completed the nightly requirements for homework this term. It’s fantastic to see the effort and dedication being continued at home 😊

Spelling
ALL students have been making a considerable effort to learn their words each week. Remember we have some students learning their 10 core words PLUS up to 15 extension words EACH WEEK!! Mrs Webber and I are AMAZED when recording student results on Fridays. So proud of you Years 1 and 2 😊

Reading Awards
Week 8 – Congratulations to Molly Anderson for reading 75 nights, Harry Iszlaub and Madison Bishop for reaching 100 nights, Jackson Brown for completing 125 nights of reading, Kyle Sempf for reaching 150 nights, Jari Davis for reading 175 nights and Larissa Ramke who has now read over 200 nights. 😊

Week 9 – Congratulations to Denim Brown who was awarded her 150 nights and Hannah Rosenthal and Mikayla ward for completing their 175 nights of reading. Keep it up! 😊

Green Slips – Each week 2 students will be awarded a Green Slip from the 1/2 Class.

Week 8 – Molly Anderson and Denim Brown.
Week 9 – Samantha Hetherington and Noah Frahm.

Miss Sarah Sullivan.
THANK YOU

Thank you to Tony Brown and Tony Oberle.
Tony Brown hired 200# head of cattle to the Goomeri Cutting on the weekend of 25th – 26th August with full proceeds to the school P&C. Tony Oberle carted the cattle to and from Cloyna for the very small sum of $330. He carted 5 double deck loads in which this sum of money would not even cover his fuel bill. So if you are moving cattle please give Tony a call 0427 622 118.
The P&C made a profit of $2670.

The P&C is endeavouring to make some purchases with the funds raised from recent events. We are currently exploring our options and through discussions with the school will prioritise a list of possible ventures that best suit the learning needs of our students. We will keep everyone informed of these outcomes.

MEETING WITH THE MAYOR

South Burnett Regional Council’s Mayor Wayne Kratzmann is out and about in the local community during September and October and is keen to chat with residents and discuss their needs and views on how our Region should move forward.
The P&C would like to approach the Mayor with the support of our local community and parent body, about widening and bitumen-ing of Byee Road/Kangaroo Yard Road which is used by the bus route for the school and many parents. We believe a group presentation will be more effective to present our case to the Mayor.
Mayor Kratzmann will be at the Wondai Newsagent on Friday 5th October from 7am to 10am. If you are interested and available to attend with the P&C we would love to hear from you to organise a suitable time to meet as a group. If you cannot attend, but would still like to show your support, please feel free to send along a letter of support to the school office, or contact Ngaire Louis on 0467 684 850 or email theflyz@bigpond.com.

GIVE AWAY

One black rooster (young)
Please contact Fay Kerkow on phone 4168 5180

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.

MURGON & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

SIGN-ONS

Thursday 13 September, 3.15 pm—5pm
(before school holidays)
Thursday, 11 October, 3.15—6pm
This sign-on will have a BBQ and first training session

On offer this season:
Milo In2Cricket for 4-7 year olds (Commitment: 1hr Thurs pm)
U/10 for 8-10 year olds. Commitment: Thursday training & games
Shield competition for 10-12 year olds (depending on skill level). Commitment: Thurs training & Sat morning 8.30-11.30am
Shield competition for 13-15 year olds (depending on skill level). Commitment: Thurs training & Sat morning 8.30-11.30am

Fees:
Milo In2Cricket $80: (includes a package from Qld Cricket)’
U/10: $30
Shield Competition (both ages): $100 (includes free new design club shirt)

Payment is required at either sign-on

TUCKSHOP MENU

CHANGES
Please note -
QUICHES are no longer available.

GIVE AWAY

One black rooster (young)
Please contact Fay Kerkow on phone 4168 5180
MURGON STATE SCHOOL CAMPUS STUDENTS
PRESENT—SUPER KIDS—A Rock Musical

Thursday 13 September 2012
Murgon Town Hall
Matinee 1.00pm    Evening 7.00pm
Entry: Gold Coin Donation

Bring along your family and friends and enjoy the talents of our students in our toe tapping 2012 performance.
A positive and affirming musical that addresses bullying in an hilarious comic-book spoof!

Is your child aged 3-5 years?
then let them
Laugh and Learn
at
Wondai Kindergarten
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9.00am – 2:30pm
Vacancies available for 2012 – No waiting list
Fees for 2012 – Only $23.00 a day
Do you qualify for Childcare Rebate – Only $11.50 a day
We are taking enrolments for 2013
Come in and see for yourself the magical experience that only a true kindy has to offer!
Phone: 07) 4168 5313
Address: 60 Baynes Street Wondai Qld 4606
Email: wondaikindy@datawave.net.au