I had the pleasure of attending Murgon State High Schools 54th Annual Speech Night last night and was impressed with the outstanding achievements of students from the school. In particular, I was happy to see that a student who attended Wheatlands State School was awarded the Senior Dux. Congratulations must go to Miss Sarah Jensen on her exceptional academic and cultural performance and her conduct as a School Captain. Additionally, it would be remiss of me not to mention the significant number of past Wheatlands State School students who figured prominently as recipients in a range of academic, cultural, sporting, musical and all round awards. I look forward to attending these events over the coming years and celebrating the success of our past students as they continue to excel in their secondary years of schooling.

With the 2013 school year not too far away I would like to confirm the transfer acceptances. Ms Libby Meikle (full time) and Mrs Tracy Anderson (part time) will be joining our staff. I would like to publicly welcome both ladies to our school. I am certain they will find it as rewarding to work here as the rest of our staff. Sadly with this addition we also lose staff. Mrs Janet Powne will be leaving us at the end of the school year. Janet has provided an invaluable service to students at the school, team teaching with myself as well as providing individual support for students with learning difficulties. Thank you Mrs Powne.

The re-landscaping of the front school is almost complete. The transformation has taken a little longer than expected however I’m sure you will agree it will look great once grass and trees are established. This project was a result of school and community survey completed in 2011 as part of the schools Quadrennial School Review and was commenced as part of the school facilities upgrade and impending centenary celebrations in 2013. Thank you to all community and family members how have given of time, labour and resources during this project. Anyone interested in partaking in voluntary garden maintenance should contact the school for further details. We currently have a couple of parents who give of their time to assist with this job, however many hands makes light work.

Yours in Learning
Daniel Bishop

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Year 3/4/5 News

We have had a very busy start back to Term 4.

In English, we are continuing the poetry unit which we commenced in Term 3. We are reading a lot of funny poetry, creating some of our own, and learning about poetic devices.

In Maths, we started the term off working with money followed by area. Other topics to be covered this term are measurement, geometric reasoning, data, location, fractions, patterns and algebra, and number.

In Science, we are looking at forces. Particularly push, pull, friction, magnetism, and the pulling force of the Earth.

In Art, we have commenced a unit looking at art in literature and creating art based on a number of different picture books.

In Technology, the children are going to design, make, and evaluate their own purpose-built tower.

I would like to remind all parents that children must complete their homework from Monday to Thursday at home. Homework includes spelling, maths and reading. All three need to be signed by a parent each night and returned each day. Completed homework every night is one of the conditions of attending the end of term reward.

Miss Erin Hubbard

P & C News

- Cake Stall in Wondai, Kylie Ward organised the fundraiser and made an outstanding Profit of $795 from the Cake stall and $174 from the raffle, totally $969. Thank you so very much Kylie and all of your helpers and bakers.
- Prep Open Day, Thank you to Faye Kerkow for organising the Morning Tea and Uniforms.
- School Uniforms for 2013, attached is an order form, we would like all orders to be placed and paid in full by 9th November, we do not want Kieran Ramke spending her Christmas Holidays chasing up uniform orders. The uniform catalogue is in the office if anyone wishes to browse. Please pass orders and money to Kieran Ramke or Jenny in the office.

Tuckshop Menu Changes

Please DELETE the following items:

Shepherds Pie
Spaghetti Bolognese
Quiche

Please ADD the following items:

Plain/Chilli Chicken Fillet Burger $3.00
Chicken/Chilli Wraps $4.00
Meatball/Subs $3.00

Tracy Anderson
Teacher Librarian
ENGLISH
In English we are learning to respond persuasively to narratives. In this unit, students will read, view and listen to a variety of fairytales and folktales to explore how stereotypes are used to persuade audiences. The assessment includes students writing a persuasive response. They will compare how the representations of a character are depicted differently in two publications of the same story and give reasons for a particular preference.

Over the past 2 weeks we have been viewing and analysing images and language in fairytales and folktales.

MATH
In Math we will complete and apply a variety of mathematical concepts in real-life, life-like and purely mathematical situations through the sub-strands - Number and place value, Units of measurement, Fractions and decimals, Shape and patterns, and Algebra.

Over the past 3 weeks we have completed a revision unit on previously learned concepts, Number and Place Value and began learning about different Units of Measurement. Next week students will complete activities on Fractions and Decimals.

SCIENCE
This Term we are completing the Primary Connections Unit “Push-Pull”.

Technology
Students are completing a unit of work that relates to English. We revised the story of ‘The Three Little Pigs’ and discussed how each structure was different and the reasons why. Students have been given a task sheet that asks them to work in small groups to plan, design and create a structure that will be strong enough to withstand the elements.

The structures will be put under 3 testing stations: 1) Gusts of wind, 2) Downpour of rain, and 3) Heat from the sun. Students will be required to complete a reflection sheet on the roles they had in their group and to explain the reasons for choosing the materials they did. Each structure will be displayed in our classroom with the results from the testing stations.

Student of the Week – We have a pin board in our classroom that displays a photo of the student along with a work sample. Please come in and acknowledge the efforts of our students.

Week 2 – Congratulations to Amy Henderson for her outstanding work and setting out in her Maths Pad.

Week 3 – Congratulations goes to Larissa Ramke for consistently working at her best and setting a very high standard of bookwork in our classroom.

Reading Awards
Week 2 – Congratulations to Molly Anderson for reading 100 nights, Jari Davis who has now read 200 nights and Larissa Ramke who has completed 250 nights of reading. Fantastic!

Week 3 – Congratulations to Elly-Mei who has read 175 nights. Well Done!

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

Week 3 – Alysse Bell and Noah Frahm

Miss Sarah Sullivan.
Our school has been nominated in a Staffroom Makeover Competition run by QT Mutual Bank (QTMB) online. Just by visiting their website at http://www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au/ as often as you can (once a day) for the duration of the competition, and casting a vote (counted as an “apple for the teachers”) not only can the school be eligible to win a $20,000 first prize of a staffroom makeover, but you can also win up to $5,000 in consolation prizes as well including an Apple iPad or iTunes gift vouchers. In this year’s competition the more times you vote, the more each “apple” is worth. It’s easy to participate and when you do, not only will you have the satisfaction of supporting your school, but you will also have the chance to win great prizes.


No teacher strikes

Parents and teachers should be aware that there will be no teacher strikes despite some confusion surrounding a recent media report.

The Department of Education, Training and Employment and the Queensland Teachers’ Union (QTU) recently reached in-principle agreement for a replacement state school teachers’ certified agreement.

As a result of this agreement, all industrial action planned by the QTU has been suspended.

This means that it’s business as usual for our school.

Our school will keep all parents and carers informed should more information come to light which may affect the education of our students.

Sun safety in our school

Sun safety is important for our school because our students are here during peak times for ultraviolet radiation (UVR), which is 10 am to 3 pm.

Cancer Council Queensland says childhood sun exposure contributes significantly to a person’s risk of developing skin cancer in their lifetime, so our school encourages sun safe behaviours.

Wearing wide brim hats, sun protective clothing, sunscreen and keeping in the shade as much as possible are good habits to get into and we encourage parents and staff to set a good example for our students.

Parents and guardians can check out Cancer Council Queensland’s website (http://www.cancerqld.org.au/page/prevention/skin_cancer/) for more information on being SunSmart.

Thanks to the tuckshop team!

Tuckshop Day is on Friday 2 November and our school will give a big thank you to all of our tuckshop helpers and volunteers who have put in a great effort this year.

The role of our tuckshop and the people who provide nutritious food and drinks for students and staff is very important to our school community. I hope after each shift our tuckshop helpers feel their contribution has been appreciated by the students and the school.

The many volunteers who put their hands up to help out have been wonderful and it is great to have them involved in the school’s daily operations.

FOR TENDER - HP PALM TIX HANDHELD & WALLET - approx. 5 yr old

Please submit your tender in writing to the office by 3pm 16th November 2012.

Item available at the office. See Daniel or Jenny for more information.
South Burnett Zumba
Get FIT, Have FUN
and Feel FABULOUS!
Wondai RSL Hall, 87 McKenzie St.
Wondai
Monday nights
6.30 pm – 7.30 pm
Thursday mornings
9.00 am – 10.00 am
Everyone welcome
All enquiries to Shirley Kerkow
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Hivesville Country Market 4th Anniversary on
28th October
There will be free face painting, Jumping Castle,
Free lollies
Raffle Draw 80cm Led TV, Wide Bay Laser Skirmish
and much more
Come along and celebrate this special occasion with us.

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