Welcome back to yet another fantastic year at Wheatlands SS and a special welcome to our new families. It is great to see all the students back, looking smart in their uniforms and black shoes.

This year sees a sustained approach addressing the schools core priorities of Literacy and Numeracy. We have implemented a new spelling program called “Spelling Mastery”. This program has proven itself throughout the state and I look forward to seeing similar results here at Wheatlands. With the new spelling program comes a change in the English homework. Parents will have noticed students do not come home with spelling lists to rote learn, rather a series of activities that complement the concepts taught during the spelling lessons. Maths homework is now in an individualised book and nightly reading continues to be recorded in the reading diary. Can I please remind parents that it is a school expectation that all three elements of homework are signed nightly as part of the school’s rewards program. Home readers in the lower school will follow in the coming weeks as teachers assess individual reading levels – a time consuming task.

Please note that drop off and pick up times for students not travelling by bus are as follows: Students should not be dropped off before 8.20am unless prior arrangements have been made with the office and class teacher. All students arriving at school are to sit in the designated eating area and wait until the duty teacher arrives. Students are not to go to their classrooms until dismissed by the duty teachers at 8.35am. At this time students will be able to take their bags to classrooms, unpack homework folders etc, and then leave the room and go outside to play until the bell rings at 8.55am. No students are permitted in classrooms prior to 8.35am. In the afternoons students not travelling by bus should be picked up at 3.00pm. Again, in instances where parents may be running late students will be required to sit in the under covered area. In circumstances of extreme lateness parents are requested to contact the office with an estimated time of arrival. Your support and cooperation with this process will assist smooth school operations.

I am currently in the process of developing the 2013 School Operation Plan. The core priorities will be as follows: Implementation of the Australian Curriculum, Spelling, Attendance, School Centenary, Student Data Capture and Analysis, Student Health and Wellbeing and Explicit Teaching through a Pedagogical Framework. This document will be tabled at the next P&C meeting for consultation.

I look forward to working with all parents and community members for another successful year at Wheatlands SS.

Yours in learning

Daniel Bishop

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Welcome back!

We have enjoyed our one and a ... umm .. bit (?) weeks of school thus far. I would like to add that the Year 1 students have adapted well to the running of the 1/2 classroom. It is a big change and all students have demonstrated a positive attitude towards their learning. My Year 2 students have been setting the perfect example and have been most helpful, thank you.

Communication Book

Please continue to check your child’s Communication Book daily. School notices and notes from our classroom will be found in this book. We like to keep you in the loop by providing you with a copy of your child’s results in there also. Today you will see copies of the PAT Math, PAT Comprehension and PAT Spelling data in there for you to look over before our 3-Way Interviews commence in Week 4.

We also ask that you INITIAL each note so that we can be sure you have seen it, thank you in advance.

Homework

I realise that each classroom has a varied routine/structure to Homework. Just a reminder that ALL Homework must be completed by Friday. READING needs to be completed and Signed off EACH NIGHT in the Yellow Reading Diary.

Next week Homework will be Titled – Monday, Tuesday etc to make it easier for students to gain an understanding of what is expected to be completed each afternoon/evening. Home Readers will be sent home starting next week (Week 3). **Your child’s Home Reader will be 1-2 levels lower than their actual reading level to assist with fluency, expression and comprehension (understanding what they are reading)**

Timetable

A copy of our classroom timetable is attached in your child’s Communication Book for your viewing.

Displaying Student Work

I enjoy celebrating students’ effort in our classroom and will be frequently displaying workbooks, writing and photos around the room. Please come in and acknowledge the efforts of the students.

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 Madison Bishop for her outstanding writing and illustrations in her Day Pad.

Green Slips – Each week two students will be awarded a Green Slip from the 1/2 Class
Week 1 – Dallas Gordon and Matthew Kunde.
Week 2 – Julia Kerkow and Kyle Sempf.

Miss Sarah Sullivan.

PARADE/ASSEMBLY is held at 2.40pm every Friday in the 1-2 classroom, unless otherwise advised through the newsletter. Parents are welcome to attend.
**3/4/5 Class News**

Class 3-4 have completed all of their beginning of year testing and should be very proud of themselves. The year 3's have settled in very well to their new classroom and the year 4's have done a very impressive job of helping out their new classmates.

In English, they have started reading, writing, grammar, handwriting, and spelling. The children have done a great job with having -a-go at new skills and new programs.

This week they have started math rotations and are focusing on place value. The children have started using Mathletics online and they all have their own username and password. They are welcome to use their accounts at home as well. Next week they will start doing times table challenges four times a week to increase their speed and accuracy with multiplication.

This semester students have started studying history and they are focusing on celebrations and commemorations in Australia and all over the world. We spent our first lesson finding out when different events occur. Some were familiar like Labour Day, ANZAC Day, and Australia Day. However, some were new to them like Bastille Day, World Environment Day, and Diwali.

In Science, 3-4 will be looking at plants in action. Students will investigate the process of germination, the stages in a plant’s life cycle and what plants need to grow.

Students have started homework this week and I have been very pleased with their efforts. Please make sure their homework is signed and returned each day.

**Erin Hubbard**

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**News from the Big People**

After a mixed up start we are settling in to our new routines and looking forward to our new units.

**In History** students will revisit the establishment of a British colony at Sydney Cove in 1788 and examine the establishment of other British colonies in Australia, particularly during the 1800s. They will investigate understanding the political, social and economic reasons for establishing these colonies. They will explore significant events in the development of the colonies and sequence them on a timeline. They will examine sources, identify point of view in sources and understand how they are used to describe the impact of the establishment of British colonies in Australia over time.

You can expect to hear stories about some of our favourite parts of Australian History including the Gold Rush, Bushrangers and explorers. This unit will continue for the Semester!

**In English** we will be investigating the Phar Lap mystery as told in the My Australian Story series. We will look at character development and then compare the characters to The Phar Lap movie. We have also started our new spelling, grammar and reading programs...So much to do...So little time!

We have spent time reminding our kids about our expectations for behaviour and work habits as part of the senior class and are happy to report that they are all striving to meet them! We will begin our student council meetings soon and look forward to children submitting our class report in future newsletters.

**Libby Meikle**

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**Prep/One News**

We have been off to a busy start settling into school routines. It is great to have so many Prep students enthusiastic and excited to begin their school life. The Year One students have been assisting the Preps over the school day- particularly with lining up and how to sit on the carpet. Over the past two weeks we have been talking about the letters 'Aa' and 'Ss'. We have been discussing classroom rules and this week the children drew a 'rule from home'. Prep/One parents please check homework folders daily for notes and remove any work from school that we send home.

Our green slip students for last week were – Luke Greer and Tamika Ward

This week’s green slip students are- Charlie Gilbert and Erin Kunde

**Alex Brimblecombe**

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**ADMIN INFORMATION:**

Every year we need to update family’s consent information. To this end, please find attached two forms which require signing and return to the school office as soon as possible. One form is for general consent for excursions and/or Religious Instruction classes. The other form gives consent to take photos, videos of your child for school purposes, use their work in displays e.g. local shows. Photos may be used in the school newsletter, website, local paper etc. If you have any questions about this, please speak to either Daniel or Jenny in the office. All new enrolment families will have already completed these forms and can disregard this notice. Thank you.
LOST AND FOUND
A single “Yanmar” key has been handed to Daniel—looks like it could possibly be a tractor key or key for a large generator. Please see the office if you think this is yours.

A huge vote of thanks goes to MURGON NEWS who kindly donated stationery items to the school for flood effected families.

The school community would also like to thank STYLETRAK MOBILE SIGNS who have given us exceptional service in sourcing the necessary parts to repair the school sign which had the sign winch stolen last year. The owner Rob Alback bent over backwards, simply to help us because we are a small rural school.

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P&C NEWS
Meet with the Mayor—Friday 22nd February 3pm at the school

Tuckshop
New menu is attached. Please remember to have your orders in to your classroom collection basket by 3pm Wednesdays for Friday delivery. Correct change is appreciated.

Bookclub
Please have all orders returned to the school by Friday 15th February.

School Banking starts next week (Tuesday 12th Feb). Please hand your banking to your class teacher. Information about new accounts will be sent home to new families shortly.

Annual General Meeting followed by normal P & C meeting will be held at the school on Monday 18th Feb at 6.30pm. All welcome.
Big News
from the
Wondai Community Kindergarten

We have become part of the Lady Gowrie Association, with a network of 68 kindergartens state-wide.

This is great news for Wondai families, as we are now able to provide a three-day Kindergarten program at NO COST for Health Care Card and Australian Government Pension Concession Card holders, PLUS all non-concession families receive generous rebates.

Why are we the best choice?
- We are a specialist Kindergarten
- We use the age-appropriate curriculum
- We have space to run and play
- We have a caring, highly qualified Director - Angela Lenton  B.Teach, B. Ed (early childhood)

22 places only & over half are filled!
41 685 313 - wondaikindy@datawave.net.au

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After school junior tennis lessons will begin during the 2nd week of the school term. This year, classes will be on a Monday and will start Monday, 6 February 2013 and will be held at the Murgon Tennis Courts, Gove Street, Murgon.

There are a few positions available for beginners aged between 6 and 9 years of age. Unfortunately, at this stage all other classes are full.

Lessons will be at a cost of $9.50 per child for a 45 minute class. Fees will be charged by term account payable by the 3rd lesson of each term. Wednesdays will either be re-scheduled or refunded.

Should you wish to book your child or children in for the term, please contact Leanne Sippel on either of the below listed numbers or via email.

Phone: 4160 5000 or 0430 004 706
Email - leannesippel@hotmail.com

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Junior Cricket training will commence Thursday, 31 January from 4:30 - 5:30 pm.

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Shorinjiru Karate is a discipline that advocates the development of a strong mind & body. Far from being a violent method of fighting, it teaches humility, with confidence & courage, respect for oneself & others, & self defence with respect for the value of life.

Shorinjiru Karate is offered on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at the Anglican Parish Church Hall from 5:15 pm. Classes will commence on Tuesday, 6 February. Classes are $4 for all children up to 15 and $6 for adults over 16. Annual Membership is also required at a cost of $55 juniors and $65 adults.

If you wish your child to participate, please contact Leanne on 0438 684 705 or via email leannesippel2@optusnet.com

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Kinvarra Touch Football Association
Junior touch football training and games are run on a Monday evening at Lyle Vo特性 Oval in Kinvarra during the school year. The SB region had significant numbers of students selected in Wide Bay school touch football teams during 2012. This was due to excellent coaching received by Bill and Leesa Johnston, and Kelly Payne. For anyone who would like their child to participate, or to submit a senior team, please contact any of the below coaches.

For more information please contact:
Bill and Leesa Johnston 0427 237 971
Kelly Payne 0407 882 305
Katy Payne 0408 331 040

Regards
Leanne Sippel
Does your child love to sing?

email Jane@datlawyer.net.au

or

For more information, phone 0411 118 510

Opportunity to participate in the premium “Tease of Voices” youth choir.

Participation in the School Christmas Carol Procession “Carols by Candlelight”.

2013 Australian composition competition for youth. (Yodeling or霏霏,G多重Konguo).

and the release of our next album, “Songs of the Spirit”.

Workshops with internationally renowned coaches including Pia Liberti and Liz Callaway.

We're looking forward to a fantastic year!

All sessions are free.

Tuesdays

Kincaid

Mondays

Wondai

Free open rehearsals

- music - achievement - celebration - friends

South Burnett Youth Choir