Wheatlands State School Centenary Celebrations are a mere 14 weeks away. The committee held another meeting last night which was well attended. Organisation of such a momentous event is never an easy task and is quite taxing of time. There are plenty of jobs to be allocated and the committee is seeking assistance from parents and community members to assist with jobs on the day. The committee understands that we all live busy lives however this is a once in a lifetime event for our school. I received a quote this morning from an anonymous parent that I think pertains to all those who are giving of themselves to make this event a success.

“Volunteers don’t necessarily have the time, they have the heart”

This simple quote sums up the parents of our great school.

Last call for commemorative paver orders if you wish to have the paver inserted into the path before the Centenary celebrations. All orders MUST be to Annette Ashley by Wednesday the 24th of August with payment.

On Monday this week I attended a Regional Business Meeting in Toowoomba with Principals from the Region. We were addressed by the new Director General of Education Dr Jim Watterston. The key messages from the meeting were as follows:

- We each have an important role to play across three sectors from crayon to career. We are here...
  - To increase participation, quality and outcomes in early childhood
  - To improve the performance of all Queensland schools
  - To deliver a more responsive, relevant and efficient VET sector
- We have developed world class enabling conditions but as good as they are, they are not sufficient to ensure improved outcomes
- The road to improved student outcomes is paved with...
  - Teacher quality
  - Leadership
  - Accountability
  - Empowerment

There is a new and serious commitment to red tape reduction

In order to be on top of the department’s agenda, principals should become familiar with the executive summary of the Commission of Audit: Great Teachers = Great Results; the new DETE Strategic Plan; and Solid Partners, Solid Futures

Assistant Regional Director Mr Russell Simpson attended the school on Wednesday as part of his school visits in the cluster. Mr Simpson visited the junior class rooms and was impressed with the handwriting and book work on display from our Prep-2 students. Mr Simpson discussed the schools progress this year and was keen to see continued improvement on this year’s NAPALN results – as am I!

HAVE A GREAT LONG WEEKEND

Daniel Bishop.

We would like as many people as possible to know about our Centenary Celebrations. If you have contact near or far, with any previous students, staff or families could you please pass on the date claimer of 16th November. More information will also be available through our Facebook page … Wheatlands Centenary Celebrations 2013.
MATHLETICS
The activities that children access through the Mathletics website are targeted at their specific learning level. The activities are challenging and highly motivating. Children can work through these activities at their own pace. There is ample on-line support for every child as well. As a parent you can track your child’s progress. As a school, we can track very student’s progress. Your child’s teacher has considerable control over the program, even to the point of setting learning tasks that a child must complete before they can get back into the ‘fun stuff’.

World wide data has shown that students who engage strongly with Mathletics:

• Achieve better mathematical results at school
• Gain a better understanding of maths
• Love maths more
• Are engaged and motivated to learn

Mathletics covers curriculum content from Prep to secondary school. For primary aged students engaging with Mathletics, they can extend themselves indefinitely.

Every child has a login and a password to access Mathletics. If you have any questions about how your child is using Mathletics please ring or email Libby.

WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO WORK ON MATHLETICS TASKS AT HOME.

ATHLETICS
Congratulations to our class members who represented Barambah Small Schools at the South Burnett District Athletics Trials.

BOOKWORK
We continue to focus on neat setting out as well as handwriting that demonstrates consistent slope and font size. I am pleased that we have a few more contenders for the weekly crown!

Mrs Libby Meikle

Prep/One News

This week sees some of our prep students working on their 100 sight words. Congratulations to Mia and Charlie in attaining 100 sight words last week. Look out on parade for Tamika, Pixie and Hannah who are working on their 100 words.

We are happy to report that our photostories are complete. Any parents wishing to have a copy of their child’s production please bring in a USB stick. This week we have talked about the letter ‘x’ and the many sounds that it makes. We also built word families from –ed like red, bed, led.

We have listened to Aboriginal Australian Dreamtime stories as part of our study of History. We completed ‘crayon wash’ drawings as part of our Studies of Society and the Environment in the area of built and natural environments.

We have also been busy writing our contributions to the Centenary Book about why we love school.

Week 4 Rewards

Bookwork Award- Erin

Green slips- Tamika and Harley

Mrs Alex Brimblecombe
Year 3-4 News

We have all written our own news this newsletter to let you all know what has been happening.

English
Jari: In English, we are reading *Matty Forever*. In the story, the school principal said, “…get ready to sing Waltzing Matilda.” When everyone sang they said, “Waltzing Matilda Grub.”
Hannah: This week we are reading *Matty Forever* and we found out that Bill told Isabelle Matty’s secret and Isabelle told everyone Matty’s secret.
Samantha: We are doing an assignment at home. It is due in week 9 and we are performing it in week 9.
Alyssse: We have been doing spelling every day and this term we learned about measurement.

Maths
Matthew: This term we have learned about measurement in Maths.
Aiden: This week I learned about 2D and 3D shapes.
Cassie: This week 3-4 have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes and we got to move up snakes and ladders.
Willow: On Thursday, I got 50 out of 50 on double D. Now I am on double E and lots of people got 50 on their speed times tables.
Larissa: This week the 3-4 class has been working on speed times tables. Seven people have passed. We have also learned about shapes.
Brooke: This week I learned that 2D shapes are flat and 3D shapes are ‘grabby.’ I also learned that shapes have faces, edges, vertices and the apex.

History
Teai: In the past we learned about Vasco da Gama in History.

SOSE
Molly: I like learning about cane toads. Cane toads are very poisonous to crocodiles and goannas.
Jake: We have started to do work on cane toads in SOSE and they are very poisonous.

Science
Harry: In Science, we are doing light and I think I did a good job.

Athletics
Jayden: I went to the Zone Athletics at Wondai State School on Wednesday. I ran in the 80m race.
Jordan: This week I went to the Zone Athletics and I came 4th.
Amy: This week I went to the Zone Athletics Carnival and I got 1st in my heat and 1st in my final.

I would just like to remind everyone that Lectureettes are due to be performed in week 9. All students should have chosen a topic, started collecting information and hopefully be in the process of writing their Lecturette.

I am very proud of the continued dedication and hard work happening in the 3-4 classroom. Please continue to ensure homework is being completed and signed every night.

I would like to give my congratulations to Brooke Dowling for being student of the week last week and Jari Davis who takes the title this week. They have both shown excellent improvements in their bookwork.

Our friendly rivalry for Mathletics participation points is also heating up. We have had a different winner every week. So far we have had Brooke, Hannah, Larissa and Teai.

Miss Hubbard
1/2 Class

**English**

The whole class have been researching their chosen animal from around the world. We have enjoyed using books from our library and fact sheets found on the internet to record notes under the headings – characteristics; what they eat; where they live and interesting facts. Students will begin typing their facts into a power point presentation next week. The class will then share their power point with their peers.

**Mathematics**

Throughout the past few weeks our class has been learning about measurements. We have completed investigations on measuring length and width; mass and capacity and volume. Students have enjoyed the practical side to these lessons 😊. Our class completed their first revision test on measurement today and all appeared confident to tackle the problems.

Next week we will begin learning about analogue and digital time. Mrs Webber’s group have already made analogue clocks and the year 2 & extension year 1 group will commence making theirs next week.

I hope students are still logging into Mathletics at home and continue with revision lessons on Number, Addition and Subtraction, Fractions and now Measurement. Student points will be checked every Monday morning (with the exception of next week being a Tuesday) to announce the student with the most Mathletics points for the week. A prize will be awarded to 1 student per week until the end of Term 😊

**Science**

We have continued to maintain our garden – it is looking GREAT! We can now see our plants clearly from the footpath. Thanks Mr Bishop for the new watering cans – our plants enjoyed a LIGHT SHOWER better than BATH/SWIM time!

**Art**

This week students were given their photography task sheet. All students will have 2 weeks to complete a portfolio of 10 of their favourite photographs. Photos must include Natural and Built Environments. 2 of these images (the best of the best) will be selected to enter into the photography section in the Wondai Show. The class discussed different techniques, angles and settings you could use to make the photos more interesting and this can also be found on the pink ‘Guide to Photography’ sheet in Communication Books. I hope everyone ENJOYS this task 😊

**Green Slips**

– Each week 2 students will be awarded a Green Slip from the 1/2 Class and a green slip given to the student with the neatest homework.

Week 4 – Lawson Schloss and Clair Anderson.

Week 5 – Kai Allan and Jorgia Brown. Neatest Homework –

High Expectations Handwriting Award:

Cooper Mollenhauer: Brilliant writing this morning!

**Reading Awards** –

**Week 4** – The following students were awarded their Reading Certificates on Parade:

100 Nights: Ryder Brown, Clair Anderson and Matthew Kunde.

125 Nights: Mikayla Ward and Wilson Iszlaub.


175 Nights: Dustin Ramke.

**Week 5** – Congratulations to the following students also:

100 Nights: Darcy Mitchell.

125 Nights: Denim Brown.


**Sight Words** –

**Week 4** – Big congratulations to Ryder Brown for completing his Pink Words and to Tyson Christensen who has completed his Purple Words.

**Week 5** – Congratulations to Ty Keliher for completing his Violet Words.

Brilliant progress, keep it up!

**Miss Sarah Sullivan.**
South Burnett Musical Comedy Society's production of

‘OLIVER!’
Book, Music & Lyrics by
Lionel Bart

PERFORMANCE TIMES

EVENING 7:30PM
FRI 16 & SAT 17 AUG
FRI 23 & SAT 24 AUG

MATINEE 1:30PM
SUN 18 AUG
SAT 24 AUG

KINGAROY TOWN HALL

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KINGAROY OFFICE CENTRAL and at the DOOR
Evenings Shows: Adults $20  Conc/students $15
Matinees: All tickets $15

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For further enquiries please phone Margie 0424 924632 or Jan 0412 348722

Wheatlands School Centenary

100 years
Saturday 16th November

If you have any memorabilia to share, please contact school:
07 4168 4970 or email—the principal@wheatlands.qs.edu.au
National Self-Detection Program for Scoliosis (NSDP)
Families with girls in Year 7 will find a copy of the Self-Detection Brochure for Scoliosis attached. For more information please refer their website at www.scoliosis-australia.org or your family Medical Practitioner.

Book Week “Read Across the Universe”
Dress Up Parade
Wednesday 22nd August
Starting at 9am
Come dressed as your favourite book character!
Prizes to win!!
Parents invited and younger siblings encouraged to participate

SCHOOL PHOTOS—School Photos will be taken by “Laura Jeans” on 11th October. Information/order packages will be distributed in the coming weeks. Please note that ALL PHOTO ORDERS MUST BE PRE-PAID this year.

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