At the conclusion of Term 3 each year teachers conduct PAT Testing, in Math, Reading Comprehension, Spelling, Grammar and Vocabulary. As well as this, staff also individually test reading fluency and accuracy. The purpose of this testing is to measure the academic growth of the student over the last 9 months. At the commencement of the year during 3-way meetings with the teacher and students a series of targets were set for the year in relation to benchmarks set by regional office in Toowoomba.

All children react differently to testing situations. For students reluctant or anxious about testing we reinforce to them how much they have learnt and encourage them to try their best and “have a go”.

If you know that your child does not handle testing situations well please give them plenty of praise and encouragement during this period and reinforce the message of “have a go.”

After reviewing some of the results from assessments in the Prep Class this week, I’m thrilled at the significant gains students in the class have made. Mrs Brim and Mrs Yesberg – Congratulations! I look forward to reviewing data from across the school that tells a similar story.

On the subject of data NAPLAN results are due for release before the school holidays. This is always an anxious time for schools. Timelines have been released for the publication of individual student reports. This will be issued to students as per the instructions from the Queensland Studies Authority. I am confident we will continue to see improvement in our results this year.

A big thank you to those people who made it to the P&C / Centenary Meeting last night. We had another very productive evening and continue to forge ahead with Centenary Plans.

Today we celebrate Teacher Aide Day. We celebrate Teacher Aide Day on the first Friday of September to recognise the great work our teacher aides do to support our students and teachers. The help they offer goes a long way in our classrooms, providing the extra attention some students need to get the most out of a lesson and supporting our teachers to organise engaging and educational activities each day. Happy Teacher Aide Day to our wonderful ladies Sue, Tanya, Jude and Vanessa.

Yours in Learning
Daniel Bishop.
**Prep/One News**

TESTING! TESTING! TESTING! Over the past few weeks we have been completing a lot of data collection. Each instrument requires individual teacher assistance to complete. This has informed our group changes to ensure that we are teaching each small group to their optimum level of instruction. All students have made great gains at their level and I am looking forward to sharing the good news with parents at parent teacher interviews at the beginning of Term 4.

In history we are looking at family celebrations like weddings, christenings, birthdays and Christmas. Thanks to the few students that have already sent in pictures to share in our class discussions and we are looking forward to seeing some more.

Happy Teacher Aide Day to the Aides at Wheatlands State School, you all make our school an enjoyable place to work. Your assistance to students and teachers is invaluable.

Bookwork Award for Week 8 was Blair Ewart and this week’s recipient is Tamika Ward.

*Mrs Alex Brimblecombe*

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**3-4 News**

We have been super busy in the last two weeks with plenty of assessment starting and finishing. This week, I have had the pleasure of listening to everyone’s excellent Lecturettes. I am so proud of the effort and enthusiasm everybody showed in the lead up to and during their performances. They all presented a performance about what they want to be when they grow up. The dream jobs included veterinarians, farmers, exploration drillers, archaeologists, fencers, pilots, jewellers, dolphin and horse trainers, APEX workers, train drivers, bankers, rugby league players, landscapers, game designers, beauty therapists, farmers and even a toxicologist.

Students have also been completing their reading benchmarking and are nearly all done. The improvements that have been made in reading are phenomenal. I am very proud of all their hard work this year.

*Erin Hubbard.*

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**Library News**

On Tuesday 27th August, five students from Wheatlands School- Ella Toomey, James Brimblecombe, Tara Ewart, Kyra-Clare Uren and Meg Hansen went to Kingaroy State School to participate in the Inaugural South Burnett Readers Cup Competition. It was well attended with 24 teams made up of 4 students from schools across the South Burnett. Students had to read 4 books prior to the competition and there were 10 questions from each book including a general knowledge round.

I was very proud of the Wheatlands students, they received 4th position out of 24, only missing out on 3rd position by 1 point! It was a great opportunity for the team to mix with other students, read books they might not otherwise read and participate in a sports day for readers! It will become a regular event and I am looking forward to taking more teams next year.

Just a reminder that students are welcome to borrow books from the library for the holidays. The limit is 2 books per student and library borrowing is every Wednesday. If books are overdue and not returned, students cannot borrow for that week, but they are always encouraged to browse.

*Mrs Tracy Anderson*
1/2 Class
I hope all fathers had a wonderful Father’s Day and were spoilt rotten! I know my class enjoyed making our gifts and cards for your special day 😊

English
We have been working super hard to complete our PowerPoint presentations on a chosen animal AND we are finally finished!! They look FANTASTIC! I believe all students can now type 3 WORDS PER MINUTE!!!.

Mathematics
Miss Sullivan’s group - Students have completed their mini-unit on Time and will begin learning about Money. We will begin revising coins and notes and then continue with making totals and simple problem solving. Our Term 3 Revision Test will be next Friday.
Mrs Webber’s group - All students have been working hard to learn their times and money. They will now revise concepts taught so they will be ready for their Term 3 Revision Test next Friday.

Science
Thank you to the Ashley family (Olivia’s parents) for allowing our class to adopt their silk worms. We enjoy checking them each morning and seeing how much they have grown. A big thank you to the Kelly family (Rory’s mum and grandmother) for bringing in fresh mulberry leaves each morning for them to munch on.
Cooper has also allowed us to look after his caterpillar.
We have now got a room full of little critters that are enjoying our vegetable leaves.

History
This week in History we explored historical landmarks around Australia on the interactive whiteboard. Most students have chosen a historical building or site that they wish to research further in Term 4. 😊

Art
A BIG thank you to all our parents who assisted students with the photography challenge. The photos were a BIG success at the Wondai Show. We were fortunate to have 2 winners in our classroom. Congratulations to Denim Brown for taking out 1st place and to William Porter for 2nd place. All the students had amazing photos – it would have been very hard to judge! The photos from the show are now displayed in our classroom.

Reading Awards
Week 8 - Students awarded their 100 night’s certificate: Nick Divljak. Ryder Brown completed 125 nights of reading. Students awarded their 175 night’s certificate: Rory Scott, Hannah Rosenthal, Dallas Gordon and Julia Kerkow. Dustin Ramke completed 200 nights of reading.
Week 9 – Congratulations to Matthew Kunde for reading 125 nights so far. Students awarded their 150 night’s certificate: Wilson Iszlaub, Mikayla Ward and Denim Brown. Kyle Sempf and Darcy Mitchell have also completed 175 nights of reading so far. Well done 😊

High Expectations Handwriting Award
Week 9 – Jackson Brown

Green Slips
Week 8 – Nick Divljak and Olivia Ashley.
Week 9 – Madison Bishop and Ty Keliher.

Sight Words
Week 8 – I would like to congratulate William Porter for completing all his Lemon words. Well done 😊
Week 9 – Congratulations to the following students who have completed the following sight words certificates: Ryder Brown - Purple words. Tyson Christensen - Lime words, Sean Monk - Lemon words, Clair Anderson – Aqua words. I would like to congratulate Darcy Mitchell who has completed all 200 words!!! Fantastic everyone! 😊

Miss Sarah Sullivan.
P & C NEWS - looking for donations of your TIME - please support the following fundraising events by offering your help even for a couple of hours will be very much appreciated.

Wondai Garden Show—Catering
Saturday 28th September or Sunday 29th September (morning only)
Please contact Fay Kerkow 4168 5180 if you can help at all on either of these days.

Centenary Raffle Tickets—being sold at the Murgon IGA on the following days. Please contact either Kylie Ward (41684983) or Kimberley Kunde (0409 593 124) if you can help out.
Mon 30th September to Friday 4th October (second week of school holidays)
Monday 7th October (Public Holiday)
Tuesday 8th October to Friday 11th October

PURE HONEY FOR SALE—All proceeds go to the P&C
DENMAR APIARIES—1kg bucket for $6.50
Available at the office from next week.

MURGON ORCA’S SWIM CREW

FUN SIGN-ON NIGHTS
Tuesday 10th September from 7.00pm
Tuesday 17th September from 7.00pm

Both nights will be fun racing and games
With a sausage sizzle available
For information contact
Melissa 0427546844 or
Lori @ Murgon Pool 41681754

Wondai Swimming Club

Come and try FUN NIGHT
Monday 9th September
6.00pm for 6.30pm Start
25m Sprints and fun races
First 2 weeks free
Under 7s Free QLD and Wide Bay Memberships
Get Started Vouchers accepted
(Health Care Card and Pension Holders)

For more information please contact
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