I would like to title the final newsletter for Term 3 as “Be Proud”. For a number of years, we have been promoting a culture of being a high performing school and having high expectations. Results from data sets received over this last 3 weeks have shown this mantra to be paying off. Those of you listening to the radio and those who have read today’s South Burnett Times, will be aware that our school is starting to accomplish some outstanding results on a national scale.

The week started off with the Minister for Education releasing a media statement naming Wheatlands State School as one of the top improvers in NAPLAN results for 2013. This was preceded by the release of the school’s NAPLAN data showing that our students have achieved at or above the National Minimum Standard in all 15 domains of the NAPLAN testing. This is a truly a great effort and are the best results the school has received since NAPLAN’s inception.

Over the last 3-4 weeks I have also been filtering through the school data collected by teachers which clearly reflect the above mentioned achievements. Student performance and achievement in subject classes are also very impressive with a number of students acing their PAT testing and scoring in the 99%ile.

Consequently, this is a time to be proud. Be proud to be a part of a great small school. Be proud that your child is working to the best of their ability and values education. Be proud of the extensive time and effort staff invest in our school, and please be proud that your child wears the blue, black and white uniform of Wheatlands State School.

Congratulations to each and every student of the school. You have achieved some amazing results this term and have made me very proud to be the Principal of this great school.

Have a great break.

Daniel Bishop
Principal

Date to Remember

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English
We have been very busy bees this term in English and have nearly completed two units of work. The last few weeks we have been reading and analysing letters written at different times from different places. Yesterday we began writing a letter to a person our age that lives in a different place. We wrote a little bit about ourselves, where we live, and something we like to do.

Maths
We have completed our revision maths test on Shape, Multiplication, Division, and Place value with many excellent results. It is pleasing to see so many students motivated in maths. We have spent the last two weeks focusing on fractions and decimals and have grasped how to decide if two fractions with different denominators are equivalent. We continue to complete times table challenges four days a week and are having so much success. I would like to congratulate Willow Sleeman and Larissa Ramke for finishing the challenge. They have now started the challenge again but this time they only get 2 minutes to complete it!!! Please continue to use Mathletics over the holidays.

Science
Our science unit on light has been very successful and interesting. We did an investigation about what happens to a shadow when the light source moves further and further away. We found that the shadow got smaller and smaller. We even graphed our results so we could see the pattern emerge.

History
The last two weeks have been spent learning about the Aboriginal peoples first contact with Europeans and how their point of views would have been very different. We have spent some time examining Captain James Cook’s expedition to the East Coast of Australia and his secret orders to claim the land for England. The focus question this week was, “Who was James Cook and why is he significant in Australian History?” Next term, we will continue this unit and start to explore the reasons why a British colony was established, the people on the first fleet, how a location for settlement was chosen and what happened in the early days of the colony.

SOC and Technology
We have finished designing our cane toad traps designed to humanely capture those quickly multiplying pests. We certainly learned a great deal of information about cane toads and the impact they have on the Australian ecosystem.

I would like to congratulate Harry Iszlaub for being our Student of the Week in Week 10 and Jordan Louis in Week 11 for their excellent bookwork!!!

Hope you all have a safe and relaxing school holiday. See you for a very busy Term 4!

Erin Hubbard

News from the Minions
We have had a busy few days being minions for Mrs Meikle and Mr Bishop. Gardening, cleaning, moving stuff and breaking down boxes all in the interests of making our school a nicer place to be (and getting out of the hugely long list of work Mrs Meikle had for us to do on the whiteboard).

We have decided to contribute our proudest achievement of the term for this newsletter contribution.


A unanimous vote for our favourite thing was watching The Hurricane. Closely followed by trying out the sound system in our room with ACDC.

Mrs Libby Meikle
A big thank you to all students and families for another successful Term.

All students have shown improvements since the beginning of the year and should be proud of how far they have come. Great results overall.

Just a reminder to my parents that I will be holding parent teacher interviews in week 2 of Term 4. We will be able to reflect on your child/ren’s scores, achievements and areas for improvement.

I would like to wish all our families a happy and safe holiday.

See you all in Term 4!

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 (Michael & Crystal Kiem) —1kg bucket for $6.50
Available at the office.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays
Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.
If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.