Week 3 is down and all school routines and programs are running smoothly. The school’s day 8 enrolments were submitted with 98 students on the books and attending. This is a couple up on last year, however all new enrolments have met the requirements of the Enrolment Management Plan.

The school is yet to receive its final allocation for teacher aide time which has seen a mixture of aides in classrooms. It is expected that this will be given to the school in the coming weeks. As you would be aware the school lost long time teacher’s aide Sue Yesberg at the conclusion of 2013. Sue’s hours have not been permanently filled at this stage as we are awaiting departmental processes to finalise. As a temporary measure the school as employed Ms Angela Mitchell on a casual basis until the finalisation of teacher aide hours are complete.

The release of government money into the Great Results Guarantee has resulted in an extra $23,368 being injected into the schools budget. A detailed plan of the focus for this money as well as the strategies and measures associated with the acquittal of these funds will be released and published in an upcoming newsletter and on the school website.

3-way meet interview times have been sent home by staff over the last few days and I’m pleased to say that the initial responses have been positive. Please remember time allocations are first in best dressed however staff will try their best to accommodate the needs of parent if possible. If you are unable to negotiate a time please contact the teacher or see them in person to arrange a time.

Yours in Education

Daniel Bishop
Principal

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INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

ALL STUDENTS PLEASE BRING YOUR INSTRUMENTS TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

Thank you ~ Joel Mollenhauer

Prep/One News

I can’t believe that Prep students now have been exposed to six sounds and we are only at the end of Week 3!! We now know Ss Aa Tt Pp Ii Nn. Next week Preps will start a computer program, for which the school funds the subscription, called ABC Reading Eggs. Each child will get their own character and have access to the program at school and at home. Letters for how to login at home will go home next week. Year 1’s have continued on with Reading Eggs to consolidate foundation literacy skills and letters to remind them of their access went home this week.

Year 1’s have begun working with me during maths time on Mathletics, I think we have the ‘bugs’ ironed out and it is all systems go!!

In Science this week we looked at the needs of living things- pets. My daughter’s puppy called ‘Gus’ came in for a visit……not sure who was more excited the children or the puppy! Next week you could see some very ‘interesting’ plants growing in our classroom!

In History we have been talking about our families, we have lots of family photos on the back wall- any late contributions still welcome abrim1@eq.edu.au and this week we drew pictures of our family and labelled them.

Week 2 Awards
Green Slips to Xavier Clarke and Miranda Schloss
Bookwork Award to Amber MacCartie

Week 3 Awards
Green Slips to Jett Allan and Connor Kingi-Brownlee
Bookwork Award to Ruby Kiem

Mrs Alex Brimblecombe

1-2 Class News

What an exciting and busy start to the year we have had. I love seeing my students bounce into the classroom every morning! Thank you to the parents who have approached me for a chat about their child’s education and to discuss how they are settling into the new classroom and routine. It’s refreshing to witness the number of parents who take an active part in their child/ren’s education here at Wheatlands State School.

ENGLISH

We started our first unit, “Exploring Emotion in Picture Books”. So … if you walk by our room and look in to see students pulling a few random faces … it’s not because they have smelt something funny or that I have scared them with a pop quiz … it will be because we have been exploring different facial expressions and gestures that convey emotion. Students have also chosen three emotions that they can relate to personally and wrote sentences explaining reasons why they have felt these emotions. Next week students will make a photo story of Emotions! This will be a fun way to incorporate ICTs into our unit of work and to demonstrate our acquired knowledge thus far.

MATH

Mrs Webber’s group have been exploring numbers to 100. They have been busily working through their Mathletics workbooks, using concrete materials to assist with matching numbers and amounts and completing addition and subtraction facts. This group will continue to revise these concepts throughout next week.

My group have completed Topic 1, Numbers to 999, in their Mathletics booklet. Students will begin Topic 2, Place Value to 999, next week. We are hoping to finish this over the week.

All students completed 5min fast fact sheet today. Year 1 students completed 2 sheets - one and two digit addition and subtraction facts. Year 2 students completed 3 sheets – one, two and three digit addition and subtraction sheets and a multiplication fast fact sheet. These 5min fast fact sheets will be completed each Term so we can see and celebrate academic progress.

SCIENCE

Over the past few weeks we have been dealing with a CRIME SCENE! Something horrible has happened…. Yes.. The unspeakable….Something that no child should have to go through OR witness! That’s right… We came across a “melted icy cup”!!!! Students needed to observe and then discuss what they believe happened. We recorded our observations in our science journal. Students were also able to experience some Drama in our Science lessons. Using our bodies, we acted out how food changes when we add a change in temperature. Next week we will complete an experiment based on spaghetti.

Continued...
1-2 Class News Continued...

**GEOGRAPHY**
We started the unit of work by exploring what is Geography. Students developed knowledge of ‘place’ as part of the Earth’s surface. We discovered geography is the study of the Earth and the people on it and that someone who studies geography is a geographer. Students completed activities around natural, managed and constructed environments. We discussed how to describe the different features in each type of environment. Next week we will use a viewing frame to observe and sketch a part of a familiar environment and highlight key features that are natural, managed or constructed.

**ART**
Before we commence our unit of work, I gave the students the opportunity to decorate our classroom. Each student enjoyed making and decorating a 3D cloud that displays their name. Most students have completed their cloud and have displayed them in our classroom. Next week students will begin learning about Rongoli, the popular floor art, from India.

**HIGH EXPECTATIONS HANDWRITING AWARD**
Week 1 – Jorja Forsythe
Week 2 – Zac Kennedy
Week 3 – Dustin Ramke

**GREEN SLIPS**
Week 1 – Blair Ewart, Noah Frahm and William Porter.
Week 2 – Pixie Gilbert, Dallas Gordon.
Week 3 – Ty Keliher, Sean Monk and Miley Divljak.

Miss Sarah Sullivan.

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**Year 3-4 News** 😊

We continue to be very busy little bees in our classroom, producing some wonderful work, getting our homework marked every morning before school, and following our school rules.

In English, we studied and wrote an adaptation of the poem *My Country*. The children worked hard to think of and search for new and interesting vocabulary in their poems. This week we are looking at the poem *Bell-Birds*. We are learning about rhythm and rhyme and will again try our hand at adapting the poem. We are right into the swing of reading groups and spelling lessons now. We spell every day and go to guided reading groups every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

In Maths, we have spent two weeks working on addition and have covered a number of strategies including, doubles and near doubles, bridge to ten, jump strategy and split strategy. We will move onto subtraction strategies in Week 4.

In Science, we are on our way to discovering what makes something living. Students went home last week and found one living and one non-living thing to share with the class. We had a puppy, a bird, rocks, feathers, a wasp nest, and even some slime.

In Geography, we have been studying the map of Australia. We labelled the states, territories and cities of Australia this week and looked at the different kinds of maps that can be used.

Parent teacher interviews will begin next week. Thank you very much for your returning the form so quickly. I look forward to seeing you all at our meeting.

I would like to congratulate these students for their hard work:

**Bookwork Awards** – In Week 1: Harry Iszlaub and Madison Bishop. In Week 2: Brooke Dowling and Hannah Rosenthal.

**Green Slips** – In Week 1: Lawson Schloss and Brooke Dowling. In Week 2: Kai Allan and Amy Henderson.

Erin Hubbard
"The more that you read, the more things you'll know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Dr Seuss

Reading is a wonderful habit for everyone. Children learn how to become readers by reading and children become better writers by reading. Here is a list of suggested great reads for children. I encourage all readers to have a go at some of the titles on this list.

1. The Chronicles of Narnia  C.S.Lewis
2. The Hobbit  J.R.R. Tolkein
3. Charlotte’s Web  E.B.White
4. The Secret Garden  Frances Hodgson Burnett
5. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory  Roald Dahl
6. Anne of Green Gables  L.M. Montgomery
7. To Kill A Mockingbird  Harper Lee
8. Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland  Lewis Carroll
9. Where the Wild Things Are  Maurice Sendak
10. Little Women  Louisa May Alcott
11. Bridge to Terabithia  Katherine Paterson
12. Winnie-the-Pooh  A.A. Milne
13. The Giving Tree  Shel Silverstein
14. The Wind in the Willows  Kenneth Graeme
15. Treasure Island  Robert Louis Stevenson
16. The Indian in the Cupboard  Lynne Reid Banks
17. Pippi Longstocking  Astrid Lindgren
18. Matilda  Roald Dahl
19. The Velveteen Rabbit  Margery Williams
20. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer  Mark Twain
21. A Series of Unfortunate Events  Lemony Snicket
22. The Golden Compass  Philip Pullman
23. Black Beauty  Anna Sewell
24. Peter Pan and Wendy  J.M. Barrie
25. Asterix the Gaul  Rene Goscinny

Dr Seuss

Green Slips for Shiannah Bear (working well in Mathletics) and Matthew Cook (dealing with conflict like a man)
Bookwork Award to Matthew Henderson (I know, I didn’t think I’d see the day either!)

Libby Meikle

ICY CUPS $1
Sarsparilla, Orange, Raspberry, Lime
Hi my name is Shona King; I will be job sharing with Jenny as the Administration Officer on Thursdays & Fridays each week.

My husband and I emigrated with our two children from Scotland seven years ago. We are now full Aussie Citizens although my accent will always be Scottish! We moved to the Murgon area six months ago for my husband to take a position as a Behaviour Support Teacher for the Barambah School Cluster and have settled in very well thanks to some lovely locals and a welcoming community.

It will take me some time to get to know everyone’s names and how everything operates so I hope you will be patient with me :)

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Please note that successful applicant must have or be willing to obtain, a “Working with Children” Blue Card.

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**Does your child love to sing?**

FROM MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2014:

@ Wondai Anglican Church Hall

Junior SBYC  5 - 8 yrs       4:00pm
Concert Choir  9 - 18 yrs     4:30pm
Senior SBYC   14 - 18 yrs    5:30pm

Group & (optional) solo singing,

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qualified teachers, supports school

Music curriculum, lots of FUN!

Ph. 0411 1 18 510
P & C NEWS -

Centenary memorabilia items are available for sale from the office.

Next Meeting - Annual General Meeting on 27th March 2014

We would love for as many parents as possible to attend, newcomers and old, if anyone has any questions please feel free to chat to our committee;

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Treasurer- Kieran Ramke  0400 689 872  akramke@bigpond.com

Julie Brown
P&C President

Library News

Expressions of Interest—Parent Volunteer

Parent Volunteer required for Library help, Wednesdays from 1.45—3.00pm
Please see Daniel Bishop, Principal

Mrs T Anderson
Teacher Librarian

What does Richard Branson, Nelson Mandela, Barack Obama and Bill Gates all have in common? They were scouts! Scouting has helped shaped the lives of many individuals worldwide.

Come Try Scouting!

Proston Scout Group has vacancies for enthused kids, Leaders & parents.
You are invited to visit and participate with Proston Scout Group at no obligation or cost from the
11th February until the 4th March.
We meet on Tuesday afternoons at 5.30pm – 7pm at the
Proston Scout Den, Rodney St.
Cub Scout Pack  7 -11yr
Scout Troop  11 -15yrs
Please Note: Parents MUST come along to sign you in.

OUR AIM -- to encourage the PHYSICAL, MENTAL, SOCIAL and SPIRITUAL development of our young people, so that they take a CONSTRUCTIVE place in society as RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS.

For more information contact: Tracy Anderson (Scouts Secretary) on 4168 9912 or Zig and Sharon Zoldak (Scout Leaders) on 4168 9473

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