NAPLAN
It is that time of year again when our students in year 3, 5 and 7 undertake NAPLAN tests. Please assist your child to do the best they can by ensuring they have a good night sleep, eat a nutritious breakfast, pack a balanced lunch and is at school on time. The tests will be run from the 13th – 15th of May. Some students may feel a little pressure to perform and do well over the course of these 3 days. Please reassure them with confidence and encourage them to simply do their best.

Homework
Your child has homework every night – despite the stories they may tell you. Teachers will inform parents should this change. Generally speaking all students from year 1-7 will have some form of English (usually spelling), Math and Reading. Please ensure that you child is reading with you, to you or independently every night. This must be documented into their reading log. All homework must be signed by a parent. The completion of all aspects of nightly homework is a consideration taken into account for the schools rewards activities. You play an important part in ensuring your child completes these activities.

Emergency Contact Details & SMS Global Messaging
It is very important that parents maintain the school with up to date contact details and phone numbers in case of an emergency and for general contact procedures. Should you change your mobile phone, home or work numbers it is imperative that you notify the school. At the conclusion of Term 1 Wheatlands State School launched SMS Global Messaging as a fast and effective method of communicating with parents. The process enables the school to send out bulk text messages to parents who have listed their numbers with the school. The system is totally secure and does not release numbers supplied to the school. The system does not require you to reply unless specified to do so. This additional form of communication is invaluable in circumstances relating to emergency situations, weather events and for last minute information.

Non School Aged Children on Play-gym.
Parents are requested to ensure that non-school aged children playing before and after school on school equipment are actively supervised by a parent. School staff and students are not in a supervisory role for these children. Your cooperation with this topic is greatly appreciated.

End of Semester Rewards Activity
This semester students from P-7 who meet the criteria for rewards activities will travel to the Kingaroy Cinema for a movie followed by a ‘Subway’ lunch. Final movie selection will occur closer to the date however they will be G & PG rated. Should your child have special dietary requirements that would prevent them from consuming ‘Subway’ for lunch, please see the class teacher. I am pleased to report that 96% of students participated in a rewards activity at the conclusion of Term 1. This term we are aiming for 100%.

Yours in Education
Daniel Bishop
Principal

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Prep/One News

We are off to a busy start this term. We changed around our groups this term and the students picked the names this time so we have Knights, Mermaids, King & Princesses and Vikings & Fairies. The Mermaids are now also on sight words and a couple of the Vikings and Fairies have nearly completed their 200 sight words. I have been busy assessing students for the start of term in literacy. I have completed sight word recognition and running records to check reading levels.

In English this term we are looking at characters, setting, narrative structure and retelling stories. We will be looking at the story of Goldilocks over the next week.

In Maths we have been exploring measurement, looking at short, tall and long. We measured our heights, ordered ourselves from shortest to tallest and we watched a YouTube clip of the shortest man in the world meeting the tallest man in the world.

In Geography we looked at a familiar place in the school, the playgym. For show and tell next week students need to provide a picture of their house, another familiar place. My email address is abrim1@eq.edu.au if you have an electronic photo, much easier to show on the interactive whiteboard.

Green Slips this week - Jett Allan, Jessica Towells & Riley Wigg

Bookwork Award - Harley

Alex Brimblecombe

1-2 Class News

Welcome back! What an exciting and busy start to Term 2 we have had. Students have settled back into our classroom routine well. As most of you know I have been absent but it’s great to be back and we are ready to start our new units of work.

Please check Communication Books next week for a Term 2 Overview.

ENGLISH

Yesterday we read 4 new books from our library. Students have chosen one story they like best to complete a written task next week. The books we read were:

* You Can’t Move a Hippo!
* Jacko and the Beanstalk
* Smiley Shark and the Great Big Hiccup!
* Sheep on a Beach

MATH

This week Year 2 students have been revising addition and subtraction problems that involve trading. The foundation group have been revising calendars. Our Math lessons are going to change a little next week. Check Term 2 Overview for more details.

ART

I would just like to add our completed Rangoli Art looks AWESOME!!!

HIGH EXPECTATIONS HANDWRITING AWARD

Week 2 – Jorgia

GREEN SLIPS

Week 2 – Ethan Clegg, Tamika & Cooper Mollenhauer.

READING AWARDS


75 Nights of Reading – Jorja Forsythe, Olivia Ashley, Dustin Ramke, Rory Scott, Luke Greer, Dallas Gordon and Cooper Mollenhauer.

Miss Sarah Sullivan
Welcome back everyone! I hope you have all had a relaxing and fun filled break. It is great to be back at school for Term 2.

In English, we are spending the first two weeks focusing on our writing skills. This week we are focusing on persuasive writing. We are using think sheets and rubrics to help us organise our ideas and ensure we include all the important points. We will begin our English unit in week 4 and will be given our Lecturette topic at the end of week 4 after the year 3s have completed their NAPLAN testing. The year 3s will be doing preparation activities next week so they feel confident and prepared and know what is expected of them when they complete their tests on the 13th, 14th and 15th of May. We continue with reading groups on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and Spelling groups every day.

In Maths, we are continuing to work on Patterns and Algebra. We will spend one more week on this topic and then move on to Chance and Data. We will also complete another assignment this term and study the topic of Number. This week we have been balancing equations and finding the unknown. Please continue to encourage your children to use Mathletics at home.

In Science, students will study the unit Night and Day. Students will discover what causes night and day. We will study the relationships between the Sun, Earth and Moon to help us understand how we experience day and night on Earth. This unit will also help students to understand directions in terms of North, South, East and West, how time is based on the apparent movement of the Sun across the sky and how time can be determined using a sundial. They will investigate how shadows change throughout the day and link these changes to the Sun’s apparent movement across the sky. They will role-play the movements of the Earth in relation to the Sun and Moon. This week we explored student’s current understandings about night and day and the movements of the Earth, Sun and Moon.

In Geography, we are continuing our unit from Term 1. We are currently exploring the climate types found in Australia and the rest of the world. We are also learning to read rainfall maps and graphs.

Erin Hubbard

Message from the Big People

So much to do, so little time!

Our new unit of study in English is poetry. We will be analysing poems and then using them as a stimulus for a recount. Our task for assessment will be a recount of The Man From Snowy River. Also a great opportunity to review an Australian classic movie! Our lecturette this term will be a poem recitation.

In Maths we will continue with patterns and algebra then move on to time, chance and probability and reading and understanding whole numbers. In an exciting development our cleverest mathematicians may soon move on to division tables for their daily challenge!

Our Science unit is blood and guts, seriously, we will have a look at the skeletal, digestive and circulatory systems.

We will continue our studies of landforms and locations in Geography.

We are also looking forward to technology this term as we will ditch Mrs Meikle for Miss Hubbard!

As we move closer to our excursion to Canberra we will also begin investigating Australian government.

Our rewards day activity will be a trip to the movies in Kingaroy, with Subway for lunch! We have spoken with the children to remind them of our expectations for behaviour and task completion including meeting check dates and homework.

Libby Meikle

ICY CUPS $1

Sarsparilla, Orange, Raspberry, Lime

Anzac Day 2014

Thank you to all our families who attended this years Anzac Day remembrance service.
This year’s Barambah Small Schools Cluster Cross Country Event on Thursday 24th April was a great day enjoyed by all. The results from these races for our school are:

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Congratulations to all our competitors and good luck to our nominations for the South Burnett Zone Cross Country Trials on Monday 5th May (highlighted 10 years and above).
Centenary memorabilia items are available for sale from the office. Please see our school website for details.

Next Meeting - including AGM 15th May @ 6.30pm

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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Julie Brown
P&C President

RECYCLE FOR THE SCHOOL!

Do you have any old automotive Batteries lying around??
Please drop them off at Murgon Tyre & Auto who can recycle them for you and all proceeds will be donated back to our School.

Thank you to Murgon Tyre & Auto for this great program!

REMEMBER—STUDENT BANKING

At school each week on a Tuesday.

HONEY BACK ON SALE!

Available from the Office - $6.50 per bucket
Proceeds to the P&C

say cheese

School Photo Day is 7th May 2014

Have your child’s school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:
- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, credit cards, cheques and money orders only are accepted.

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Reading Oasis Book Fair!

Days and Times the fair will be open:

Monday 5th May       2:30-3:30pm
Tuesday 6th May       2:30-3:30pm
Wednesday 7th May     From 8:30pm- 3:30pm
Thursday 8th May      2:30- 3:30pm
Friday 9th May        8:30 -9:30am

6 X $10 Lucky Dip Prizes Drawn Friday 2nd May for all Wheatlands School students

Eftpos available

“READ MORE BOOKS – LEAD A BETTER LIFE!”