I would like to start this edition of the newsletter with a quote I heard from the current Director-General of Education Dr Jim Watterson. This short quote sums up the ideology at our school and can so easily be applied to most facets of life. What does it mean to you?

“The standard you walk past is the standard you accept”

There is only 4 weeks left of this term and students are busy completing assignments and sitting formative assessments. Report Cards will be issued at the end of the last week of term. Staff are currently collecting data used to assist with reporting and grading of student performance over the semester. It is very important that every child attends every day as there is lots on over the next few weeks. Whilst school attendance is currently still strong, we are starting to see a decline in our attendance data. Attendance is a component of the “rewards day” criteria and as with homework, is one of the elements that parents play a crucial role in. It is the parent’s responsibility to ensure that your child attends every day. Birthdays, visits from family members and days off to go shopping are not valid reasons for a day away from school, consequently they will be recorded as unauthorised. Please refer to the Rewards Day criteria which has been attached to this edition of the newsletter.

This information is posted in every classroom as a reminder to students of the schools expectations.

On Monday the school participated in its first externally coordinated Discipline Audit. Initial feedback from the auditor has been fantastic with the school receiving a number of “Outstanding Practice” comments. An official report will be forwarded to the school in the coming weeks at which time I will post it on the school website as well as a summary for the newsletter. Thank you to the P&C Executive Members who gave of their time to meet with the auditor as well as the parents the auditor phoned at random. The Auditor was very impressed with the schools policies, procedures, systems and practices and stated that out of the 70+ schools he has audited Wheatlands State School has been one of the best. CONGRATULATIONS to the entire school community!!!!!!!!!

Early next term, parents of students in Year 6 and 7 will have the opportunity to meet and talk with the Principal and Deputies of Murgon State High School at a special information evening at Wheatlands SS. I strongly urge all parents of students transitioning into secondary in 2015 to attend this evening and to come with questions regarding their child’s transition into secondary. More details regarding this evening will be posted closer to a final date.

Finally I would like to remind parents that the schools dress code, endorsed and supported by the P&C states, students are to wear enclosed shoes. Black is preferred and highly encouraged. Slip-ons are not permitted, apart from the leather ones with buckles (worn by girls). The school would appreciate your support. We regularly receive comments from visitors and community members about how smart our students look in their uniforms and how great it is that they all wear the same thing – let’s keep up this positive image we have in the community.

Yours in Education
Daniel Bishop
Principal

School Behaviour Focus
Week 15— Taking Turns
Week 16— Finding Strengths

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This week we have been learning about the diagraph ‘sh’ in phonics. In English we looked at the story ‘The Gingerbread Man’- we made finger puppets to retell the story. In Maths we have been doing lots of counting to 100. Prep students looked at the number 8. Everyone is going well at their own level in sight words and reading. This is evidenced in the amount of sight word certificates and reading awards presented on parade over the past week.

We enjoyed the shot put and discus demonstration with Justin Anlezark- we did some fitness activities- like push ups, discus with the hoola hoops and shot put with the rubber balls.

**Week 5-**

- **Green Slips**  
  Shaelee, Ryan, Stevie

- **Bookwork Award**  
  Ruby

**Week 6**

- **Green Slips**  
  Hayden, Haley, Amber M

- **Bookwork Award**  
  Stevie

**Alex Brimblecombe**

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**1-2 Class News**

It has been one exciting week! Students have been working really hard to complete assessments. On behalf of our class I would like to thank the Little Athletics Association for organising Justin Anlezark to visit our school. Thank you to Kieran Ramke and Fay Kerkow for assisting with the running of the athletics workshops. We LOVED it !!!

**ENGLISH**

Students have been working on completing their final copy of their book report (writing it neatly in mapping pen). We have also started learning ICT skills in Word Documents for Technology and have been doing rotations in our English “Unit Time” to experiment and use these new tools on the classroom laptops.

Next week students will look at how they would persuade someone to read the book they have been reviewing for the final part of this assessment.

**MATH**

Year 1s have continued activities based on “Fractions” – students have been learning about halves, quarter and eighths. Students have been working through their Mathletics workbooks revising “Operations with Number”.

Year 2s have continued their “Patterns and Relationships” unit. We have been recording rules about repeating, growing and shrinking patterns. This week we also glued toothpicks into our Maths Pad to demonstrate a growing pattern. This was fun – good luck ruling up margins for the next week Year 2!

**GEOGRAPHY**

This week students revised what spaces are and wrote down notes in their Geography book. Next week we will collect and record geographical data and information around how features of places are used.

**SCIENCE**

This week we completed our “Water Walk” around the school. Each student seemed excited to point out sources of water in our school and highlight it on their maps. Students will continue to learn about being ‘Water Wise’ throughout the following 2 weeks.

**TECHNOLOGY**

Students have been completing lessons based around the tools used in Word Documents. Next week we will look at inserting pictures and shapes, borders and shading and WordArt.

**HIGH EXPECTATIONS HANDWRITING AWARD**

- **Week 5** – Wilson Iszlaub
- **Week 6** – Mia Bishop

**GREEN SLIPS**

- **Week 5** – Olivia Ashley, Jorja Forsythe and William Porter.
- **Week 6** – Erin Kunde, Charlie Gilbert, Blair Ewart, Tamika, Miley Divljak and Amber Wigg.

Cont...
This week, students have all contributed one statement about their favourite lesson or activity this term.

Willow: We are reading a book called Kumiko and the Dragon. We learnt that there was a dragon and the dragon was protecting her. The setting of the story is in Japan.

Madison: I love doing my lecturette. I am learning facts about Christmas Island.

Larissa: I am doing my lecturette and I learnt that Katherine Gorge is made up of 13 gorges.

Amy: Justin Anlezark came to visit Wheatlands. He is an Olympian and is our secret weapon.

Hannah R: We learnt how big the Sun, Earth and Moon are.

Hannah F: We have been learning about Chance and Data. When you are making a graph you have to add the axes and title. Information in a graph can be very useful. Also, Mount Kosciusko has the highest toilet in Australia.

Brooke: We are learning about the Sun, the Earth and the Moon rotate and orbit. Did you know that it takes 364.25 days for the Earth to move around the Sun?

Lawson: We have been learning about different climate zones. We have learnt about tropical, temperate and polar regions.

Alysse: I love doing my lecturette because you get to know new stuff about The Twelve Apostles. George Bass discovered The Twelve Apostles.

Mikayla: In Geography, we have been learning about how other communities are different to ours.

Jordan: I like doing my lecturette because I didn’t know anything about Lake Eyre. An interesting fact is Lake Eyre is 1 200 000 square kilometres long.

Elly-Mei: We have been learning about dot plots in Maths. We made a dot plot of our Maths Mentals results.

Nick: I am learning about the Simpson Desert for my lecturette. It is 180 000 square kilometres.

Denim: We are reading Kumiko and the Dragon. We drew a picture and wrote a paragraph about the first chapter in our own words.

Samantha: At the moment we are doing our Term 2 lecturette. I am working on the Blue Mountains. A fact about the Blue Mountains that I didn’t know the Wollemia trees belong to the 200 million year old family. It is the only place in the world they are found.

Harry: In my lecturette, in the caves there are exactly 26 stalagmites and stalactites.

Kyle: We do magic minute. We have to write as many letters as we can in one minute in lower case and upper case.

Jayden: I am doing my lecturette on Heron Island and it is a very small island.

Molly: I am doing my lecturette on Uluru. They do not know how far it goes into the ground. If anyone takes a rock from Uluru it is said that it causes bad luck.

Just a friendly reminder that Lectureettes will be performed in week 9 and students must be ready to present on Monday. I have seen many dedicated students working on their Lecturetettes before school and in their lunch break and am looking forward to seeing all their hard work.

Erin Hubbard
Message from the Big People 😊

We have all recovered from the demands of a week of testing in NAPLAN and are pleased to say we all came out the other side fit and healthy.

Maths

We have continued to work in the strands of Chance and Number. Almost every student has completed the number stand in Mathletics and completed the online assessment. Please remember to encourage your child to access Mathletics at home outside of school hours.

English

This week we started to watch the movie “The Man From Snowy River”. When analysing the poem we have been looking at the Time and Place identification – student appear however to be far more interested in the movie than the poem, I wonder why?

Geography

We are starting to conclude our Semester unit on Exploring Europe and North America, its similarities and differences in climate, landforms, vegetation distribution and urbanisation data and how these factors influence people choice of location to reside. We have just completed our latest piece of classwork for assessment where we used rainfall and temperature data to produce a combination line graph.

PE

This week we practiced discuss and shotput in preparation for the athletics carnival. We looked at the different throwing techniques and the rules of both disciplines.

Japanese

In Japanese this week we continued to practice and getting prepared for our presentation to the class. We are presenting a talk on “Family Members and Ourselves”.

Greenslips for the week:

Chris Kerkow – Being a Learner, consistent effort and improvement in the timetable challenge
Mackenzie Divljak – Being a Learner, excellent job on her chance and probability assessment in math.

Bookwork Award:

Aiden Blanch— Improvement in the neatness and presentation of his homework.

Libby Meikle

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Sarsparilla, Orange, Raspberry, Lime

Rewards Day Criteria

At the end of Term 2 we have an exciting Rewards Day planned with a trip to Kingaroy to watch a movie and have a Subway lunch.

To be able to participate in Rewards Day, all students must...

- Meet the behaviour expectations of the school—no suspensions.
- Complete all formal assessments.
- Complete all set classwork.
- Have less than 3 unexplained absences from school.
- Have not received 2 or more Orange Slips.
- Have not received any Red Slips.
- Have not had 3 or more occasions of incomplete or unsigned homework.
Our Olympian visit from Justin Anlezark!
P & C NEWS -

Centenary memorabilia items are available for sale from the office. Please see our school website for details.

Next General Meeting - Thursday, 24th July 2014 @ 6.30pm
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Jane Iszlaub
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!
Donations already received—$650
KEEP RECYCLING!

REMEMBER—
STUDENT BANKING
At school each week on a Tuesday.