Welcome from Acting Principal | Mr Batson

Dear Wheatlands State School Parents and Guardians,

For those of you I haven’t met yet, my name is Joel Batson and I’ll be acting as Principal at Wheatlands State School for the remainder of 2014 while Mr Bishop is acting as Deputy Principal in Kingaroy.

I have been overwhelmed with the warm welcome I’ve received here already by the staff, students and parents and look forward to meeting all of you in the near future. I can tell that Wheatlands State School is a fantastic school and I will continue the great work of Mr Bishop and the staff here to personally ensure that the school community and students foster high expectations and aspirations, a strong sense of integrity, personal pride, resilience and empathy for others. As I have already observed, cooperation, communication and very high quality, respectful behaviour are of the utmost importance at Wheatlands. As such, I look forward to working with you in ensuring that our vision of Education for a better future is upheld through your continued support, our extensive learning programs and quality school culture built on a foundation of discipline and respect.

A Bit About Me
Prior to being here at Wheatlands, I’ve worked as a classroom teacher in Roma, Dalby and Tara and have taught all primary year levels throughout my career. I’ve also been a classroom music teacher and have held leadership roles as an eLearning Facilitator, Head of Curriculum and Head of Primary at Tara Shire State College, a P-12 state school. I gained my bachelor’s degree in 2006 from the University of Central Queensland in Bundaberg, my home town, and attained the Master of Education (Leadership and Management) degree from the University of Southern Queensland in Toowoomba in 2010. In more recent times I have also regularly reviewed upcoming children’s literature and written articles on oral language and student writing in the Australian Literacy Educators’ Association’s journal, Practically Primary. My wife Shannon, who is also a teacher is finishing in November at Tara and is excited about being able to visit us here from time to time later in the year during her long service leave.

Attendance For 2014 (By Class)
Each newsletter I’ll give you an update on the attendance rates for the year by class. While absence from school is sometimes necessary for family reasons and illness, being in regular attendance at school ensures the best possible academic and social outcomes for your child/ren. Please ensure you contact the office or send a note to explain any absences from school.

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Well done Yr1-2, leading the attendance race!

School Behaviour Focus

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Dates to Remember

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Integrity—Aspiration—Empathy—Resilience
Prep—1 Class News

This week we have been knocked around with various flus and viruses, on average about a third of the class have been away each day, throughout the week. So we have been doing lots of revising and consolidating concepts and skills to date. I have begun some preliminary assessments ready for Individual Learning Plans that we will share with parents, at interviews, in the last two weeks of the term.

In Science we are looking at different landscapes, pop in and have a look at our ‘rainforest’ display board.

Week 4
Green Slips- Anna Christensen, Sarah Clegg
Bookwork- Leo Clarke

Week 5
Green Slips- Xavier Clarke, Haley Turcan, Riley Wigg
Bookwork- Haley Turcan

Mrs Alex Brimblecombe

Year 3-4 News

I must start off by congratulating all the students in my class for their excellent behaviour and hard work last week while I was away in Canberra. It is so nice to get back to a pile of notes from relieving teachers saying what a pleasure they are to teach. We are now halfway through Term 3 and it has absolutely flown. We have started working on some of our assessment pieces and have a great deal of projects and testing to complete in the next 5 weeks. This includes PAT testing which will be completed in week 8 of this term before we have interviews in weeks 9 and 10. Please look out for a note with available times for interviews in your child’s communication book in the coming weeks.

English
We continue to study traditional tales from Asia. Last week we looked at a story called The Proud Son from Sumatra and this week we have been looking at an amusing story from China called Certainly! This story will be used in the first assessment piece where students will be required to comprehend and deconstruct elements of the narrative. The other assessment for English this term will be to plan and write a traditional story which includes a lesson, moral or message for a younger audience. Students who are in Spelling Mastery Level C and D have both completed their levels as well as a retention test of words covered throughout. These students have commenced the next level of the Spelling Mastery program this week.

Maths
This week is our final week working on Fractions and Decimals. We have come a long way in our understanding in five weeks and have tackled some difficult problems. Next week, we will begin working on the topic of Time.

Science
This week we had a look at the concept of gravity. We played a game called Going Up where we tried to see if we could keep a balloon up in the air and we discovered many forces acting on the balloon. We found that gravity is a force which pulls objects towards the centre of the Earth.

History
This week we looked at how Aboriginal peoples are connected to Country and its implication in their daily lives. Country is defined as a space that individuals or groups of Aboriginal peoples occupy and regard as their own. We looked at some of the traditional ways they use the land. Aboriginal people respect their Country and there are many traditional ways that they care for their Country and each other.

Technology
Our technology projects are coming along slowly but surely. We have experienced a few technical difficulties along the way, all learning experiences for those involved and we are confident we will create some movie magic by the end of the term. Students should have all the images and music they require to create their projects this week to ensure they use their class time effectively.

Erin Hubbard
**ENGLISH**

We started writing the first draft of our procedures this week. Students were able to choose a topic from a large range of templates. Some of which include: "Delicious or Disgusting Recipe," "Dinner for a Giant," "How to Build a Snowman," "How to Play a Video Game," "How to Get Ready for School," and so forth. Students were excited to begin writing down their goal, materials needed and the steps to be taken in order to achieve the final result. We will continue to write the final draft throughout next week before starting our new unit of work.

**MATH**

Year 2 students have almost completed their "Chance and Data" booklets. We spent the last half an hour of our lesson today creating column graphs using resources around the school – students used seed pods, clover, rocks, beads, chalk etc to complete this task. Year 2 students will complete the "Chance and Data" revision test next week (week 6) and begin the unit of work, "Time and Money". Students will begin with lessons on Money.

Year 1 students completed their "Chance and Data" revision test yesterday. They have started making analogue clocks in preparation for the new unit of work, "Time and Money". Year 1 students will begin lessons on Time commencing Monday, week 6 (next week).

Time and Money lessons will be available for students to complete on Mathletics week 6.

**SCIENCE**

Quote for the last 2 weeks in Science, "In the name of Science...I can squish you..." "Yes, horrible isn’t it! Students have spent the last 2 weeks looking VERY closely at seeds, leaves, flowers and ants under our new Easi-Scope and Microscopes. Prep/1 also came for a visit to observe the happenings in our classroom. We saw some very large ants displayed on our SmartBoard. A large collection of photos demonstrating our enthusiasm for Science are now displayed under our Science Word Line in our classroom. Next week we will continue to discuss similarities and differences between parts of plants and also discover the term, Photosynthesis.

**ART**

A big thank you to Fay Kerkow for introducing our class to two lovely ladies, Julia and Kirsten. We were fortunate to see, first-hand, the art of using a traditional loom and spinning wheel in our class on Thursday. Each student was given the opportunity to help Julia complete a section of the scarf she has been weaving. Kirsten demonstrated how you can spin alpaca wool into thread (just like the wool we have been using in the classroom for our own loom weaving.) It was a fantastic afternoon, students were very excited to show off their own loom weaving skills. Please check Communication Books for a photo of your child using the tradition loom.

**HIGH EXPECTATIONS HANDWRITING AWARD**

Week 5 – Cooper Mollenhauer and Erin Kunde

**GREEN SLIPS**

Week 4 - Shea Troeth, Wilson Iszlaub and Dallas Gordon

Week 5 – Ryder Brown, Zac Kennedy and Matthew Kunde

**READING AWARDS** – Week 4 & 5 –

75 Nights of Reading – Shea Troeth

100 Nights of Reading – William Porter, Clair Anderson and Julia Kerkow

125 Nights of Reading – Matthew Kunde, Wilson Iszlaub and Erin Kunde

150 Nights of Reading – Pixie Gilbert

175 Nights of Reading – Rory Scott, Dallas Gordon, Cooper Mollenhauer, Jorja Fosythe and Luke Greer

Miss Sarah Sullivan.
**ICY CUPS $1**

Sarsparilla, **Orange**, Raspberry, Lime

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**Tingoora School P & C Association**

**Trivia Night**

**Saturday Aug 16 (7:00pm start)**

Wondai Diggers (RSL)

Cost $10 per player

Team Bookings please phone Tingoora School 4168 5685

Limited space ... early bookings advised

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**Fete Fete-Fete**

5th September

**COME AND BE DUNKED!**

Tips for dunking the teachers, police, Fr. Mitchell and others.

If unsure are you normal sized then don’t please ask before the session.

Be Afraid... this is the tallest slide in the area.

Watch as the children climb the Giant slide and scramble up the slide rope ladder till their hearts are content!

This Giant Slide is capable of 600 slides per hour. There is no monkey business with this Giant Slide. Get your tickets.

Craft Stall Wanted: People to make items or donate goods to be made into items

**1915 - 2015**

Celebrating 100 Years

**TANDURINGIE STATE SCHOOL**

Saturday 19th September 2015

We are currently searching for:

- Photos and stories from your school days
- Past students and staff

Tandurinige State School Centenary Committee

C/- Tanduringie State School

32 Tanduringie School Road

Maidenwell QLD 4615

School Office: 07 41646146

Facebook: Tanduringie State School Centenary Celebration
Next General Meeting - Tuesday, 19th August  2014 @ 6.30pm

If you have anything you would like to add to the agenda, please add it to the form at the front office.

The school P&C has several projects underway to support the students and staff, and to keep all of the systems humming along. You will find a full set of Minutes from the meeting attached to this newsletter, but here is a summary of topics discussed, as well as ways parents and carers can help out.

**MULCH HAY is needed for the gardens.**
In 2013, Bronwyn Hales (parent of Natalie and Hannah) led a “gardens makeover” project, and now we have beautiful lawns and gardens around the school. We need mulch hay to keep the plants happy and healthy. If you can donate hay, the P&C is happy to collect it.

2. **P&C’s Qld PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY at Kin Kin SS.**
Our President, Jane Iszlaub (mum of Harry, Wil and Eliza) was lured by the promise of free food to a workshop day for P&C members on Saturday 26 July. As well as introducing the support mechanisms of P&C Qld, sessions included “Using Personality Types to Understand Your Child’s Learning Style” (presented by the Barambah Environmental Education Centre), Grant Writing, and the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. The food was delicious, too.

3. **CATERING PROJECTS - help needed.**
   A) **SOUTH BURNETT BRIDAL EXPO** - Kimberley Kunde (mum of Matthew) is coordinating the catering at the South Burnett Bridal Expo (Sunday 31st August 10am to 2pm) at the Murgon PCYC. All that is required is sandwiches, coffee/tea, and cake, but Kimberley will need a couple of helpers. Please contact her on 0409 593 124.
   B) **WONDAI SPRING GARDEN EXPO** - Fay Kerkow (mum of Christopher and Julia) is coordinating the Billy Tea and Damper/ Scones tent at the Expo on (30th August). Fay will need volunteers throughout the weekend. If you can assist, please call Fay on 41685180.
   C) **TERM 4 STREET STALL** - Since the last street stall was such a great fundraiser, it has been decided to hold another event in Term 4. Stay tuned for details.

4. **TUCKSHOP.**
Each week, our parent volunteers donate their time and effort to provide our children with the opportunity to have tuckshop. The P&C would like to acknowledge this valuable contribution to the school, which brings smiles to the children’s faces each week. If you have some free time to join the Tuckshop Team, please contact Fay Kerkow on 41685180.

5. **RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR PLAN REVIEW.**
If you would like to have input into the school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan, which may include positive or negative commentary on events such as the Reward’s Days, it is a good time to do this. The P&C is here to assist parents and carers to “have their say”, so if you feel strongly about the RBP, please let us know. Please address your comments or ideas in writing to:

   **The Secretary**
   Wheatlands SS P&C
   You can put your envelope in the P&C Inbox at the office. (Ask Jenny if you are unsure where this is.)
   You can also email your ideas to Ngaire Louis: theflyz@bigpond.com. Please note that no anonymous submissions will be discussed.

6. **ICY CUP SUCCESS!**
The P&C would like to congratulate our school captains, Matthew Henderson and Teagan Divjlak, for leading a team of students who together raised over $2000 in 6 months through the sale of icy cups. This is a great success story, and the students involved should be incredibly proud of their efforts!

7. **CONGRATULATIONS, MR BISHOP.**
The P&C would like to congratulate our Principal, Daniel Bishop, on his recent appointment as Acting Deputy Principal at Kingaroy State School. During his absence we welcome Joel Batson whom we have “borrowed” from Tara State School. They say that change is as good as a holiday, and while we are sure that neither role could be considered a holiday, we hope the experience is a positive learning experience for both Principals.

Jane Iszlaub
P&C President
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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.

2014 Book Week
Dress Up Parade
Wednesday 20th August at 9am
Students are to come dressed as a favourite book character
Great Prizes to be won!
Under school aged are encouraged to participate.

Department of Human Services Mobile Services Unit will be available in Murgon 19th August from 9.00am to 4.00pm opposite IGA car park.

This Unit will service all queries under the DHS Banner not just Farm household assistance.

Medicare claims can be done on the day as well from the MSU.

Social Worker will be in attendance at each destination.

How can we help you?
We deliver social and health-related payments and services

Generous Rebates Available
Caring Qualified Staff
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