The first week of September is School Support Staff Recognition Week and Friday 5th is Teacher Aide Day. Without school support staff and teacher aides, hundreds of thousands of young Queenslanders would not experience a high quality education.

There would be no enrolments, no phones answered, no excursions, no play areas or ovals freshly mown and safe, things would stay broken, computers would no longer be networked or effective educational tools, no outdoor education and literally no lights on if the bills weren’t paid!

School support staff are in many ways the unsung heroes of our school system. At Wheatlands State School, we are incredibly lucky to have a dedicated team of Teacher Aides and Support Staff who very humbly go about making a difference to our students and school in an incredibly professional, diligent and enthusiastic way. Thank you to our cleaner Mrs Wenck and grounds staff Ms Hales, and Mrs Kerkow for your hard work in ensuring our school and classrooms are in top-notch condition. Thank you to our Teacher Aides Mrs Stanley, Mrs Webber, Mrs Hetherington and Ms Mitchell for your ongoing dedication to our students and their learning journey. Also, congratulations for your completion of the Supporting Students with Disability online learning modules. And thank you to Mrs Allan, our highly knowledgeable and caring Administrative Officer without whom, Wheatlands (and I) would be lost.

Please join us at next Friday’s (5th Sept) parade to celebrate the great work of our Support Staff and Teacher Aides.

Very Interesting...

'The fifth instalment of the ABC series, Life at 9 provides a window on Australian childhood in an effort to uncover just what it is that gives a child the best chance at life.'

This fascinating program which features a range of education and medical professionals has followed the lives of children and their families at key stages of their lives at ages 1, 3, 5, 7, and now 9. Independence, overprotection and creativity are explored in this latest two-part series which is available to view from the following link.

http://www.abc.net.au/tv/programs/life-at-9/
Prep—1 Class News

We have had a very busy and exciting few weeks. Last week we were very excited about Book Week parade. Everyone made a great effort to dress up as book characters and were quite confident when they had to introduce themselves and say their book character over the microphone to the whole school. This week we have continued to complete assessments for the parent teacher interviews in the last two weeks of school. We also made decorated biscuits and painted a picture for the Wondai Show.

As part of our whole school English program and our current English unit about ‘Rhymes’ children will be presenting a short, familiar rhyme to the class in the last week of the term. This is for assessment and a more detailed note about this will follow on Monday.

Week 6  Week 7
Green slips- Tara Kinsela, Miranda Schloss  Green slips—Jessica Towells, Hayden Kiem
Book Work Award- Ryan Mollenhauer  Book Work Award—Natalie Rosenthal

Mrs Alex Brimblecombe

Year 3-4 News

English
We continue to study traditional tales from Asia. We have completed our first assessment for English which was a comprehension task of the story Certainly! We have started working towards our final assessment for the term. We will draft, write and edit a traditional story for a younger audience. This week we looked at how to write an introduction and how to use direct speech. We also had a check date for our Lecturettes this week which everybody has met. We will perform the Lecturettes in week 9.

Maths
We have started working on the topic of Time. So far we have focused on telling the time on analogue clocks. Last week we looked at O’clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. This week we looked at telling the time to 5 minute intervals. We will continue to work on time in the coming weeks. We will study time facts, digital clocks, elapsed time and timetables.

Science
This week we started a science investigation. We are measuring the change to the distance a matchbox will move when we change the size of the force acting on it. We have made predictions and made sure we have kept the test fair.

Next week, we will be doing our PAT testing throughout the week and in week 9 we will be doing our Lecturette so we have plenty to look forward to. In week 10, everybody who has met the rewards criteria will participate in our Glow Disco for rewards day.

Erin Hubbard
1-2 Class News

PAT Testing will begin next week. The 1/2 class will complete PAT Math, PAT Reading and PAT Written Spelling tests. PM Benchmark tests have been completed over the past few weeks. All students have shown significant improvement 😊. If you have not checked in your child’s Communication Book, you will find a parent teacher interview timetable attached. Please complete this and return to school ASAP. (Note: Week 1 is already booked up – please indicate your preferences on the 2nd week of interviews).

NOTE: Students will be given their Lecturette item on Monday. Full details will be provided in Communication Books.

ENGLISH

Students have completed the final draft of their procedures and are now ready to start researching an animal for their non-fiction text (report). Next week, students will complete a piece of writing using their best handwriting (including entries and exits) to be used in our before and now pieces.

MATH

Year 2 students have started working with money. We revised our coins this week and completed activities based on coin rubbings, making totals and simple problem solving.

Year 1 students have been completing lessons on “Time”. They have been learning about o’clock and half past times and completing activities on calendars.

HISTORY

Students have been exploring the phone timeline. We discussed and observed a variety of phones ranging from the very first telephone to the smart phones we have and love today. Thank you to those parents who allowed us to borrow their phones to display in our classroom. Next week we will take a closer look at the automobile.

SCIENCE

Guess what?! We have seedlings!! Yes, the seeds we planted have finally started to sprout! Very exciting. Unfortunately the seeds that were planted ON TOP of the soil were not so fortunate 😞. We are hoping with a little tender loving care, they will grow strong enough to plant in our flourishing gardens. Students have also enjoyed completing some chlorophyll rubbings (leaf rubbings) in our science journals (some more successful than others).

ART

What’s that sweet smell in the air? Why is it snowing in the 1/2 classroom? Why are the students’ hands the cleanest they have ever been? Yes, you guessed it. Our class has started soap carving! The classroom has never smelled better! The first bar of soap hasn’t lasted very long. What started as a beautiful sketch of an animal has been carved away to the shape of a peanut 😊. We are hoping our second bar of soap is somewhat more successful! The enthusiasm of students is well worth the mess (I have already apologised twice to our lovely cleaner, Narelle).

BOOK WEEK

Book Week was a huge success. Students and teachers enjoyed dressing up and strutting our stuff to celebrate our love of books. Thanks again to Tracy Anderson for making the day so enjoyable!

WONDAL SHOW

If you are going to the Wondal Show on the weekend, please take the time to visit the pavilion and observe the art work, hand craft, decorating and Wheatlands State School displays.

HIGH EXPECTATIONS HANDWRITING AWARD

Week 6 – Sean Monk
Week 7 – Tamika

GREEN SLIPS

Week 6 – Dustin Ramke, Clair Anderson, Luke Greer
Week 7 – Jorja Forsythe and Mia Bishop

Miss Sarah Sullivan.
Canberra Campers
A few quick shots from our adventure to Canberra!

Lined up waiting for our invitation to tour Government House.

Using the interactive activities to learn the ins and outs of voting at the Australian electoral Commission.

Night time selfie at Mini Golf. Yes it was very cold.

Checking out the smell of an Oberon Class submarine at the War Memorial.

Sitting in a chopper at the War Memorial.

Participating in the evening ceremony at the War Memorial.

In our snow gear, ready to hit the slopes.

Making the trip back up the slope, ready to toboggan down.
Dates to Remember

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P & C NEWS

Next General Meeting - Tuesday, 21st October 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 counter.

MULCH HAY is needed for the gardens.

In 2013, Bronwyn Hales 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.

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.

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.

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