Education for a Better Future

Since my appointment began at Wheatlands in August, I have been contemplating the meaning of the school’s vision, “Education for a better future.” On the surface, the meaning is simple – that we, the school community value education and believe Wheatlands State School’s purpose is to provide students with a bright future. Then, recently I heard historian and author, Dr Yuval Harari speak about the great power that human beings throughout history have held and used to shape the world we live in today – the ability to communicate and work together for a shared purpose. No matter which era in time or location on Earth, it is this ability to form effective ‘teams’ that enables us to achieve great things. So, considering the highly skilled staff, diligent students and supportive families we have, Wheatlands State School, like all other greats throughout history, is a formidable team capable of creating better futures and it is the element of people-power that drives our vision forward. Therefore, I encourage all of you to strengthen your already great performance as key players on the Wheatlands Team to make the future even brighter. Students must attend school, work hard, ask questions, follow the rules and try their best even when learning is tough. Families must remember that we can make a real difference in your child’s future if we have your support for all that we offer at school and for the staff who strive for excellence in learning and to improve outcomes and the quality of our institution. We are all on the same team and are all key players and it’s when we work together that we truly create the best of futures for our kids.

Busy Times Ahead
Week 10
✓ Year 3-7 Rewards Day at Aussie World on Monday (8am-5:30pm) for eligible students.
✓ Prep-Year 2 Rewards Day at Rosie’s Fun For All on Tuesday (8:30am-3pm) for eligible students.
✓ Year 6-7 Graduation Dinner at the Wondai Diggers’ Club on Tuesday evening.
✓ Final, celebration parade on Thursday at 2pm.

Quite Interesting…
* Attendance Fact: Missing 1 day per fortnight = 20 days per year (4 weeks per year) = 1.5 YEARS missed over 13 years of school.
* Parenting Ideas: Insights This edition shares some thoughts on effective discipline at home which may come in handy over the long Christmas break.

Attendance for 2014
Year 3-4 still in the lead with 2 weeks to go!

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Please ensure you contact the office or send a note to explain any absences from school.

Joel Batson—Principal

School Behaviour Focus
Week 37—Social Problem Solving
Week 38—Positive Support
Week 39—Communication
Week 40—Cooperation
PREP ENROLMENTS— LIMITED VACANCIES—2015

If your son or daughter will be starting Prep in 2015, please contact the office as soon as possible to confirm enrolment. Please note we have a limited number of enrolment vacancies for 2015 for “out of catchment” families. If you know anyone interested in enrolling at Wheatlands please ask them to phone the office to lodge their interest as soon as possible. Limited numbers available.

Year 3-4 News

With this being the last Newsletter for the year, we have decided to reflect on our favourite parts of 2014.

Here are some of our highlights:

Amy: I liked the Maths Competition because I like maths a lot and I achieved a mark.
Hannah F: I liked learning about advertisements because we got to make our own advertisement and got to show it to other people in our class.
Harry: I liked learning about volume in Maths because it’s a good way to learn my times tables that I don’t know yet.
Denim: I liked doing the Times Table Challenge because I often got 50/50.
Madison: I liked doing my Times Table Challenge because it helps me learn Maths and it is really fun.
Alyse: I liked doing Technology because you design your own stuff and you learn how to build things.
Larissa: I liked the Disco because everything was glowing in the dark and you couldn’t see anything else.
Brooke: I liked doing History and learning about the Eora and Saibai Island people because I am a History freak.
Elly-Mei: I liked Art with Mrs Meikle because it was really fun and we got to learn different techniques.
Molly: I liked the disco because I had completed all my work and was rewarded for it.
Mikayla: I liked learning about advertisements because we watched lots of ads from the past and present.
Willow: I liked Art because we got to make our own monsters and I liked seeing other people’s art.
Jordan: I liked Art because we learnt different techniques and we got to learn how to draw better than we used to.
Samantha: I really liked lunch times because I made new friends every day.
Jackson: I liked making monsters because it was fun.
Jayden: I liked doing Lecturettes because you can learn a lot of information about different topics.

We have learnt so much this year and have managed to squeeze in plenty of fun while we were at it. We are all so excited about heading to Aussie World in Week 10. We will be performing our Lecturettes in Week 9 which will be our last assessment piece for the year.

Erin Hubbard

Prep-1 Class

We are right in the middle of our final assessments as we work towards the end of the year, so a very busy time! We will finish off where the kids are at for sight words next week. We will retest after the holidays to check where kids are after the break. We completed our Science unit about moving toys, a very popular topic. We talked this week, in history, about aspects of our school that have stayed the same over the past 100 years. In Maths we are in the process of completing assessments on number.

The P-3 swimming carnival was a great success, the kids really enjoyed the day and all received a green ribbon for participation. I was particularly proud of those students travelling by bus, as the bus driver commented on their good behaviour. Well done Wheatlands!

Week 7
Green Slips- Miranda, Jessica
Bookwork Award- Haley

Week 8
Green Slips—Eliza, Hayley B
Bookwork Award—Leo

Alex Brimblecombe
We are busy busy BUSY!! Students are almost finished their final assignment pieces. I think we will finish everything JUST in time.
A big thank you to my students for ALL their hard work during Term 4 and for the year.

The swimming carnival for our Prep – 3 students was a SPLASH! We had so much fun! Check out the photos on the pages to follow.

**HIGH EXPECTATIONS HANDWRITING AWARD**
Week 5 – Peter Anderson
Week 6 – Ty Keliher

**GREEN SLIPS**
Week 7 – Zac Kennedy, Miley Divljak
Week 8 – Tyson Christensen, Lacy Lee

**READING AWARDS**
Week 7 & 8
125 Nights of Reading – Sean Monk, Darcy Mitchell and Shea Troeth
150 Nights of Reading – William Porter
175 Nights of Reading – Matthew Kunde, Erin Kunde and Ryder Brown
275 Nights of Reading – Jorja Forsythe and Luke Greer

Miss Sarah Sullivan.
Help us keep our school secure these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, please look out for after-hours crime in our school.

If you see anything suspicious, please phone the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.
Messages from the Minions

Our Year in Review.

As this is the final newsletter for the year we have decided to contribute our highlights for 2014.

Tommy Going on the bus for school swimming, Teai learning how to be critically literate, Brendan Having Mrs Meikle as my teacher, Aiden Tobogganing at Perisher, Claire Making friends with children from other schools in Canberra, Grace Plane trip to Canberra, Matthew Tobogganing at Perisher, Kenzie Getting to be in the Senior Class, Teagan Athletics Training with Justin Anlezark, Claudia War Memorial in Canberra, painting Picasso’s Blue Period and High School Transition, Damo Book Week Dress Up Parade, Hendo When I went flying after Mr Bishop ran in to me tobogganing at Perisher, Cassie Free Fall at Questacon, Jake Modernist Sculptures in term 1, Chris War Memorial and tobogganing, Kurtis Tobogganing demolition derby and Questacon, Kaylea Transition at High School and the Snow, Clancy Demolition Derby at the Snow, Ella Fireworks article at Ekka Show Camp with my new friend, Cameron Movies in Kingaroy for Rewards Day.

Lectureettes

All children have chosen their topics for this term’s lecturette around our theme “An Event that Changed the World”. I look forward to hearing these presentations over the course of next week.

Rewards Day

We are planning our rewards day trip for the end of year to Aussie World! We have reminded children of the rewards day criteria and are supporting them to meet our expectations for homework, task completion and behaviour. Please help your child by encouraging them to complete tasks, attend school every day and advise the office of reasons for absence.

Leadership Accreditation

Some children have now finished the leadership accreditation and are working on their speeches to be presented at next week’s parade. Voting will follow in Week 10.
Thank you to all our parent volunteers who helped service the school needs in 2014..... Tuckshop, fundraising events, Garden Show, Comedy night, Special event catering, Bookclub and toy catalogues, library helpers... The list is endless.

And thank you to all families who supported the school by attending our sporting events and special occasions through the year. We look forward to a great 2015!

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

Donations already received—$650
KEEP RECYCLING!

Student Resource Scheme for 2015 – Thank you to all families who responded promptly. Payment is not needed until families collect the books to be covered, which we expect in last week of Term 4. Individual invoices have been sent home recently. Thank you to families who have already made payments. Any questions please see Mr Batson or Mrs Allan.

Generous Rebates Available
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P & C NEWS
Next General Meeting - To be announced—Term 1—2015
If you have anything you would like to add to the agenda for the next meeting, please add it to the form at the front office counter.

TUCKSHOP
Please note that the LAST TUCKSHOP for this year will be Friday 28th November. Thank you to the parent helpers who provide this service.

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.
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KEEP RECYCLING!