Rewards Sausage Sizzle

Congratulations to our students who were invited to our Rewards Sausage Sizzle. It was a great success. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who were able to join us in celebrating a great start to the year. Children who are meeting expectations for behaviour, homework and task completion and attendance can now look forward to end of term rewards activities.

New reviews for state schools in 2015

The Department of Education and Training has introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015. The reviews are designed to help each school continue to improve outcomes for students. All state schools, including independent public schools, will have at least one review every four years. Our school review is planned for this year.

The review will provide independent and quality feedback to support our teaching and learning. Review teams include a mix of state school principals and reviewers from outside Queensland’s state school system. The teams spend several days in a school, looking at its performance data and other information. The teams also talk to students, staff, parents and the community.

At the completion of the review, the team will provide a written report detailing its findings. The report will be published on our website.

Attendance

Every day counts is a state wide initiative that aims to assist in improving student attendance at school through a shared commitment by students, parents, caregivers, schools and the community to improve students’ attendance at school. The key messages for our school are that all children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day. All absences must be explained by direct communication with the school. We consistently monitor and track attendance. Each classroom now has a chart on the door that will record and display daily attendance and days of 100% attendance.

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Congratulations Prep-1 and Yr 4-6 for the highest attendance rate!

Yours in Education.
Daniel Bishop

Coming Soon ....
Wheatlands State School

If you have any concerns or questions please speak to Daniel.
Over the past week the Preps have been looking at the letters ‘e’ and ‘h’. We have been continuing practice and develop our fine motor skills through the use of playdoh, pegboards, threading beads and writing on the little whiteboards. In maths we have looked at the numbers three and four. We have been sequencing up to six events as they would occur in time. In History Mrs Anderson made ANZAC biscuits with Preps after reading the story ‘ANZAC Biscuits’ by Phil Cummings.

In Science we investigated what happens to our bodies when we have exercised. We felt our pulses and listened to our heart beats before and after we had a dance.

Week 4
- Green Slips- Abby and Ruby
- Bookwork Award- Shaun

Week 5
- Green Slips—Breanna and Anna
- Bookwork Award—Abby

Mrs Alex Brimblecombe

**REMEMBER—STUDENT BANKING**

At school each week on a Thursday.

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**South Burnett Representative Sports**

The following are representative sports events available for students who are turning 10, 11 or 12 this year and are enrolled at a school in the South Burnett district. Students who would like to trial to represent at the South Burnett are expected to be participating at a club standard. These dates and venues are subject to change at the convenor’s discretion. If you would like your child to be nominated in any of these events please have your child’s name submitted to Mrs Goschnick. These teams are U/12 therefore if your child is 10 or 11 they need to be of a very high standard for their age. THIS IS NOT HAVE A GO DAY. STUDENTS MUST BE OF A HIGH STANDARD. STUDENTS NEED TO FIND THEIR OWN TRANSPORT TO AND FROM THE TRIALS.

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<td>Swimming nominations due</td>
<td>Feb 17th</td>
<td>Times submitted straight to Wide Bay – must be club times or competitions (must be done in a 50m pool) signed off by swim club president and submit to school. Swim qualifying times are quite high.</td>
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I would like to remind parents that lecturetes are due on Wednesday. Students will be presenting their favourite cuisine during the first and last sessions 😊

**ENGLISH**

This week, we continued reading a variety of poems and breaking down poetic features within each. Students completed activities based around the poem, “I Wonder What My Dog Does” and have begun discussing the poem, “Kite”. As a class we have been looking for patterns within a poem, counting syllables, located rhyming words and continued our focus on “Fluency” (while reading). This week, our STRIVE words were frighten and apologise. Next week, we will discover attention and bashful. In The 7 Steps to Writing Success, we continue to complete 5 minute brainstorming activities and shared an exciting 30 second story with a partner.

**MATH**

Right on track! Students are making further progress in the unit of work, “Number”. Year 1 have continued counting activities to 100. These included, counting forwards and backwards, adding and subtracting 1, 2 or 3 from any given number and ordering numbers in ascending and descending order. Year 2 have been focusing on place value up to 999 and representing numbers in a variety of ways (number expander, words, MABs etc). Next week, Year 1 will begin place value to 99 and Year 2 will continue with number sense and begin skip counting. Year 1/2 students have also started learning one new problem solving technique each week. On Thursday, we completed addition and subtraction word problems and discussed a number of ways to find the solution. Students were eager to share how they solved the problems.

**SCIENCE**

This week, we completed our table of inside and outside noises in our Science Journals. We discussed how important our sight and hearing are to our daily activities. Next week, we will research warning sounds and visuals to assist with keeping us safe (e.g. traffic lights, bells, sirens, flashing lights etc).

**HISTORY**

Students continue to revise why we commemorate Anzac Day. We have been looking at acrostic poems and how they can portray a powerful message with minimal words. Students completed their own acrostic poem using the word ANZAC. Next week, we will complete an Anzac Day comprehension task and revise what we have learned so far.

**TECHNOLOGY**

This week, we looked at different types of shelters, what they were made from and discovered how and why they are shaped differently (according to conditions, location and materials). Students will begin making a replica of an animal shelter next week with a partner or small group. We will then test their shelters against the elements (sun, water and wind).

**HIGH EXPECTATIONS HANDWRITING AWARD**

Week 4 – Amber Wigg

Week 5 - Hannah Mollenhauer

**READING AWARDS**


**GREEN SLIPS**

Week 4 – Hayden Kiem, Jayde Halse and Luke Greer

Week 5 – Miley Divljak, Peter Anderson and Mia Bishop
We are still loving ‘The Twits!’
The Roly Poly Bird has arrived!
“There’s sticky stuff all over the tree!
If you land in the branches,
you’ll never get free!
So fly away! Fly away! Stay up high!
Or you’ll finish up tomorrow
in a hot Bird Pie!”

If you get a chance, please drop in and see our Roly Poly Birds flying across our classroom ceiling.

**Have you checked your child’s Weekly Progress Report?**

Please keep an eye out for your child’s weekly progress report. We will fill out our weekly results on our form and glue it in to our diaries. You will be able to celebrate our marks for Maths Mentals Friday Tests, Spelling Mastery Friday Tests and Times Table Challenge.

**STRIVE Words last week**

- **Dormant** – not alive yet
- **Commemorate** – to remember a serious event

**STRIVE words this week**

- **Hoisted** – to lift something up high  *We hoisted our pants up high – Harry Highpants Style!*  

- **Obediently** – to follow the rules straight away, all the time (Mrs Meikle is **very** keen for this one to be remembered and used often)

Cheers
Libby
In 4, 5, 6 this week we have been enjoying discussing the Red Dog novel as well the short story The Loaded Dog. We will also be viewing the film Red Dog (yes, we will have tissues at the ready!) so that we can begin comparing the characterisation of the dog within the two narratives.

**Reminder!**
Lecturette research outlines are due in week 6.
We have been doing lots of work in class around the history of ANZAC and have been viewing and discussing some beautiful stories.

**New!**
We now have an attendance chart on our classroom door. We will be monitoring the percentage of students in attendance each day, as well as the number of days with 100% attendance throughout the term. The class with the highest number of 100% days will get to have a celebration!

We will also be closely monitoring homework completion each day. We’re doing great so far, let’s keep it up!

Strive words this week…
Dignity, Gingerly, Disdain.

**Miss Amy Snow**
**COMMUNITY NEWS ITEMS**

**RECYCLE FOR THE SCHOOL!**

Do you have any old automotive Batteries lying around?? Please drop them off at Murgon Tyre & Auto who can re-cycle 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 total—$1079

KEEP RECYCLING!

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**This Sunday we are organising a clean up of the Lily Ponds in Murgon as part of Clean Up Australia Day. It will be work on the water’s edge and some work in a boat. It will start at 8.00 am and go for a few hours depending on how many helpers we get. Could you please spread the word as it would be great to get lots of workers!!**

Thanks,

Cr Kathy Duff
Councillor Division 5
South Burnett Regional Council
Ph 41680225 or 0437020705

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**Grassroots Fundraising Program Supporting local sport & community groups**

Help raise funds for Wheatlands State School P&C

Next time you are booking accommodation, go to www.quickbeds.com enter our unique Grassroots ID: 1201 and you’ll be helping our school

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**Come and Try Aussie Rules Football (AFL)**

(for 8 – 16 year olds)

**Free Saturday morning clinics**

Saturday 21st and 28th February
Saturday 7th and 14th March 2015

Time: 9.30 am – 11.00 am
Venue: Wondai State School, Kent Street, Wondai

Attend 3 out of the 4 clinics and receive a free South Burnett Saints Pack (on the last clinic day)

For any enquiries please contact:
President: Dan Cleary – 0413 853 103
Email: southburnettsfc@gmail.com

Proudly supported by the South Burnett Regional Council’s Mayor’s Community Benefit Fund
Next Meeting & AGM—Tuesday 24th March 6.30pm
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.

UNIFORMS
Second hand clothes for sale. Skorts/shorts from $3, jumpers from $2, track pants from $2, shirts from $3. Lots of sizes! Text/phone Bronwyn 0448 102 157 or see me before/after school.

TUCKSHOP
Please phone Jenny in the office by 8.30am on the Friday if your child is sick and you want to cancel your Tuckshop order for that day.

HONEY NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE
Donated by Denmar Apiaries (Kiem family)
All proceeds to P&C
$7.50 per tub—please see Jenny in Office.

OLD COMPUTER EQUIPMENT - GIVE AWAY—AS IS CONDITION
Multiple number of Computer LCD Flat screens
- only two left
Multiple number of Computer Keyboards
SHARP Multi-function Printer/Copier—(in need of repairs to toner drum approx. $1000)—Giveaway—as is condition

Please see Daniel or Jenny in the office