We are all now very familiar with the attendance message: better attendance at school means more engagement and higher learning outcomes. This is true for all learners. For students not meeting year level expectations, it is even more crucial they arrive at school on time every day to benefit from the investment we are making in employing teacher aides to support enhanced outcomes. We are seeing improvements with sight words, reading levels, sentence structure and maths work due to this extra investment and it is so pleasing to see learners with smiles on their faces knowing that this extra support is lifting their confidence and helping them to move forwards.

**Good Attendance Means ...**

Being in school at least 96% of the time.

This means only eight days off per year!

170 non school days in a year, including 5 Public Holidays

All this time for shopping, holidays and appointments!

Whilst our attendance statistics are positive for the majority of learners, the learners we are most concerned about are those that miss days or who are late for reasons such as:

- we slept in; we went shopping; it was my birthday; we went to an event (party, family holiday); Mum was sick and we couldn’t get to school; my brother/sister had an appointment and all the family went along.

We already have some learners who have missed significant school time this year. We encourage families to review reasons for their absences and to try to make an improvement plan to get learners here every day on time so that we can help them move towards their learning goals. If families are having issues with school reluctance, anxiety or even financial stress, we encourage parents to contact the school or Guidance Officer to discuss a way forward.

Below is the current data for our school attendance. You will notice the pattern towards the end of the week particularly Fridays. We are currently sitting on 94.8% for the school.
Congratulations to the Year 4-6 class who have won this terms 100% attendance challenge. They have managed to attain 26 days so far with 100% of students in attendance, this is a fantastic result. Each student has won themselves a Cornetto Ice-Cream.

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be conducted from 12-14 May. Prior to the testing program, all Principals must have finalised student participation in the NAPLAN tests. **All students in Years 3 & 5 are required to sit for the tests unless they are withdrawn by parents/carers. Where parents/carers do not want students to participate in the test, they must advise the Principal of their request.**

Students who are withdrawn from the tests will have no result recorded and no report will be provided. Adjustments may be permitted for students with a disability to support their access to the tests and facilitate maximum participation. Teachers and parents will identify students who qualify for adjustment. Parents of students who have been identified as requiring adjustments will receive a letter prior to the Easter vacation period.

Have a great Easter Holiday!

Yours in Education
Daniel Bishop

**Prep/One News**

We are looking forward to celebrating a very busy term, next Wednesday, with a ‘Neon’ disco. Students can wear sun safe free dress on this day. Miss Sullivan and I have lots and lots of glow sticks. We are also completing some Easter activities in the morning- including marshmallow bunny construction. Lots of fun to be had. Next week Preps and Ones will be presenting their ‘lecturette’ about their favourite book and character. Remember Sarah, Connor, Lachlan and TJ, you are presenting on Monday.

Over the past week we have begun some assessments of maths and alphabet recognition and the overall results are pleasing. I will send home individual results shortly to keep parents informed.

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**Bookwork Award- Jett**

**Bookwork Award—Reagan**

Mrs Alex Brimblecombe

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Please note there will be no Whole School Parade next Thursday 2nd April.
Students will be issued with all Certificates in class.

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**Head Lice Alert Notice**

Head lice have been detected in the school. Please be vigilant in checking your children’s hair every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days. If you do find head lice, commence effective treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading. Thank you for your co-operation.
Where has Term 1 gone??? To the parents of my 1/2 class – I would like to thank you for your support throughout the first quarter of 2015. Students have shown improvements already and I look forward to sharing more success stories with you for the remainder of the year. I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a very joyful and safe holiday and a Happy Easter 😊

**ENGLISH**

This week, students have been working very hard to complete drafts of their poems. Students either chose “Five Little Owls” or “A Chubby Little Snowman” to reconstruct. Fingers crossed that these pieces will be completed by Monday next week.

**MATH**

Revision, revision and more revision. Students spent the first part of this week completing revision questions and discussing strategies ready for their end of term math test. A copy of these results will be found in your child/ren’s Communication Books mid next week.

**SCIENCE**

To finalise our unit on “Look, Listen!” students will complete a short quiz and matching exercise based around what we have learned. According to students, Science is not their favourite subject. So in Term 2, I’m going to prove to my students that SCIENCE is FANTASTIC with an exceptionally fun unit.

**TECHNOLOGY**

This week, we began painting and adding the finishing touches to our shelters. Due to some shelters not being ready for testing, we will now hold the “demolition”... ahh I mean... test date on Monday the 30th March. I would like to invite parents to come along and watch the sun, wind and rain in action. We will commence at 1:50pm outside the 1/2 classroom. Hope to see you there 😊

**HISTORY**

Next week, we will finish our Anzac Flags. For the final piece of assessment, students needed to design a flag that would represent what Anzac Day means to them. Plenty of ideas and some interesting discussion based around what we will remember. This will be completed by Tuesday and displayed in our classroom.

**NATIONAL DAY AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE**

Suddenly there was a sea of ORANGE! The day was a huge success with all students completing activities and holding discussions about what strategies we could use if experiencing bullying. A successful day overall, thank you for jumping on board. **Refer to photos to experience our ORANGE SEA of KINDNESS and FRIENDSHIP**

**REWARDS SESSION – NEON DANCE PARTY – Wednesday 1st April**

Just a reminder – Invitations can be found in your child’s Communication Books TODAY! Please take the time to read the Rewards Criteria that is also attached – showing why your child is eligible to attend this end of term session. Please pay close attention to attendance and homework.

Students will be able to wear FREE DRESS on Wednesday 1st April (Neon colours or bright disco attire) 😊

**HIGH EXPECTATIONS HANDWRITING AWARD**

Week 8 – Peter Anderson.
Week 9 – Amber MacCartie.

**READING AWARDS**

Week 8/9

25 Nights of Reading: Jayde Halse, Harley and Shaelee Keliher.


**GREEN SLIPS**

Week 8 – Harley, Tamika and Ryan Mollenhauer.
Week 9 – Shaelee Keliher, Jessica Towells, Stevie Murray and Amber MacCartie.

Miss Sarah Sullivan.
English – 7 Steps for Writing Success

We have started our assessment task – Writing a New Chapter for ‘The Twits’. We have gone back over our 7 Steps Brainstorms to help us come up with an exciting idea for our chapter. One of the skills we are practicing is to follow a plan to write for a specified period of time without assistance.

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.

Mathematics

We have now completed our second unit, Addition and Subtraction. We are moving onto Multiplication and Division. I encourage children to continue to use Mathletics at home. The games, problem solving activities and Live Mathletics are great ways to consolidate Maths concepts and increase speed as well as confidence. The Help buttons are a great resource to help children (and parents) solve unfamiliar questions.

STRIVE Words

Suspicious – guessing something is wrong

Inevitable – is sure to happen

Glorious – really wonderful

Distinctly – clear, can’t be mistaken

Health and Wellbeing

Making friends (and staying friends) is a skill we are practicing at school over the coming weeks. This week we discussed ways to deal with our feeling when we are annoyed at our friends. We came up with a list including – playing something else, telling our friends why we are upset, asking grown-ups for help and asking if there is anything we can do to help. We also agree that Nasty Notes are never going to work and we won’t see any more of them at school.

Cheers

Libby

Wheatlands State School now LIVE on Facebook
www.facebook.com/wheatlandsstateschool
4, 5, 6 News

In 4, 5, 6 this week we have been starting our assessment pieces in most subjects.

In Art this past 2 weeks, we have been completing our 3D artworks. They are very eye-catching! We have been experimenting with the use of different colour schemes, such as complimentary colours and warm/cool colours.

After all of our work with the Red Dog novel and film, we are now writing comparative discussions about the two narratives. In our discussions, we have been exploring how to use evidence from the novel to explain our supporting details.

In Math, we have recently completed our multiplication and division unit and we are now moving on to reading and understanding whole numbers. We have also been moving through Mathletics at a steady pace and students are welcome to log on at home, if they wish.

This year, we will be commemorating 100 years of ANZAC. In History, we are researching and using sources to write a historical recount on a famous ANZAC, to tie in with this special occasion.

And, in science we are ready to perform a solo experiment!

STRIVE words:

Gestured, frequently, misjudged.

Green Slips:

Teai, Jayden and Madison.

Bookwork award:

Elly-Mei

With Term 1 almost over, we are all getting a little tired and we’re definitely ready for our glow in the dark disco next week!

Miss Amy Snow

Library News

~ Just a reminder to all families that students are most welcome to borrow over the Easter break, so next Wednesday will be their last borrowing day for the term. There will be a special reward for those students who have consistently borrowed this term and brought their borrowing bags.

Also on next Wednesday – 1st April - there will be Easter craft in the library for interested students. Students will be invited to make Easter baskets and receive a special treat.

Many thanks to Mrs Rattray (Mrs Anderson’s mum) for helping with our craft days at school, we always get plenty of eager participants so another pair of hands is always welcome.

Lastly, something to get really excited about is our annual ‘Book Fair’, which is planned for Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May – Week 3, Term 2. The theme this year is ‘Kings, Queens and Castles – Enter the Kingdom of Books’. There will lots of exciting events during the week of our book fair, so please put it in your calendars to make sure you visit during the opening hours. All commission from the sale of books goes back into our library.

Mrs Tracy Anderson
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 total—$1079
KEEP RECYCLING!

COMMUNITY NEWS ITEMS

Moffatdale Centenary Golf Day
9 Holes
3 Person ambrose
golfer and non-golfer

Date: 18th April 2015
Time: Shot Gun Start 1pm
Cost: $20.00 (5 am burger and drink kitchen festive)
Theme: Early 1900's
Price for best dressed team

Are you interested in First Aid Training? Courses available through Queensland Ambulance website
https://bookings.qld.gov.au/services/firstaid/
Next local course will be held at Taabinga State School 9th May (10am to 3pm)
All information, cost and booking details available online.

HONEY NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE
Donated by Denmar Apiaries (Kiem family)
All proceeds to P&C
$7.50 per 1 kg tub—please see Jenny in Office.
Congratulations to the 2015 P&C Committee 

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P & C NEWS
Next Meeting —Tuesday 7th May 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.

PAVERS—SCHOOL MEMORY WALK
If any families would like to purchase a paver, which will be added to the entry path, please fill in the order form attached to the newsletter (families Year 3 and under) and return to the school office by 30th April 2015. An order form will also be emailed with the newsletter. Feel free to also ask at the office for an order form—all families.

This is a great way to support your school and the children love seeing their names in the path (which will last a lifetime)!!

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 assist our volunteers by checking your order for accuracy and readability. Correct money would be appreciated as no change will be given. Thank you for your assistance with this.
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.

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