The last 2 weeks have been an extremely busy but satisfying at Wheatlands. One of the important elements of a great school is a culture that supports learning. This is the base of the pyramid which schools use to drive school improvement. Part of nurturing a great school culture is keeping students interested and engaged, making it fun to be at school each day, but also having a strong and unrelenting focus on learning. When I think back over the last 2 weeks I have some great images in my head:
• Students playing cooperatively on the new Activity Net.
• Teachers conducting Peer to Peer Observations.
• Student rehearsals and participation in the Josh Arnold "Beyond Barambah" project.
• Free dress day for the State of Origin.
• The number of parents that support our Friday parades, and….
• The looks on student faces as the school celebrates achievements on parade.

All of these initiatives keep smiles on student faces and engage them in the life of the school.

Thank you to our parent body for supporting us to deliver these wonderful projects, and to our staff team for making them a reality.

Prep 2016

We are requesting that younger siblings of all current students who are eligible for prep in 2016 collect and complete the enrolment forms and lodge them with the office as soon as possible. A reminder of the age rules for prep 2016: If you have a child born from 1 July 2010 – 30 June 2011 he/she is eligible for prep enrolment in 2016 at Wheatlands State School. Please see the office for more information.

There is now special provision for early entry for some students. Section 15 of the Education General Provisions Regulation 2006 allows early entry to the prep year for a child who:
EITHER
· will be at least 5 years and 5 months on 31 December in the proposed year of attendance at school (i.e. a child who turns 5 on or before 31 July),
AND
· is considered ready for education in the year of schooling considering the child’s attributes;

OR
· had started education in another State or country that is equivalent to the Prep Year; AND
· is considered ready for education in the year of schooling considering the child’s attributes.

In Semester 2, Wheatlands State School will start a before school reading support. If you hold a Blue Card or are prepared to get one and would like to volunteer your time in the mornings (8.15 - 9.00) at school to assist students with reading, sight words, alphabet work or catching up on homework please contact me at the school.

Our P&C Executive team is made up of an amazing group of volunteers who are parents just like you. They work hard and give their time to prepare our school for the new year and support our students and staff. We’d like to recognise these wonderful individuals and thank you for your support. Without their efforts, we could not operate our P&C. Often these members are called on to represent the parent body at school events and leave their work places to do so. Last Friday was Thankyou P & C Day – please take the time if you see any of our P&C members and parent volunteers around the school to say a thank you to them for volunteering their time.

Wheatlands School Annual Report now available online

Wheatlands State Schools annually publish meaningful information to parents about student and school performance by the 30th June each year. For the previous year. This document contains important information about our school’s journey in 2014. I am very proud of the work of our students and staff at Wheatlands State School and have pleasure in providing this report to you. The document can be accessed on the school website (www.wheatlands.eq.edu.au) or in a hard copy version at the office via request. If you have any queries, please contact me at the school.
The event will be held in the town hall in Murgon. Entry will be free and seats will be first in best dressed on the evening. Further details about the launch will be released in coming weeks. The production showcases all 9 schools in the Barambah Cluster. I look forward to seeing you all there.

The interschool cross country will be held at Cloyna State School on Friday the 19th of June. This will be a normal school day so it is expected that all students attend. Two buses have been booked to take students to the event. It is expected that if your child goes by bus to the event, they will also return on the bus in the afternoon. We will be using previous consent forms from parents for this occasion regarding use of bus or private transport. If you have any changes to your previous advice to us, please let Jenny in the office know.

This week’s year to date overall school attendance is sitting on 94.9%. This is a great effort keep it up everyone. At present our Prep -1 class is winning the race for the most number of days with 100% class attendance with 21 days.

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CONGRATULATIONS THIS FORTNIGHT TO THE PREP – 1 CLASS who just pipped the 4-6 class for the best class attendance for the year to date.

Yours in Education,

Daniel Bishop

Prep/One News

This week we have undertaken some assessments for reading and maths in preparation for reporting. We have also completed our lecturettes - ‘retells’ of a picture book. Oral language is an important part of the Prep/One program and it was great to see the improvements students are making in terms of posture, eye contact and voice levels when speaking in front of a familiar book. We have been looking at diagraphs - this week ‘sh’ sound. We made a painting and innovation of the story of ‘Pete the Cat - I love my white shoes’ and these are hanging up in our room.

In Maths we have reached the number 10 and have looked at 3-D shapes. We have also found a little time to have a few turns on the new climbing ‘spider’ in the playground.

Strive Words

Screamed- when someone yells loudly
Shivered- when your body shakes
Forage- if you look for food or other items
Squawked- loud noise made by a large bird
We took Mr Bishop down to the sandpit to ‘forage’ for plastic food items.

Awards

Week 6
Green Slips- Anna, Riley
Bookwork- Ethan

Week 7
Green Slips- Amber, Anna
Bookwork- Jett

Mrs Alex Brimblecombe
REMINDER: Lecturettes are due on TUESDAY 9th June. Please ensure your child is prepared. I’m looking forward to seeing what the students have come up with.

ENGLISH
Students have been working hard to complete their ‘What Am I?’ riddles based on a wild animal. We are currently recording notes in our Day Pad and some students have started typing their clues into a Word Document.
We completed some exciting STRIVE lessons this week. Our words were: Glared and Shrieked. Students enjoyed having a “glare off” and laughed at some peculiar animals that shriek like humans do.

MATH
Congratulations to all my students who completed their revision test on multiplication and division. Some very pleasing results.
Students will now begin lessons on patterns and algebra. We will begin with repeating patterns and move on to growing patterns.
Mr Bishop challenged our Year 2s this week. We started Times Table Challenges. (I’m sure you have heard about the excitement). Students were eager to prove that they can complete Level A in one week. I would like to congratulate Tamika, Erin and Miley for completing Level A. They will begin Level B on Tuesday. ALL Year 2 students have shown significant improvement in their challenge results, daily! Keep it up.

SCIENCE
This week, students modified our investigation by adding a variety of food choices and extra time given for our ants to take the bait. The results spoke for themselves as the ants happily feasted on the treats provided. We watched eagerly as they carried pieces into their homes.
Next week, students will complete the final part of our investigation. There are two parts. 1) Students will go on a nature walk and record the mini-beasts found in our school. Recording the name, description and habitat. 2) Students will complete a descriptive summary on one of the mini-beasts we have discovered.

MEDIA ARTS
Students have started rehearsing songs, dances, building models, writing recipes etc ready for their film project. Note: some students will require items from home for their performance. A letter can be found in Communication Books on Tuesday with further information and notes/items from your child detailing what they are doing and what they will need to bring to school.

Sarah Sullivan
Week 7 already! Term 2 has flown by!

As we head towards the end of Semester 2, the 4,5,6 students have been hard at work on their assessment pieces. In English, we have been creating our multi-modal feature articles on the computers. We are not only learning about writing… but also about different computer functions!

In math, students in years 5 and 6 are on their final unit of work for the Semester! We will be working on ‘Time’, a very real-life and relatable unit. As always, we are continuing on with our online Mathletics programs. Meanwhile, in History, we are still looking into the Ancient Past with a focus at the moment on the life of the Romans! They were very advanced for their time!

In Technology, we are just about to wrap up our designing stage… This means we are almost ready to build our models!

As the end of Term 2 approaches, all senior students are working hard to ensure they are meeting our rewards day criteria. Students will need to have all assessment completed as part of the criteria, one such assessment item will be presenting their lecturette next week.

Strive words: gratitude, tottering, plummet, determination.

Miss Amy Snow

Blue Dress Day for Asthma

Next Friday, the 12th of June, students will be invited to dress up in blue to raise funds and awareness for asthma.

Yes! I know what you’re thinking… Our school uniform is already blue. Well… change it up! While students are invited to wear their blue school pants/skirts, as well as either blue or black closed in shoes, we urge everyone to come in different blue clothing.

Those who participate in Blue Dress Day are asked to make a gold coin donation, which will be collected in class by student council representatives.
Hello from Year 3

Visual Art
We are really enjoying our new are project. We have juxtaposed an old masterpiece (Mona Lisa) with a modern art technique (Zentangles). They are looking glorious.

Lecturette
Palm Cards check date is next Tuesday. I hope there is lots of practicing happening! Remember that the persuasive speech needs to be 1 ½ minutes maximum. Focus on a shorter speech done well. The speeches will need to be vvvvveeeeeeerrrrryy convincing if I am to be persuaded that ‘There is no point in School’, ‘Kids don’t need homework’, ‘Cats are better dogs’ and other quite dubious topics.

Mathematics
We have now started our Patterns and Algebra Unit. Luckily for us the problem solving strategy we are working on is ‘Look for Patterns’. The discovery of patterns makes mathematical relationships more interesting and engaging for students. It unlocks many solutions to problems. Patterning is the step before Algebra.

STRIVE Words
ravenous – hungry enough to eat a horse
dubious – pretty sure something is going on
juxtaposition - putting things side by side to see the difference
jubilant – celebrating with joy and pride

Health and Wellbeing
Our friendship discussions have centred around being a valuable part of a group and sharing our friends. We agree that it is bossy to tell your friends who they can and can’t play with.

Green Slip – Tyson Christensen, Rory Scott, Lacy Lee, Sean Monk
Bookwork Award – Darcy Mitchell, Clair Anderson

Cheers
Libby

We seem to be acquiring a higher than usual proportion of “collectable or special edition” coins in our Icy Cup Sales cash lately. If your family collects these special coins, may we suggest you check your “stash” at home and make sure you are not missing some coins? Any enquiries to Daniel or Libby please.

ICY CUPS $1
Sarsparilla, Orange,
Raspberry, Lime

Wheatlands State School now LIVE on Facebook
www.facebook.com/wheatlandsstateschool
By now all families should have received their photo orders from MSP Photography.

We trust you are all as happy with the end product as we are.

There is an additional photo available for sale for a limited time only.

A “whole school” photo is available for $20.00. Please see Jenny in the office for an order form if you are interested. Orders close 24th June 2015.

ACCOUNTS OUTSTANDING—STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME

Any families who received a statement recently for outstanding accounts owing to the school, please remember to make payment in full by 19th June. If you have any difficulty making this payment please speak with Daniel or Jenny in the office. Thank you for your co-operation.
Holiday Clinics

GAYNDAH
VENUE: Gayndah Sports Ground
DATE: Thursday, 2nd July 2015
TIME: 9am-12pm

KINGAROY
VENUE: T.J. O'Neill Oval
DATE: Friday, 3rd July 2015
TIME: 9am-12pm

COST: $80 per clinic including backpack, football, kicking tee, pump and water bottle.

REGISTER: www.playnrl.com/programs

Free Childcare

New Childcare Centre
Now Open in Murgon
Monday to Friday 6:30am to 6:00pm.

Kindergarten Program 5 days a week with a Bachelor Qualified Teacher

88 Palmer Street East, Murgon QLD 4605

Offering care in a home like environment for children 15 months to 5 years.

Enrol Now: 07 4168 3907

Enrol now and receive first week free! - Valid until 30 June 2015

BLUE LIGHT DISCO

19TH JUNE 2015

SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN 6 YEARS TO 14 YEARS ONLY

Cost: $5.00 includes a Sausage Sizzle

TIME: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Children will not be a loud to leave the premises unless accompanied by an adult.
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! Another $640 received this week. Donations to-date total—$1719

KEEP RECYCLING!

P & C NEWS

Next Meeting — Tuesday 16th June at 6.30 pm.
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

We still have 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.

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.

Dates to Remember

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