The term has almost come to an end and I’m pleased to report that the school is progressing well with its improvement agenda. At the start of the year I highlighted through the school Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) 4 key areas for improvement. These are:

- Implement a school wide writing program with a focus on pedagogy and feedback.
- Implement a school wide vocabulary program to enhance reading and oral language skills.
- Focus on data management practices by enhancing student tracking, item level analyses and short-cycle procedures.
- Continue to improve differentiation and adjustments, focusing on upper two bands, students requiring support and students with disabilities.

We will continue to progress with these agendas in Semester 2 as well as reviewing and refining other aspects of school operation.

The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted between 29 June and 31 July 2015. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey will be sent home with students in week 1 of Term 3.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school, and school computers will be available upon request if you do not have access at home. Survey queries or questions can be directed to Daniel or Jenny. I strongly encourage all parents to take this opportunity to provide feedback to the school.

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call School Watch on 13 17 88 and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. Keep the number handy and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

Report cards will be issued to all students as well as any subject specific certificates on Friday 26/6/2015. In keeping with our tradition we will hold a community parade on the last day of school starting at 2.00pm in the bottom classroom.

Our winter vacation commences on Friday 26/6/15 at 3.00pm and we break for two weeks, returning to school on Monday 13/7/15. All students and parents are asked to keep our attendance goals in mind in the lead up to holidays. It is ‘school as usual’ at Wheatlands SS every day until holidays.

Our students in year 3-6 will head to the Barambah Environmental Education Centre on Monday for a fun filled day of leadership. The BEEC is covering all costs for the day depart from and return back to Wheatlands during normal school hours.

School attendance currently sits at 95% this is a fantastic effort and an improvement on 2014 end of Semester 1 when attendance was at 93.9%.

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Congratulations to the Prep -1 class who have amassed a total of 25 days this term with 100% attendance. This class will be treated to an ice cream in the last week of school.

Yours in Education,

**Daniel Bishop**
What a long way we have come over the term! All students now follow the routines and transitions in the classroom, with little prompting required. It is always interesting to watch the students let visitors and relief staff coming to our room know what the expectations are. Homework completion rate by Year 1 students in Term 2 has been particularly pleasing - now we have to work on ensuring tasks are completed neatly and in pencil. Our attendance this term has been very good, especially considering that Term 2 is often marked by illnesses and such. Looks like the ice-cream reward at the end of this term will go to Prep/One - none of the other classes will catch us now!

In the Prep cohort most students know all their letters and are developing a bank of sight words that can be used in reading and writing activities. In Maths most students know the numbers to ten. We are working on writing the numbers daily to improve number formation and bring these to automaticity. We are looking at doing something similar for letter writing. It is great to see so many Preps writing their full name on their work.

The Year Ones who attend spelling and maths groups in Miss Sullivan’s room have impressed with their increasing independence to organise their equipment and transition between work areas.

We are looking forward to encouraging and monitoring the continued growth of each student over the then Semester - academically, physically and socially.

Mrs Alex Brimblecombe
Education and learning are one of the most important ingredients to becoming all that you can be. How open you are to learning will help determine your child’s path in life.

Education does not just happen at school. It is not just about English, Math and Key Learning Areas. Your child’s education and learning are happening all the time.

Education is not just about learning facts, but more so about learning how to think. It is learning to make good choices. It is learning to solve problems. It is learning to act and react with purpose.

This Semester, I have personally witnessed my students developing skills for becoming lifelong learners. They may have found this Semester difficult, challenging and even frustrating at times, but looking back at all we have achieved, I hope they smile and acknowledge the subjects they enjoyed most, the personal targets they met, the social and academic skills gained and the laughs we have shared together.

Celebrating Success of the Year 1 and 2 Students:

**Radical Reading Rangers:**
- Jayde
- Harley
- Tara
- Erin

**Talented Times Table Tycoons:**
- Miley
- Peter

**Miracle Math Masterminds:**
- Ruby
- Tamika
- Hannah
- Ryan

**Expert Editing Enthusiasts:**
- Shea
- Mia

**Humble History Heroes:**
- Stevie
- Amber M

**Lecturette Lords and Ladies:**
- Natalie
- Leo

**Super Scientific Specialists:**
- Amber W
- Pixie
- Hayden
- Miranda

**Arts and Acting Apostles:**
- Shaelee
- Jessica
- Xavier
What makes Stonehenge so interesting

- One of the things that makes Stonehenge so interesting is that they used big, strong animals to lift the stones on high until the people had to drop the stones from above. It also took the clever thinking of all the people to make it happen.

Year 1/2 Lectureettes
It's almost time for holidays again! The time has just flown by! As Semester One comes to a close, we have wrapped up all of our assessment across the learning areas.

In English we have spent the term exploring the effects of media on an audience, with a specific focus on feature articles. We explored types of language, such as objective and subjective language; we looked again at the structure of writing and paragraphs and we looked at the specific layout of feature articles – using both online articles and newspapers. The 4,5,6 students created their own feature article from a template in Microsoft Word. They used online resources to research information and used digital editing tools. Our job now, is to review and reinforce our learning. As part of this process we are creating articles about our new spider web!

We have moved through many different units in Mathematics this Term. These units of work have included: ‘Addition and Subtraction’, ‘Multiplication and Division’, ‘Patterns and Algebra’, ‘Chance and Probability’, ‘Whole Number’ and we are currently completing ‘Time’. Students in Year 4,5,6 have had the opportunity to work in small specialised groups with the teacher, work independently on Mathletics and work independently, or with peers on unit specific workbooks. We have also managed to fit in a few games, including a chance and probability dice game, SKUNK, which was a hit! (ask a 5 or 6 student about this)

In Term Two, students in Years 4,5,6 participated in a Technology unit which saw students re-inventing camping equipment to meet specific needs. We ended up with pocket knives which have knives and forks, tents with a mattress in the floor, tents with clothes lines in the ceiling, heated sleeping bags and the list goes on!

The 4,5,6 students also explored Ancient History this term. We learned that history can be contestable, because it is based around artefacts that may be interpreted differently. We explored dating techniques, such as Carbon-14 dating and we delved into the jobs of archaeologists and historians. We also looked at the migration of people and touched on some ancient civilisations. To reinforce our learning, we are currently creating paper-mosaics, after studying the mosaics that decorated much of Ancient Rome.

STRIVE! A new program to Wheatlands this year and a great success in 4,5,6! We are using a broader vocabulary not only when we converse, but also in our writing! I urge everyone to continue using this language over the break and into the future. We will be starting a new Strive Dictionary with new words in Semester Two, however, we will still be reviewing our Semester One words throughout the rest of the year to ensure they are not forgotten.

We have been on a learning journey this semester. Students transitioned into the senior class, Miss Snow transitioned into Wheatlands and we had lots of fun along the way!

We are now looking forward to exciting end of term activities, such as our Barambah Environmental Centre trip, and of course our rewards day trip to see the Minions movie!!

Thank-you all for a great Semester!

Miss Amy Snow
Hello from Year 3

Visual Art  Our zentangles are mostly finished. Our next piece of art to study is ‘Scream’ by Edward Munch. After looking closely at some scared faces we will create our own version of Scream.

Lecturettes  Lecturettes will be presented next week. Some keen students have asked to go early and we have enjoyed listening to them this week. I am very proud to say most children met check dates and have clearly been rehearsing their speech.

Mathematics  We have completed our Patterns and Algebra assessment this week. We will be reviewing Number and Operations for the remainder of the term. Next Semester we start with Fractions. If you are doing any baking on the holidays, please use the opportunity to talk with your child about halves and quarters.

Health and Wellbeing
We have discussed private and public parts of our body. We agree that if we would cover it with togs when swimming then it is a private part of our body. This means that we don’t allow other people to see or touch the private parts of our body and we need to make sure we don’t touch the private parts of other people’s bodies.

7 Steps
We are really enjoying the new activity in 7 Steps called Random Inspirations. We have to compose a sizzling start using three random words drawn from a set of cards. We are focussed on including Actions, Onomatopoeia and Humour to catch the reader’s attention. Next week we will be choose from our brainstorming for ‘Clap and Cheer’.

Science for Term 3
Our next unit will be called ‘Beneath Our Feet’; soils, rocks and landscapes and how they change over time. Keep a look out for the soil and rock collection project note next week.

Term Roundup
As this is our last newsletter for the term we have decided to report on our highlights for the year so far. All of the below responses come second to the arrival of the Spider Web.

Charlie – My persuasive Speech, I was awesome; Clair getting to the top of the spider web; Cooper long jump with Miss Goschnick; Dallas drums in music; Darcy not my broken arm that’s for sure Dustin getting my first green slip for the year; Ethan playing basketball; Jorgia B Glow in the dark disco; Jorja F Glow in the dark disco; Eliana having my mum as my teacher; Mr Halse times table challenge, I love Maths; Julia not getting any red squares on my homework; Lacy finally passing G on times table challenge; Logan zentangles; Matthew getting 50 every day in a week for times table challenge; Noah making the Roly Poly Bird; River zentangles in art; Rory finishing my first lap of times table challenge; Ryder playing basketball; Sean gang up tiggy; Ty All drawing; Tyson basketball; Will playing tiggy; Matilda glow in the dark disco

STRIVE Words
clarify – check to see if I understood the instructions
exaggerate – How big was the fish really?

Cheers
Libby

ICY CUPS $1
Sarsparilla, Orange,
Raspberry, Lime

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.
WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO—Don’t miss out—closing soon

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. (Or get together with another family and order 2 or more copies for a 25% discount on this price—must be ordered online.) 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.

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

Important Notes:
This does not work on our mobile site yet. Australian and New Zealand properties only at this time.

Sale!
Buy In Bulk & Save!!!
Mugs $8 each!
Glasses $8 each!
Waterbottles $4 each!
Pens, Bags & Magnets $3 each!

Bulk memorabilia on sale now!!!
Available at the office...
Great keepsakes for your children!!!
**P & C NEWS**

Next Meeting — Tuesday 21st July 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.

**REMEMBER—NO TUCKSHOP TOMORROW FRIDAY 19th JUNE OR NEXT WEEK FRIDAY 26th JUNE**

**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.

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**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!

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