Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 3. We congratulate Dan Bishop on his appointment to Murgon State School for the remainder of 2015. We also welcome Miss Leisa Patrick who is teaching in the Year 3 classroom while I am Acting Principal. Our school community can be assured that it is “Business as usual”. We are proud of the programs we offer to improve student learning and are committed to ensuring that every student is achieving every day.

Annual Improvement Plan

Part of our Annual Improvement Plan prioritises the introduction of a whole school writing program. We are encouraged by the success of the 7 Steps writing program and Miss Sullivan will be attending further professional development in the program this semester. In her role as coach she will lead our staff in the implementation of strategies to improve writing.

Our students have also shown improvement with fluency and expression when reading aloud. Our focus in Reading Groups this term will be comprehension, decoding and fluency. Please encourage your child to read widely. Reading books borrowed from the library, books from home, newspapers, recipes and even junk mail are all valuable ways to help your child improve their skills and confidence in reading.

Three Way Meets

Parents will be invited to meet with teachers in Week 9 and 10 of this term. The purpose of these interviews is to discuss standardised testing results, progress in class and inform planning for the remainder of the year.

Parking

Due to insurance issues, our new neighbours are unable to permit public parking in the paddock adjacent to the school. It is important for the safety of all of our children that parents are cautious and follow signage. Parking is available in the area in front of the school residence. The school is working with Facilities Services and the South Burnett Council to investigate alternate solutions.

Barambah Small Schools Athletics Carnival

The annual athletics carnival will be held at Moffatdale State School next Friday the 24th of July. Buses have been booked to transport children to and from Moffatdale School. Parents are welcome to transport their own children and attend the carnival. Buses will depart at 8:45am and return in time for the school bus run in the afternoon. Please read the attached program for a guide to the timing of the events. Children who are eligible and wish to participate in the 800m are reminded that as these events start at 8:30am, the bus from school will not arrive in time and private transport will be required.

Please indicate your travel arrangements on the attached form and return to school on Monday.

Libby Meikle
Acting Principal

2015 SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY – REMINDER

The School Opinion Survey is undertaken each year by the Department of Education and Training, State Schools Division to obtain opinion information from parents/caregivers, students and school staff. The survey will help our school to find out what we are doing well, and how we can improve.

All families have the opportunity to complete the Parent/Caregiver Survey this year, and your individual survey access details were sent home with your oldest child earlier this week. The survey is anonymous, and the results are not reported in ways that an individual’s response can be identified by the school.

The online survey will remain open until 31st July only. Parents/Caregivers are encouraged to complete the survey online, and to facilitate this, school computers will be available on request for any families who wish to take advantage of this. Please enquire at the office to arrange a suitable time.

If you have any questions, or if you have not received survey information this week already, please speak to Libby or Jenny.

Thank you for your co-operation and continued support.
Prep/One News

This week we slipped straight back into our class routines. In English we began an introduction to rhyming words. We read “Have You Ever Seen A Sneep?” and then we created our own unique monster characters with rhyming names using a learning object on the Interactive Whiteboard. You can see these ‘monsters’ at the doorway of our classroom. We have moved into exploring CVC word families, this week we created the ‘-at’ family. In phonics we looked at the Jolly Phonics sound ‘ee/oo’ and we are making a donkey to remind us of the action for this sound.

This week we also began our Geography unit about places and spaces- we learnt that geography is learning about places.

Green Slips- Connor and Ruby

Bookwork Award- Shaun

Mrs Alex Brimblecombe

4,5,6 News

Welcome back! Here we are in Semester Two, and it’s already looking like a busy one.

This term, we will be studying the My Place book and TV series, to explore personal recounts of different times in Australia. In this unit, students will be learning how to convey a particular context in a text, by using language features to influence the audience’s understanding of time and place.

Now that we have moved into a new Semester, we will be studying Geography (instead of History). We will be focusing on the inquiry question: How do places, people and cultures differ across the world? We will particularly focus on major countries in Asia; visiting them on Google Earth. Students will explore the economic, demographic and social characteristics between countries.

We continue our Mathematics journey this term through the Mathletics program. To begin, students in Years 5 and 6 will be working through a Fractions, Decimals and Percentages unit.

This term, the 4,5,6 students will also participate in Art, focusing on Media Arts. We will look at how different types of media influence people through artworks.

As we are all aware, Mrs Libby Meikle has taken over the role of Acting Principal. For the 4,5,6 class, this means that Mrs Meikle will be teaching on a Monday and Tuesday, while Miss Snow takes Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

STRIVE: Cunning and Gruesome (words from our class novel, “Sharp Sheep”)
Welcome back for Term 3! First I would like to introduce myself, Miss Leisa Patrick. I am very excited to be at Wheatlands for the next few weeks, and I look forward to continuing to get to know all the year 3’s.

We have launched straight into learning this term, starting with our English unit. We have started reading “Matty Forever” by Elizabeth Fensham, an Australian author. Students will be completing a reading log while we read so we can learn all about the characters in the novel. Our STRIVE words for this week were contradict and directed.

In Maths we are learning about angles, 2D and 3D shapes, and how to describe the position of objects and give directions. This week we have learnt about right angles and started discussing 2D shapes.

Science has us looking beneath our feet at rocks and soil. We are also studying how landscape changes over time. This week we studied rocks and soil from Kingaroy, and described the features of these in our Science journals. Next week we will compare this with soil and rocks from around the school.

We have started Geography this term. We are learning about places, both in Australia and in neighbouring countries. We are looking at the location of Australia and its neighbours and the different climates. Students will also be reading and labelling maps to help them understand the location of places in Australia and the rest of the world.

I would also like to mention that the students are very excited about our short Technology unit. We are learning to build a strong and sturdy bridge to go in the bushland area. We will be building our bridges using a limited range of materials, such as straws and sticky tape. This week, students were inspired by a range of bridge designs and are eager to get started.

**Green slips for this week: Dustin and Jorja.**

**Bookwork award: Matilda.**

I am looking forward to working with the year 3’s and the rest of the staff at Wheatlands.

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**Miss Leisa Patrick**
The photos included this week were inspired by the Josh Arnold, “Small Town Culture” film 😊

**ENGLISH**
Students will complete the “Exploring Informative Texts” unit this term. In this unit, students read, view and listen to a range of stories to create an informative text about an event in a literary text. Students will complete a reading comprehension assessment - comparing informative and narrative texts. Students will also write a response focusing on literal and inferential meaning from a selected text.

This week, we have started looking at our assessments and discussed what we aim to achieve. We completed Handwriting, Reading and Grammar Conventions workbooks this week. In Seven Steps to Writing Success, we will start looking at Step 3: Tightening Tension. We will look at how the 5 senses will assist us in writing convincingly, making the reader feel they are actually there.

Our STRIVE word for this week was: Probability.

**MATH**
Students will begin by learning about “Chance and Data”. This will include the outcome of events and graphing data using picture and bar graphs. After completion, we will begin “Measurement”.

This week, we started our new Chance and Data Mathletics workbooks. Students were able to revise the basic terminology used for chance and probability. Next week, students will complete a number of hands on activities involving probability and record their data in tables.

**SCIENCE**
This Term, students will be completing the unit of work, “Up, Down and All Around!” It will provide opportunities for students to study the relationships between the Sun, Earth and Moon and how we experience day and night on Earth. Students will understand directions in terms of North, South, East and West, how time is based on the apparent movement of the Sun across the sky and how time can be determined using a sundial. This week, we began exploring our universe. We discovered interesting facts about our moon, the sun and planets. Next week, we will discover our place in space and brainstorm ideas about day and night.

**GEOGRAPHY**
To start off our Geography unit, we will be completing “How do people use places?” In this unit, students will investigate how can spaces within a place be rearranged to suit different purposes.

This week, we started to explore that a place can be natural or constructed. Next week, we will sort places into these two categories and discuss our reasoning.

**ART**
This Term, students will study the art of watercolour. The overall goal of this unit of work session is to introduce the principles and activity of painting to students. This introduction will be implemented through a series of activities that include exposure to paintings as well as basic history of the painters Henri Matisse, Claude Monet, Henri Rousseau and Vincent Van Gogh; classroom painting activities that support the influences of these painters; stories; visual aids; introduction to painting materials and tools. Our paintings will also include some “space inspired” topics.

**HIGH EXPECTATIONS HANDWRITING AWARD**
Week 1 – Natalie

**GREEN SLIPS**
Week 1 – Shaelee, Amber M, Amber W.

**READING AWARDS**
Week 9/10 Term 2 & Week 1 Term 3
- 75 Nights of Reading: Shaelee, Amber W, Miley.
- 100 Nights of Reading: Tamika, Tara, Ruby A, Amber W.
- 125 Nights of Reading: Natalie, Jessica, Leo.
- 150 Nights of Reading: Shea, Amber M, Ryan.

Miss Sarah Sullivan
****** Winter Raffle ******

Please support the following businesses who generously donated prizes to our P&C’s Winter Raffle

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Carissa Beddows
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Phone 0488 024 582
WANTED—DONATIONS OF MULCH HAY FOR OUR GARDENS
If you can help with this, please let Libby know. Thank you.

LETS ALL GET INVOLVED – WOOLWORTHS EARN- N- LEARN

Its here again ‘Woolworths Earn and Learn” between Wednesday 15th July and Tuesday 18th September. Please encourage friends and family to support our school by putting their stickers in our box when shopping at Woolworths. There are plenty of educational resources the school can purchase through the scheme so lets all get involved. The box is located near the service desk at Woolworths. Happy shopping.

Many thanks – Julieanne Porter

ICY CUPS $1
Sarsparilla, Orange, Raspberry, Lime
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 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.

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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Generous Rebates Available Caring Qualified Staff
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Wondai Community Kindergarten

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