As week 10 draws to a close staff and students are working overtime completing assessment tasks. I would like to publicly thank all staff members for their efforts this Semester. Everyone has put in 100% and student achievement and success is evident.

We have finished the Semester with an average attendance of 95.7%. Although slightly lower than the previous entry into the school newsletter, it is still significantly above the state average. All families need to be commended on their commitment to the “every day counts” philosophy campaigned by our school and the State Government.

Congratulations to the Year 3 class with an average attendance of 98.1% for the Semester, a tremendous effort. When we look at the gender data for the Semester the girls have nabbed the boys. Girls have had an average attendance of 96.1% and boys 95.4%, let’s see if the boys can outdo the girls in Semester 2.

I have received correspondence through the week from my Assistant Regional Director that the School Enrolment Management Plan is in at Central Office in Brisbane and has been approved. Once available, full documentation regarding the implications from the EMP for future enrolments will be posted on the school website.

I hope everyone has a safe and re-energising winter break and I look forward to seeing you all for Semester 2.

Yours in learning

Daniel Bishop

FOR TENDER—Second hand carpet/pieces displayed under Admin building. Items offered in as is where is condition. Please note that the highest offer not necessarily accepted. Please forward written tenders to Daniel by Friday 21st June 2013.

Barambah Small Schools Cluster Athletics Carnival—26th July 2013

The Cluster Athletics Carnival will be held at Moffatdale State School in Term 3. Please note that private transport arrangements will be required for your student/s to attend. There will be no bus available. More information regarding tuckshop etc for the day will be available closer to the date.

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**News from the Big People**

We are wrapping up a busy term in the senior class. Our lecturettes on famous Australians in history were well done last week. After chasing a few stragglers all our history newspaper reports have been handed to Mr Bishop. We have finished our multimodal persuasive texts in English and tidied up missing entries in our Friday tests.

As term 3 quickly approaches, some of the topics to look forward to include, Poetry, Songs of Social Comment, Ancient Civilisations, Gory diseases, the human body, Geometry and Fractions. Let’s hope we have all students completing their homework and having it signed as well as meeting check dates for assessment tasks so that we have all of our class eligible for rewards!

Libby Meikle

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**3-4 News**

Well, I would like to say congratulations to all the year 3 and 4 students for their hard work, positive attitude and effort this term. With only one week left to go, they have officially completed all of their assessment pieces for the semester.

In English, we have completed our unit on persuasive writing. Last Friday we handed in our persuasive articles on the topic of “Wheatlands is the best school” and they were very convincing. Some of the reasons why Wheatlands is the best included the great teachers, friendly students, excellent school rules, great subjects including P>E. and Music, the wildlife, and the safe environment. Many students also designed a poster to advertise Wheatlands. These included the school rules, emblem, and our school motto, “Education for a better future.”

In Maths, we are working on the topic of patterns. We began by looking at repeating patterns including shape, colour, and number patterns. This week we are focusing on growing patterns. We have learnt that patterns have rules which can be followed to work out the next term. We have also been working away at our speed times tables. Every student has passed the first level which focuses on 0-2 times tables. I encourage students to use their Mathletics accounts over the holidays and at home as they will continue to earn points and can achieve a certificate on a weekly basis if they receive 1000 participation points. If you would like your child’s username and password please write a note in their communication book.

In Science, we have completed our unit, “Beneath our Feet.” We finished our Mystery Maps which showed how erosion, weathering, and human activity affect the land over time. We presented our map to the class and explained what had happened to the land on our map. There were a lot of floods, wind, and rain which caused many changes to the landscape.

In History, we have completed all three of our assessment pieces. Our final assessment involved writing a historical narrative about a celebration or commemoration that we have attended. We wrote about birthdays, Christmas, Easter, Australia Day, ANZAC day and Christenings.

In Art, we are working on creating symmetrical images. On Thursday, we began drawing half our face. We cut a photograph of ourselves in half and are using our knowledge of symmetry to draw all the details on our other side.

I would like to congratulate Samantha Hetherington for being our student of the week in Week 9.

Erin Hubbard

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**Prep/One News**

This week we are looking at the letter Jj and continuing with guided reading and sight words. In maths we are revising the numbers to 10 and learning further about days of the week. We are looking forward to our rewards trip to Kingaroy on Thursday, hopefully the weather will not be too cold!

Last week the green slip recipients were Zac Kennedy and Ethan Clegg for improved handwriting. Our book work award winner for neat writing in journal writing was Hannahollenhauer.

Please ensure your child brings a waterbottle to school every day as it is important to stay hydrated, even in cold weather.

Thanks.

Alex Brimblecombe
Assessments

It has been a very busy time for all students in our class. We have completed History, Science, Maths, Reading, Spelling and Dictation Tests and have been completed English, Technology and lecturette assessments.

All students have shown progress and parents should be pleased with their results. Please check your Communication Books this week as I will be attaching copies of your child/ren’s results.

Lecturettes

I would like to congratulate all students who completing their lecturettes on Tuesday and Wednesday. A lot of effort went into posters and considering this was our first official lecturette for the year – ALL students spoke well in front of their peers.

Rewards Day ☺

Our Rewards Day will be on Thursday 20th June 2013. Please remember to pack your child/ren snacks for the day, hat and drink bottle. We are looking forward to our day out and fingers crossed for good weather!! ☺

Reading Awards

Week 8 - Students awarded their 75 night’s certificate: Matthew Kunde, Darcy Mitchell, Clair Anderson, Ryder Brown and Tyson Christen. Congratulations Wilson Iszlaub, Kyle Sempf, River Cook and Lawson Schloss for reaching 100 nights of reading ☺

Week 9 – Congratulations to Madison Bishop for reading 75 nights. The only student who was awarded her 100 night’s certificate today: Mikayla Ward ☺ Dustin Ramke is flying ahead – he has read 125 nights in total – Brilliant!! ☺

High Expectations Handwriting Award

Week 8 – Matthew Kunde

Week 9 – I have two this week – YES I have broken the rules – Most Improved Mikayla Ward and Rory Scott for both writing their English Assignment out beautifully.

Green Slips

Week 8 – William Porter, Rory Scott and Kai Allan.

Week 9 – Rory Scott, Jorgia Brown

Sight Words

Week 8 – I would like to congratulate William Porter for completing his Aqua Words, Darcy Mitchell who has completed his Purple Words, Ryder Brown for completing his Indigo Words, Sean Monk who has completed all his Pink Words and Clair Anderson for completing both her Violet Words and received her 100 Words Certificate today!! ☺

*** Just a reminder --- when your child is in grade 1 or 2 – they will need to know their words 3 weeks IN A ROW before they gain each certificate ***

Miss Sarah Sullivan.
P&C TUCKSHOP

Please note revised menu attached.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

If you still have any Woolworths Earn and Learn points stickers or sheets at home, please drop them into the collection box in the foyer of the Admin Building by the end of this week. Thank you.

New QSchool app

You can now download the QSchools app and subscribe to receive the latest news from our school on your smart phone or tablet. QSchools is free and available from the iTunes store and Google Play.

Talking to your child about sexuality and self-protection

“Where do I start?”

Wednesday 19th June 2013

Children are wonderfully curious and naturally want to learn all about the world around them. While most adults are comfortable answering questions about animals or dinosaurs, when it comes to questions about sexuality, many grownups find these conversations a little harder to have. Whether you are a parent or carer, you are bound to come across behaviours and questions about sexuality from your young children. It is these questions and behaviours that give you an opportunity to respond in a way that supports your child’s healthy and safe sexual development.

In this session Robyn Kavanagh, from FPQ’s Toowoomba office, will help you

- Understand childhood sexual development
- Answer those awkward questions
- Find ways to support healthy sexual development

Kingaroy 9-11 am
The Library—Kingaroy State School

Murgon 1-3 pm
The Community Room—Murgon State School

To register, please contact:
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