School improvement focus:
Numeracy, Problem Solving and Writing. Increasing Teacher capability – Curriculum and differentiation.

With the end of this week it sees us half way through term 2 already! Hasn’t time flown? Our little school is always a hive of activity and this term has been no different! It is always so rewarding to walk through our school and see our students participating in so many rich and varied learning activities – it is one of the things that makes our school such a great school!

In my wanderings around the school this week, I have seen an amazing science experiment in the prep room involving the three little pigs, a mind blowing writing session in the 1/2/3/4 class with extensive use of high level vocab, some fantastic mental computations work in the 3/4/5 room and the 5/6 class have busy making models of migrants as part of their history unit on the contributions of immigrants to Australian society. Isn’t it wonderful to see what a diverse range of learning experiences our students are engaged in every day at WBSS?

I was overwhelmed to return to school and visit the reading club this week to find not only staff and students reading, but also mums and dads, grandmas and siblings sharing in the joy of reading. I am so very proud of the efforts of everyone involved in the reading club and thank you all for helping us to build another initiative to be proud of!

I also learnt that our Community Garden had its first successful harvest with some zucchinis picked from the garden and then used in our school tuckshop – how exciting! We thank everyone for their contribution to the community garden and encourage everyone to come along to the working bee this Saturday at 8:30am. The student leaders also organised a fantastic sports afternoon last week and all of the students have been super excited to tell me all about the great fun they had – well done leaders.

I have also heard great things about a huge attendance at our most recent P & C meeting – thank you to our awesome P & C who always do such a great job of supporting the hard work our school does. It is very exciting to have new faces and new ideas on board and we look forward to working with the P & C to continue making WBSS the best that it can be.

I would also like to thank everyone for their well wishes after I sustained my injury, it has certainly made me feel very special. I want to thank the staff of the school for their tireless efforts to keep the school running with as little disruption as possible whilst I was away – it is very much appreciated!

Best of luck to Lahni, Jesse F, Seth and Ryan in their Peninsula trials – we know you will do us proud!
Student of the Week

PREP - Alvie for his handwriting
Maya K for applying what we learned in consolidations
1/2/3/4 – Jake H for an excellent effort in reading groups
3/4/5 – Jake L for his happy, positive attitude every day
Michael for always working hard to improve his writing
5/6 – Cooper for great work in decimals
Alikai for good leadership skills during the Fun Sports Day.

Congratulations to this week’s Student of the Week winners!

Congratulations and Well done! This week’s sight word winners 😊

Scholastic Bookfair is coming in Week 7!!! From Tuesday to Friday with a great collection of books, posters and stationery for sale. More details in next week’s newsletter 😊

Wishing Lahni, Seth, Ryan G and Jesse F the best of luck at the upcoming Peninsula Trials in Cairns!

Congratulations to Jack and Kayla – Bluecard winners 😊
Fun Sports Day – last Friday afternoon!
A big shout out to all the parents, Wonga Beach SS staff, and community members who donated items for our Mother's Day stall, your contributions made the stall a success.

Junction café, Post Office, Bartolo’s, Prices Plus, Yum Yum’s, Goodies, Beechwoods, Temptations, Priscilla from MPDT, Newsagents, GBR Helicopters, Cathy from Serendipity, Anich’s, Daintree Store, Sara Jayne photography, Belinda Davenport, Tony Cox all kindly made donations and we appreciate the community spirit and support for our school. Not to mention all the donations from staff and parents!!!

We raised a total of $705 from the stall and $545 from the raffle to go towards classroom resources for the lower school.

We hope all our lovely mothers out there had a wonderful, well deserved day of love and pampering.

Congratulations to our Raffle winners:
- Sandra Burcombe
- Dawn Whyte
- V Mailman
- Clint Reynolds
- Trish @ Redmill house
- Andrew Corne
- Lillianne Collins
Dear Wonga Beach State School Students,

Splash! The plastic plunged into the drain. Plastic is a danger to our marine environment because it takes hundreds of years to break down. Did you also know that 3.5 million pieces of rubbish wash into our seas each day?

Firstly, animals can become endangered if they choke or become tangled in floating pieces of rubbish. Marine animals such as turtles, whales, ray, sea birds and seals are mostly affected by marine plastic. This is why it is vital to put your rubbish in the bin and not let it travel down storm water drains.

Last of all, micro plastics are small pieces of plastics that have broken down into tiny pieces that are not biodegradable. If animals eat this plastic they may start to feel sick, become injured or die.

In conclusion you must definitely put your rubbish in the bin.

From, Joel H

17th May 2017

Dear WBBS Students,

“AAAAAAAAA”the unintelligent turtle was choking on a plastic bag. It was dying! This can’t go on ...

... put your rubbish in the BIN. This purpose of this letter is to persuade you to pick up your rubbish.

To begin with, rubbish hurts marine life such as turtles and could be fatal to these animals! Turtles could die because they think a plastic bag is a jellyfish. You must pick your rubbish up because 6.5 million tons of rubbish enters the ocean and sea each year! Fish, sharks, turtles and many types of other fish die each year because of your mistakes.

Secondly, there’s a place called the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. It holds the record for the most plastic and litter. Did you know the Great Pacific Garbage Patch is now as big as New South Wales? On average 3.5 million pieces of rubbish enter our ocean each day! It is necessary that you pick up your rubbish!

Last of all, plastic takes hundreds of years to break down so it will be ages before it leaves our marine ecosystem. In summary it is vital that you pick your rubbish up!

R.Hawking
17th May 2017

Dear, WBSS

‘Yummy!’ Thought the little green sea turtle as he swam towards the plastic bag that was floating around like a jelly fish. Suddenly he was gasping for air! I am writing you this letter to persuade you to put your rubbish in the bin so that we can save our marine life.

Firstly, plastic is a hazard to our marine life. 3.5 million pieces of plastic enters our water ways every day. One single plastic bag can take hundreds of years to break down. This is why you must put your rubbish in the bin!

Next, the Great Pacific Garbage Patch in the Pacific Ocean is as big as New South Wales. This is where most of the rubbish gets washed to by the ocean currents.

Finally, plastic is biodegradable which means it can break down into tiny little pieces but it can still affect animals such as turtles, sharks, dolphins, rays and whales. It is a fact that 6.5 million tonnes of rubbish enters our seas every year.

In summary, we all need to pick up plastic bags and rubbish to save our marine life.

D. Reynolds.

17th May 2017

Dear Wonga Beach State School Students,

I am writing this letter to persuade you to put your rubbish in the bin so that marine life such as rays, turtles and sharks and do not eat plastic.

First of all, you must definitely put your rubbish in the bin because it will travel down the storm water drains and out to sea. Did you know plastic takes hundreds of years to break down? 6.5 million tonnes of rubbish enters our ocean each year and it will kill our marine animals. You must absolutely put your rubbish in the bin because the turtles might think it is a jelly fish and eat the plastic bags.

From, Michael B