School Banking Winners—
Jayden Monk, Jordan Louis & Hannah Rosenthal

PAULS COLLECT-A-CAP promotion continues in 2012. Reminder to bring all specially marked caps off your Pauls Milk cartons to the school, as every cap is worth 10cents redeemed by Pauls.

I would like to start the last newsletter for the term, by acknowledging the fantastic work the committed staff at Wheatlands SS have undertaken implementing the Australian Curriculum. The initial implementation process has been quite demanding and time consuming and to their credit our staff have handled it with a high level of professionalism and enthusiasm – great work ladies.

I spent Wednesday and Thursday this week at a Professional Development course in Toowoomba called “The Symphony of Teaching and Learning”. The course was one of the best I have attended in the field of teacher pedagogy and digital learning. I look forward to sharing this knowledge with the rest of our staff as we continue to increase student exposure to digital learning environments and improve higher order thinking.

Parents dropping off and collecting students from school may have noticed that the school has mowed an area of land adjacent to the school. As you would be aware, we have an increasing number of vehicles around the school during peak periods. When weather and ground conditions permit, could I please request parents use this side entrance to minimise the traffic at the front of the school. A section of the fence has been altered to allow for easy access into the school. I have also been advised by Councillor Kathy Duff that the SBRC has allocated a sum of $7000 to address the parking concerns raised by the P&C in 2011. In the first instance, line marking for car parks and balustrading will be installed to assist with structuring this zone.

Upon our return in Term 2, the climate will have changed and we will start to see cooler weather once again. Can I please remind all parents to start organising winter uniforms now. The correct winter uniform is royal blue track pants and jumper. The school places the same emphasis on wearing the correct uniform in winter as we do in summer. If you require assistance with winter uniforms please contact the school to access the selection of quality second-hand items.

Finally, please remember that “every day counts”. If students are not here we can’t teach them.

Yours in Education
Daniel Bishop
**Dates to Remember**

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**Prep News**

The first term is nearly over and the class is now settled into a reliable routine. This week we started using the new peg boards, playdoh stampers and plungers and the very popular mobilo in fine motor activities. Thank you to the school for purchasing these items. This week looked at the letter ‘R’ and the number ‘7’. We concluded our SOSE rules unit- it is amazing how many of the Prep students can recall the school rules! Next week we are looking forward to our end of term reward for students who have demonstrated good behaviour this term. The reward is chosen by the students and they have decided that we will be having a mini picnic- (Mrs Brim to supply treats) a mini disco and play outside on Thursday. Next Thursday is also dress up day for the Student Council- the Prep class boys chose to dress as Super Heroes and the girls chose to dress as ‘Princesses’!

Mrs Alex Brimblecombe  
Prep Class Teacher

**HEAD LICE ALERT**

At present we have a few isolated cases of children from a variety of classrooms who have been reported to us as having head lice. It is not unusual for children to have this condition as lice are often transferred from child to child at play. Having head lice is not necessarily a sign of poor hygiene or neglect. Head lice are common among primary aged children.

If your child has head lice, it is important that the condition be treated as soon as possible to reduce discomfort and minimise the risk of others being infested. It is also important that every member of the household with lice or eggs is treated at the same time.

There is no need for students to miss any schooling unless they have visible live lice. Students may return to school as soon as they have been treated. Your child’s well-being is a high priority so confidentiality will be maintained as far as possible. However, the school has a responsibility also to prevent other students from becoming infested.

Head lice is a condition which needs to be acted upon by all members of the community in order for it to be successfully managed. It is extremely frustrating for all parents and caregivers when reinfection occurs just after an expensive treatment has been given. We need everyone to act upon this without hesitation.

**SCHOOL BANKING REMINDER**

School banking will be available every Tuesday in the Library from 8.30am. Banking will be supervised by one of our parent helpers, Cathy Davis. Each week, on parade, there will be a variety of incentive prizes handed out. It’s not too late to still open an account. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy.

**LOST & FOUND**

Attention families who attended Elly-Mei & River’s Birthday Party recently.  
Found—one pair of black/patterned thongs— please see Alisha Cook if they belong to you. Alisha would like to thank all families for attending and making the day special.
Thank you to all Parents for guiding your children through a very busy and successful first term in

Week 9 – Congratulations to

Year 3 won the 100% Participation Award—Congratulations!!

1/2 Class

English

We have finished our unit of work ‘Discovering Characters in Picture Books’ and have revised what we have learned through fictional texts this term. Students were assessed last Friday and every single student did a fantastic job dressing up as their chosen character and discussing their book with peers. The oral presentation and written piece of assessment has been graded. If you would like to see your child’s results you are most welcome to come in and see me next week.

Math

This week we finished the final lessons on Number. On Wednesday and Thursday all students completed a 9 page revision test on concepts covered in the two units of work taught this term. Tests have been graded and again you are most welcome to see your child’s results. In the final few days of the term we are going to be completing some investigations on Measurement. Students will work in small groups to complete a set of questions that will test their cooperation, leadership and problem solving skills. It will be a fun way to finish this unit in Math.

Science

Students will complete the final assessment task in Science next week. We are comparing the properties of different kinds of chocolate (Dark, Milk and White chocolate). Each student will write an aim, make a prediction, test their theory and write a conclusion to the final investigation. They will be able to use knowledge gained from previous investigations from the unit of work to assist with this final task.

Homework

As a result of the final week being a ‘short week’ – Thursday (Rewards Day) and Friday (Cross Country), there won’t be set homework. I do encourage you to continue reading this final week with your child and also through the holidays (ensure you record the nights your child does read in their Reading Diary so that they can gain their certificates in Term 2.

Reading Awards

Week 8 - Congratulations go to Hannah Rosenthal, Alyssie Bell, Jari Davis, Elly Mei Cook, Hannah Farrer and Jordan Louis for completing 25 nights of reading.
Week 9 – The following students have also completed their 25 nights of reading and received their certificate on parade, Kai Allan, Jayden Monk, Kyle Semple, Lilly Weier, Harry Iszlau and Madison Bishop. Congratulations and keep up the great effort.

Sight Words

Week 8 – Well done Samantha Hetherington and Lilly Weier for completing the Pink Certificate. Congratulations to Madison Bishop who completed the Indigo Words. Fantastic!
Week 9 – Congratulations to Alyssie Bell for completing her Pink Words, Madison Bishop for completing both her Pink and Purple Words, Samantha Hetherington for completing her Purple Words and Jayden Monk who has finished all his Indigo Words. Well done!

Rewards

One dedicated student will be announced as the winner of a ‘Book Club Free Pick’ for having the most nights read and recorded in their Reading Diary, Term 1.

Students who achieved 98% or above in their Post-Testing (Friday Spelling Tests) will also win a ‘Book Club Free Pick’.

The lucky winners will be announced on Tuesday 27 March and will be given their certificates at the end of term parade (Thursday).

Thank you to all Parents for guiding your children through a very busy and successful first term in our class J

Miss Sarah Sullivan.
**1/2 Class—Discovering Characters in Picture Books**

**More Banking Photos….**

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**“Kids to Kangaroos” Rugby League Coaching Clinic**

**HERVEY BAY**

The ARLD will host a “Kids to Kangaroos Holiday Coaching Clinic” at Stafford Park, Hervey Bay on Wednesday 4th April 2012, 12 - 3pm.

The 3hr coaching clinic will consist of a variety of basic rugby league drills and modified games involving passing, catching, kicking and tackling skills, introduced and practised under the guidance of qualified coaches, with the main emphasis of the session placed on having FUN. Players will participate in a number of controlled and monitored activities involving tackling and body contact – a mouthguard is strongly recommended.

The cost for the program is $30.00 with all participants receiving an ARLD Boot bag, Mod Rugby League ball, Hazem El Masri Kicking Tee and ARLD Water bottle.

Players will require a drink bottle, hat, sunscreen and suitable training attire and footwear (sandshoes or football boots).

Player can register on-line at: www.arldevelopment.com.au/centralqld

Registration forms will be available on the day of the clinic however for organizational purposes, it is appreciated if players are registered on-line prior to the clinic.

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**TUCKSHOP —— Please remember there should be no Tuckshop orders for next Friday due to Cross Country event being held at Cloyna SS. A canteen will be available at Cloyna on the day.**