In 2013, Wheatlands State School will be introducing a Student Resource Scheme to assist families with the costs associated with the new school year.

The Student Resource Scheme will involve families paying a one off payment for the supply of the major portion of your child’s educational stationery and textbook requirements for the whole school year e.g. exercise books, writing pencils, folders and text books etc. You will still be responsible for supplying your child with a small number of “personal” items which your child will probably already own, e.g. pencil case. A list of these extra items not covered by the Resource Scheme is supplied with this newsletter.

Under the Resource Scheme, you will not be required to purchase any replacement books or stationery through the 2013 school year.

Please note that if you DO NOT WISH to join the scheme, you are still responsible for providing your child with all the items that would otherwise have been provided by the scheme, to enable your child to engage with the curriculum.

The school has the advantage of being able to purchase these resources in bulk through a local supplier, and pass the savings on to families.

This scheme is being offered to families with the endorsement of the Parents and Citizens Association to ensure that every student at Wheatlands State School has access to standardised style and quality of resources and to aid in maximum educational achievements across the whole school.

We would encourage families to order and pre-pay for the resource scheme as soon as possible, to enable us to have the resource packages available for collection before the end of the 2012 school year.

I strongly urge all families to take advantage of this offer, please complete the Participation Agreement form and return it to the school as soon as possible. (Please read the terms and conditions on the back of the form. Please note: this is a generic form used for all Queensland Primary and Secondary state schools.) Once we have these forms returned we will send home an invoice for payment. As you will appreciate with the end of the school year only 5 weeks away, we need these forms returned quickly to enable us to order the stationery. Please return the signed form by next Friday 16th November.

Yours in Learning
Daniel Bishop

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1/2 Class

ENGLISH
We have started brainstorming ideas for fracturing the well-known fairy tale, ‘Goldilocks and the Three Bears’. Students have been coming up with some interesting ‘replacement characters’ such as tarantulas, pigs, horses, crocodiles and so forth. Next week, the class will begin filling out an outline sheet for our fractured tales.

MATH
In Math we completing a revision test on Fractions and this week we have been exploring the properties of 2D shapes and playing some interesting online games on our Smartboard. Today we started to observe 3D shapes and will continue this mini-unit into next week.

SCIENCE
This week we have been making a ‘PARACHUTE’ … Yes, that’s right, we are going to be jumping out of a plane during our final Science lesson?? Hmm …Perhaps NOT!
We are however, making various sized parachutes to test from the top of the play gym. The lucky test toys will include teddy bears, army figurines, transformers and so forth.
Check out our photos included demonstrating the initial stages of production 😊

Technology
Students have continued to work on their structures and have almost completed them, ready for out testing stations. Reminder of what these include below.
The structures will be put under 3 testing stations: 1) Gusts of wind, 2) Downpour of rain, and 3) Heat from the sun.

Student of the Week – We have a pin board in our classroom that displays a photo of the student along with a work sample. Please come in and acknowledge the efforts of our students.

Week 4 – Student was not chosen this week due to the late display of Larissa’s work on our pin board.
Week 5 – Congratulations goes to Kai Allan who has started making a huge effort to learn his spelling words each week with fantastic results 😊

Reading Awards
Week 4 – Congratulations to Madison Bishop for reading 125 nights in total, Jackson Brown who has completed 150 nights and Hannah Farrer, Jordan Louis and Denim Brown for reading 175 nights. 😊
Week 5 – Congratulations Jayden Monk and Harry Iszlau who have both now read 125 nights, Alysse Bell for reading 150 nights, Amy Henderson for reading 175 nights and Mikayla Ward who has now completed 200 nights of reading. Fantastic! 😊

Green Slips – Each week 2 students will be awarded a green Slip from the 1/2 Class.
Week 4 – Noah Frahm, Kyle Sempf.
Week 5 – Larissa Ramke, Jari Davis, Jackson Brown, Hannah Rosenthal and Hannah Farrer – for 100% in their Post-Spelling Test once again.

Miss Sarah Sullivan.
3/4/5 News

Class 3/4/5 have been very busy bees this term. We have started working on our final assessment for our poetry unit. The students are writing a poem of their own about someone or something. After they have finished writing and editing their poems they are going to perform the poem for the class in an entertaining way. They had a go at performing one of the poems we have studied last week and had the whole class laughing with entertaining renditions of “On the Ning Nang Nong” and “Revenge!” to mention a few.

In Maths, we investigated different types of measurement, with a particular focus on length. The students measured themselves and also distances like how far they could throw a paper plane and how far they could jump from a standing position. Last week we studied angles and students have learnt the names and sizes of various angles and how important they are in the real world.

In Science, we have continued our study of forces. So far we have looked at push and pull, magnetism, gravity, and this week we are looking at friction.

It is great to see everybody completing their homework every night. Students should be congratulated on their efforts so far this term. Keep up the good work. Only 5 weeks to go!

Miss Erin Hubbard

P & C News

Paul’s Collect-a-Cap promotion closes 31st December. Please return any milk bottle caps to the specially marked box in the library. Thank you for your support.

FOR TENDER - HP PALM TIX HANDHELD & WALLET - approx. 5 yr old

Please submit your tender in writing to the office by 3pm 16th November 2012.

Item available at the office. See Daniel or Jenny for more information.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS RECIPE BOOK

The Centenary committee is starting to compile recipes for the recipe book that will be released in 2013 to coincide with the school’s centenary celebrations.

We would like every family currently involved in the school to be in the recipe book. At this stage we are calling for one recipe per family. If you would like to be involved, please supply the recipe along with your child/children’s names before 7th December, 2012, and drop it off at the office, or if you have an electronic copy please email to admin@wheatlanss.eq.edu.au

CENTENARY NOVEMBER 2013—LET’S CELEBRATE!
Hosting is Fun! Become a WEP Family!

Bring a piece of the world into your home by becoming a volunteer host family to an exchange student from Italy, Canada, Finland or Brazil in January.

Visit New Places – Revisit Old Favourites!
Hosting a student encourages families to see Australia through the eyes of an exchange student. Invite a motivated teenage student into your home for a semester or year and gain a new family member and friend for life.

Become a WEP Host Family – It’s Easy!
Simply submit your host family application and choose your student. Before you know it you’ll be communicating with your new family member while everything else is organised by WEP!

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