Given this is the first letter since the Centenary weekend I would like to acknowledge the efforts of each and every person who contributed to the organisation and running of the day. The day was a credit to our school and we have received some wonderful feedback from past students and visitors regarding the success of the day.

In 2014, Wheatlands State School will be continuing to offer 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.

Under the Resource Scheme, you will not be required to purchase any replacement books or stationery through the 2014 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 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.

These packs will arrive at school in the week prior to the commencement of school, 20th of January. Parents will be able to collect this pack from the school from this date onwards. A list of personal items for the 2014 school year will be forwarded before the finish of school.

Attendance data for the year has been steady with a rate of 94.8%. This is a healthy figure and exceeds the average for state schools. Congratulations to all students for achieving this attendance rate for the year.

An information sheet with an envelope was handed out last week by the P&C, regarding the new time capsule. If you wish to supply something (nothing too bulky please) return your envelope with $10.00 to the school by the 9th of December. The school will look to seal the new time capsule before the end of term. We will hold a sausage sizzle for students on Thursday 12th at second break. This will then be followed with the community parade at 2.00pm where students will receive their report cards and any certificates they have achieved.

Daniel Bishop
Principal

### Dates to Remember

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**Prep/One News**

This week we have been doing lots of end of term assessments in preparation for reporting. Please remember that Prep reporting differs slightly from the rest of the school and that the ‘Working With’ standard means your child is working at the Regional Benchmarks. It is really pleasing to see how far each child in the class has come from the beginning of the year. This is a busy time of the year with swimming lessons, swimming carnival and under 8’s next Friday. Our rewards trip is on Tuesday 10th December to the cinema in Kingaroy. More information about this trip will be available after Under 8’s.

We have quite a number of certificates this afternoon on Parade for sight words and amount of books read-

Green slips- Luke, Hayden, Amber

Bookwork Award- Blair

Mrs Alex Brimblecombe

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**3-4 News**

With only two weeks to go we are very busy making sure we have completed all of our set work and assessments. We have started counting down the days until our very exciting Rewards Trip to Top Shots and are all working hard to make sure we meet the criteria. ☺

In English, we have been writing a retell of The Lorax by Dr. Seuss. We are nearing completion of this unit. This week we recorded our voices reading The Lorax, including sound effects! We continue working on our reading, spelling, and grammar. This week I am completing final reading benchmarks for the year and have been so proud of the improvements made by students since the beginning of the year. ☺

In Maths, we completed our test on Position on Thursday and our final revision test for the year on Friday. We will spend the last two weeks of term studying Place Value. Please continue to encourage your children to go on Mathletics at home. They have accomplished some amazing things on Mathletics this year. Four year 3 students have completed all of their tasks on Mathletics with 100% accuracy and are now having a go at year 4 Mathletics. ☺

Enjoy your weekend! ☺

Erin Hubbard

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**1-2 Class**

Well it's been a very busy few weeks here at Wheatlands State School. The Centenary was a great success as was the junior swim carnival and with only two weeks left of school things are hectic to say the least. Over the past few weeks we've completed a number of assessment pieces as well as testing and I can say that all students should be very proud of themselves.

**Reading Awards**

**Week 6** - Congratulations to Madison Bishop 150 nights reading, Mikayla Ward for 175 nights reading, River Cook for 200 nights reading, Dallas Gordon, Rory Scott and Olivia Ashley for 250 nights reading.

**Week 7** - Congratulations to Julia Kerkow for 125 nights reading, Jackson and Jorgia Brown, Clair Anderson and Sean Monk for 150 nights reading, Kai All for 200 nights reading and Jorja Forsythe and River Cook for 225 nights reading.

**Week 8** - Congratulations to Darcy Mitchell for 150 nights reading, William Porter for 175 nights reading, Kyle Sempf and Lawson Schloss for 225 nights reading and to Cooper Mollenhauer for 275 nights of reading.

**Sight Words**

**Week 7** - Congratulations to Ryder Brown for completing his Lime words and to Darcy Mitchell for completing his 200 word certificate.

**Week 8** - Congratulations to Clair Anderson who has completed her Lemon certificate.

**Green Slips**

**Week 8** - Matthew Kunde & Jackson Brown

Have a great week,

Mrs Tanya Webber 😝
**P & C NEWS**

Centenary memorabilia items are available for sale from the office.

**PURE HONEY FOR SALE**—All proceeds go to the P&C

Thank you to DENMAR APIARIES (Michael & Crystal Kiem) —1kg bucket for $6.50

Available at the office.

**Library News**

Many thanks to the families and friends at the Wheatlands Centenary that supported our ‘Buy one get one free’ book fair. I am pleased to announce that we got 69 books donated to the school library, with a total value of $690. Special thanks to Ngaire Louis who helped all day in the library with the book fair.

We have worked really hard this year to improve our library reading resources and have catalogued around 300 new books to our shelves! This cannot be done without continued parent support of book fairs and book club. Please keep supporting book club, as the bonus points all go towards new books and resources for the library.

As always, all these new books need covering, so if you are available to cover books this Christmas holidays please let me know.

Just a reminder that end of year is a busy time, and it would be appreciated if students could return all library books next week so they can go back on the shelves. No one is allowed to borrow during the Christmas break, unlike other school holidays, as we like to ensure all our books are back for the beginning of the school year. If your child is unable to find a library book that was borrowed, a note or a phone call to myself is necessary so I can then take that book off the catalogue system - more than 1 lost book a year will incur a charge to replace the cost of the lost book/s.

The library has seen some changes this year with the new shelving, flooring and TV. We have celebrated Book week with a fantastic dress up parade and 2 book fairs! Some students were involved in the Reading Cup Challenge and there are always lots of activities happening in the library during lunch times and lots of new books to read and enjoy. I look forward to next year and all the learning and fun we will have in the Wheatlands library. For any students who are interested most of the South Burnett Libraries have Summer Reading Clubs with lots of activities and prizes on offer. So check out a library near you and happy reading!

Mrs T Anderson
Teacher Librarian

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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

**CASUAL SCHOOL CLEANER**

Short term—dates to be advised

Please contact office by 6/12/13