

# NEWSLETTER – 23 August 2019

## PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone for such a warm and caring welcome to Woodridge State School. It is an absolute privilege to be here as the Acting Principal for the remainder of the term. I want to assure the community that my role here for the coming weeks is to support the incredible work that is already taking place here at Woodridge State School. The children have been positive and welcoming and truly are a credit to you all. Their bright and happy smiles are a representation of the inclusive and positive culture that is Woodridge State School, congratulations. Thank you to the staff and parents for your openness and encouraging words, it is appreciated. I am looking forward to a very busy and exciting five weeks.

### Enrolments

The positive reputation of Woodridge State School is certainly prevalent in our community with many families making enquiries to enrol for 2019 and 2020. Our enrolment figure has increased to 803 students.

### Attendance

The school target for attendance is 95%. Currently we have a school average attendance rate of 91.5%. Thank you to those parents and carers who are ensuring that the students are at school on time and are prepared for learning. Your positive attitudes about education are sending a very clear message to your children. Their excitement in the mornings is a testament to this.

### Junior Athletics Carnival

The Junior School Athletics Carnival was held yesterday. It was wonderful to see so many parents/carers and friends join us to watch the children have fun and play games. An enormous thank you to Mr Simons for coordinating the day and to the staff for your help in making the day so successful.

### School Opinion Survey

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers, students and school staff who completed this year's *School Opinion Survey*. We look forward to reviewing our survey results when we receive our school report later this year.

### Science Week

This week was our annual Science Week. I would like to thank Miss Jenkins for coordinating the week and also thank the staff

for their efforts. The students enjoyed a variety of learning activities and were able to share their new knowledge with me.

### Road Safety Week

I would like you to draw your attention to the upcoming Queensland Road Safety Week (26th/30th August 2019).

Obviously, school drop-off and pick-up times result in a high concentration of pedestrian and vehicular traffic around the schools throughout our division. This increase in traffic volume exposes the most vulnerable people in our community, our children, to a much greater risk of injury or death. Please ensure that you are taking extra care when driving and parking around our school, thank you. Below includes some reminders to try to keep our children safe.



Always know where children are before a vehicle is used

- Every driver should be checking for children all the time
- Never leave children unattended near cars
- Hold onto children when you are near cars
- Always walk around the car and check there are no children around before you start it
- If there is not another adult to help supervise, put children in the car with you



Have a safe and secure play area for children

- Never use a driveway as a play area
- Have a safe place to play separate from the driveway
- Consider gates and fences to separate safe areas
- Doorways to driveways and garages should be kept closed
- Install a baby gate on internal doors to the garage



Teach children to look, listen and stay clear

- Adults need to be responsible for keeping kids safe around cars, but we can teach them about safety
- Look for reversing lights on cars
- Listen for car engines
- Stay away from cars that are moving
- Don't play near cars or on driveways

Thank you again for a wonderful few days. I look forward to meeting more families during my time here at Woodridge State School.

Take care.

Julie

### Science Week

There was a wonderful buzz in the air this week as we celebrated National Science Week at Woodridge State School. Classes shared their learning and engaged in science-themed activities throughout the week in class and at lunch times. Some year 5 students were invited to attend Woodridge State High School for a day of STEM challenges, students in year 5 and 6 were amazed by a Street Science show, and students in year 3 were inspired by a Science on the GO show. The whole school participated in a slime challenge this week which involved students and teachers searching for and experimenting with different recipes! A big thank you to Miss Foster for organising and promoting this exciting event in our school community.

## Young ICT Explorers

Congratulations to Narjis, Rakuhan, Julia and Esmattullah for being successful state finalists for the Young ICT Explorers competition held at the University of Queensland this Sunday. These students have had the opportunity to develop their technology and problem solving skills by working in teams to solve a community problem. Miss Busch and Miss Foster have been supporting the students to take their classroom learning and apply it to their technology project. Thank you to Miss Busch and Miss Foster for supporting the students at the UQ event this Sunday. Good luck everyone!

## From the Student Engagement Teacher

### Attendance – Every Day Counts

Percentage of attendance for Term 3 2019

Year	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Prep	90.3	90.6	91.2	91.2	90.6
1	89.7	90.3	91.1	91.6	89.8
2	90.0	90.4	90.9	91.6	90.5
3	90.3	91.2	91.6	92.0	90.9
4	90.0	90.1	90.2	92.0	89.5
5	91.8	91.2	91.5	91.3	91.7
6	90.8	90.5	90.8	91.5	91.9

**Attendance Target: 95%**

**Whole School Attendance to date: 91.5%**

Please contact the school if you need any support in getting your child to school.

### Enrolments Taken NOW for Prep 2020

Your child is eligible for Prep if they are born between:

1 July 2014 and 30 June 2015

Please collect an enrolment pack from the office and make an appointment today and sign up for the Transition Program in Term 4 during your interview.



### Father's Day Breakfast

We will be holding our BBQ Father's Day Breakfast for Father's Day. All welcome.

**When:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

**Time:** 7.30-8.30am

**Where:** Outside the Wellbeing Centre



### NAIDOC Week Parade- Theme: Voice – Treaty- Truth

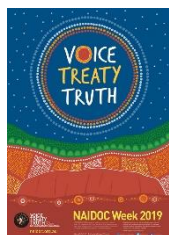
**Date:** Thursday 29 August

**Time:** 11.45 -1.15pm yr 4-6

1.00-1.30- Light Lunch provided

1.45-2.45pm yr P-3

**Where:** Woodridge State School Hall  
Come along and join in the fun. Our students are **excited about their performance items and look forward in performing for parents and community.**



### P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September** at 1:45pm in our school Hub building. All welcome to attend.

### Scent (any coins) Fundraiser

**Scent or any coins fundraiser.** This whole school fundraiser is off to a great start with all students eager for their classes to raise the most funds. The class who raises the most funds will have a pizza party. 2<sup>nd</sup> place will be Chocolate coated ice cream. 3<sup>rd</sup> prize will be Chocolates.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August is the final collection of coins and classes will know on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September who the winning classes are.

### Spring Fair

Will be on again this year on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September your children's class teachers will be letting your children know soon what their class is planning to do on that day and whether they would need anything donated for their stall.

## IMPORTANT DATES!

02/09/2019 – Father's Day Breakfast – 7:30am-8:30am

20/09/2019 – Spring Fair



### STUDENT AWARDS

Key to Success Awards

- O** = Organisation
- C** = Confidence
- R** = Resilience
- G** = Getting Along
- P** = Persistence



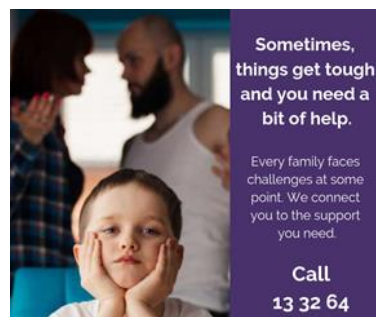
	Week Starting	
PD	<b>Uluaki</b>	P
1A	<b>Gedeon, Nay So</b>	G, P
1B	<b>Andrew</b>	G
2A	<b>Olivia</b>	C
3A	<b>Estin</b>	G
3C	<b>Allistar, Fiti</b>	G
4B	<b>Oscar</b>	R
4C	<b>Amelia, Vanessa</b>	C, P
4D	<b>Alona, Fidelity</b>	C
5B	<b>Janice</b>	O
5C	<b>Mahalia, Norua</b>	O
5D	<b>Fia, Ryco</b>	O
6C	<b>Balian</b>	P
ILC A	<b>Noah</b>	C
ILC B	<b>Aida</b>	P
ILC C	<b>Justin</b>	G
ILC D	<b>Shaw Reh, Klaw Reh</b>	G
ILC F	<b>Fatemeh</b>	C

## P & C NEWS

### Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop will return to normal opening hours next week of Tuesday and Friday only. 7:45am to 8:45

Full stock of winter uniform is available.



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