

NEWSLETTER – 20th March

PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY

Teaching and Learning at Woodridge State School
recognised as "One of the Best" in Queensland

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Enrolments: As of Friday 13th March, our number of students in the school was 695 with 86 students in the Prep and 158 students learning in the Intensive English Language Centre.

We All Belong: This week we celebrate Harmony Day and our drive to stop "Bullying" in our school. As our definition of "Bullying" states: *A person who deliberately & repeatedly tries to hurt others over time.*

This certainly harms everyone involved and we as a staff, student and parent group to prevent this from happening through many social and co-operative skill programs. If we do have incidents of Bullying, students are asked to Report, either by the "What's Up" boxes in the Library/Resource Centre, Tuckshop, Breakfast Club or Office or they can tell a teacher or other trusted adult. Adults are asked to show calmness and to follow the following plan.

5 Key Steps:

1. Listen carefully to what your child wants to say.
2. Reassure your child that they are not to blame and ask open and emphatic questions to find out more details.
3. Ask your child what they want to do and what they want you to do
4. Discuss with your child some sensible strategies to handle the bullying – starting a fight is not sensible.
5. Contact the school.

We all care about how our students are settled for learning in our school and we want the best "getting-along" atmosphere possible. That is why we expect our staff, visitors and parents/carers to model calm, respectful behaviours at school so we can model the way and show a welcoming approach to our school for everyone to feel they belong.

Harmony Day: Thank you to all staff and parents especially Mrs Dore' for helping make Harmony Day 2015 so special.

Year 6 Parliament House Excursion: On Thursday our Year 6 students visited Parliament House in Brisbane. They experienced the way decisions are made and laws formed. Thank you to staff and parents/carers who helped with this learning experience.

Changes to Times and Events: From time to time between newsletters dates and times may change for events. We will try to put those changes on our website and the notice board outside our Office Courtyard.

Ensuring all Pick-Up Arrangements are known by our Children: Parents/Carers are really encouraged to make sure that each of our children know who is able to pick them up from school each afternoon.

A meeting place (eg: outside the office or classroom) is important so that our children know who is caring for them and where they can meet-up to go home safely. Thank you for your support on this.

Best wishes for a rewarding fortnight ahead.
Garry Molloy – Principal



Harmony Day Friday 20th March
Senior Performance 9:00am
Junior Performance 11:00am

Parents & Friends invited to wear Cultural Dress or something orange.

From the Mobility Support Teacher:

Closing the Gap: This year we will be promoting the message of *Closing the Gap* on Thursday 26th March. Students will be given time to cut out and decorate an indigenous foot using Aboriginal art technique. This will be used to symbolise the journey and one step closer to closing the gap.



BELLS - Building Early Language and Literacy Skills - is a **free** literacy education program for young families.

It is for parents (under 25 years of age) and their young children 0-5 years of age, wanting to improve their own and their child's literacy skills. Parents learn, in a relaxed and informal environment focused on their child, about:

- the importance of co-book reading
- early childhood developmental stages, areas and warning signs,
- to use technology as a teaching tool,
- how they can make learning fun for their child and themselves,
- resources they can make and use at home,
- how to turn everyday routines into learning experiences and,
- how to identify teaching skills and strengths they already have!

Contact BELLS on 3387 8800.

P & C NEWS
Help needed!

The P&C does not have a Secretary for 2015. If you can come to a short meeting once a month and write some notes you would be helping the school and your children. Please come and share your ideas. Next meeting will be Monday 18th May at 3pm in the RPC.

Uniform Shop

Stock of Winter uniforms have arrived in. Track Pants \$18 V Neck Jumpers \$19 and Jackets \$21 all sizes available.

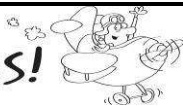
Footy Shorts stock should be in soon. Footy Shorts price is \$40.

Special: Long Sleeve Polo Shirts Royal Blue (No school logo) sizes 8 to 16 still available \$10 ea while stock last.

Royal Blue School Fleecy Vest sizes 4, 12, 14 and 16 available \$10 ea while stock last.

Uniform Shop hours 8am to 9am Tuesday and Friday only.

IMPORTANT DATES!



Friday 20/3/15 – Harmony Day
 Friday 20/3/15 – National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence
 Monday 23/3/15 – Prep to Year 2 Cross Country start 2pm
 Monday 4/5/15 – Year 2 Excursion Butter Factory

Woodridge SS Community Hub

All activities are free to attend.



Come to the new Community Hub space - in Modular 3 near the Old Tuck Shop!!!

Tuesday	<p>Craft & Sewing Group 9:00-11:00 am Community Hub, Modular 3 Childcare available</p> <p>Ganyjuu Playgroup 0-5 years 9:00-10:45 am - Resource centre</p> <p>Ganyjuu Homework Hub 2:45-4:00pm - Resource centre</p>
Wednesday	<p>Woodridge SS Homework hub 3:00pm-4:00pm In the Community Hub (Modular 3) A parent <u>must</u> attend with the student.</p>
Thursday	<p>Adult English Class Childcare available 9:00-11:00 In the Community Hub (Modular 3)</p>
Friday	<p>Woodridge SS Playgroup 0-4 years 9:00 am-10:45 am - Resource centre</p>
<p>ACCESS English class (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays) Are you an ACCESS client? Lessons are free, but <u>please register first</u> - call Briony on 0467 078 485 or call your caseworker to enrol.</p>	

CHAPPIE NEWS

Easter Holiday Camps Looking for fun activities these Easter holidays? Then visit: <http://suqld.org.au/camps> and check out the many camps on offer. If you require further information or financial assistance with camp registration costs please contact Chappy Mel.

Logan Lighthouse Dinner: SU Qld's annual Lighthouse Dinner is on Saturday 20th June at the Logan Entertainment Centre. Come along and make a donation towards Woodridge State School's Chaplaincy and support the great work of Chappy Mel as she cares for students, staff and families at our school. If you would like to be a table host for Woodridge State School and invite a table of 10 influential people, then please contact Chappy Mel as soon as possible. This year we have the inspirational Stephen Bradbury as our guest speaker. If you require additional information please contact Chappy Mel.



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T-shirt, hat, drink bottle and bag received on enrolment.

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STUDENT AWARDS

Key to Success Awards

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



	Week 9/3/2015 & 16/3/2015	
PA	Um Al-Baneen	
PC	Mariam	O
1C	Anarme, Willow-Ann, Siu, Maiwa	P,C,C,P
1D	Lincoln, Yariha	C,P
2A	Narjis	
2B	Nardianne	
3A	Melissa, Tyrone	
4B	Wiriya, Hope	G,G
4C	Kirra, Ethan, Matthew, Jack	P,P,C,C
4D	Yusira, Lleyton, Felecia, Esperance, Adnan	G,O,P,G,O
5A	Rochelle, Terangi	C, C
5C	Mahnaz, Mohammed	G,P
5D	Amina	O
6A	Brooklyn, Robin, Felicitas, Hezron	P,P,P,P
6B	Stanley, Roy, Chantal	G,G,P
ILC A	Ali, Lydia, Eh Nay, Maryam	G, C, G, C
ILC B	Mehdi, Mojtaba	P, P
ILC C	Jawad,	P
ILC D	Ali, Ali Reza	C, C
ILC E	Jawad, Abith, Arya	G, G, P
ILC F	Ismail	O
ILC G	Prushoth, John	G, C
ILC J	Masoumeh, Tuyet, Hodan, Sang Pi	O,C,P,C
ILC K	Zahra, Thisoban, Mohammad, Samira, Rophel	G,R,C,G,O
ILC L	Esthari, Abdullih	C, O
Netball	Jaydah, Eliza, Natasha	Junior
Netball	Rebecca, Bella, Gloriose	Senior