

NEWSLETTER – 16th October, 2015

PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY

Woodridge State School
First State School in Queensland
Accredited for Kids Matter - Caring
for the Health & Wellbeing of our Staff & Students!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back to term 4, 2015: Our students and staff have settled in to our school routine for Term 4. Activities and programs have started well for our children and plans for the remainder of the year are well underway.

Our enrolments are showing 725 students for our whole school population, with 151 students in our Intensive English Language Centre and 92 in our Prep classes.

During the past fortnight, I've been fortunate to visit some very focused learning of Reading and Writing activities in the Junior Primary area of the school. The children and teachers are really working hard at predicting what they think they're going to read about using their previous experiences and looking at the pictures and skimming and chatting about unfamiliar words before they start to read their books. The writing process of chatting about background experiences and knowledge, talking about possible "interesting" sentences and then writing individually followed by using a checklist to proof-read their draft was very positive and rewarding.

At this time of year, our program co-ordinators, committees and Leadership team are reviewing our programs and initiatives for this year and beginning to plan for 2016.

We are pleased to state that we are able to have the Community Hub at our school again next year after funding has been gained for another 12 months. This centre has certainly helped with offering programs to build parent and community engagement in our school and I hope we can do more in the coming year to address the following: What information is needed to be on-line (on our computer website)?

- How can we keep parents & carers more informed?
- How can we encourage parents & carers to be actively involved in their child's education?
- How can we gain more parent and carer participation in school activities?
- How can we celebrate student achievements more?

If you have any suggestions on these or other matters, you're most welcome to contact the office via our email address: principal@woodridgess.eq.edu.au or use the suggestion box in the office foyer.

If you would like any tips with helping your child with any school work or other school issues please contact your child's teacher for these matters.

Behaviour Expectations for this fortnight: We will be focusing on Acts of Kindness and Caring as well as Being at School – our goal for the term is again at least 95% attendance for all and having all absences explained!

Our children have been thinking of kind acts they can do to build on to our "Key to Success – Getting Along" and have shown they are including others and sharing more freely. We'll be reminding all students to be on time and making the most of our learning time each day.

State Showcase Finalist Judging: Our School's partnership with Burrowes State School and Berrinba East State School using Prep Start Language and Literacy Program has been recognised as being a valuable one for other State Schools to use. On 30th October state Winners for School Improvement achievements will be announced. We wish all staff in Prep and our Speech team involved, the very best of luck.

Pupil Free Day: This Monday 19th October, students will have a holiday as it is a Pupil Free Day for teacher to work on Professional Development, Planning and Assessment.

Best wishes for the fortnight ahead,
Garry Molloy – Principal

P & C NEWS

P & C Meeting: The next P & C Meeting will be 26th October at 3:00pm in the RPC room. All welcome.

Uniform Shop: The uniform shop is open every Tuesday and Friday 8am until 9am.

IMPORTANT DATES!

- Monday 19/10/15 - Pupil Free Day
- Tuesday 20/10/15 - After school sport commences
- Wednesday 21/10/15 - EALD Australia Zoo Excursion
- Wednesday 28/10/15 - Year 6 CYC Excursion
- 2/11/15 - 6/11/15 - EALD Swimming Lessons
- 24/11/15 - 26/11/15 - Year 3 & 5 Swimming
- Wednesday 2/12/15 - Year 6 Burleigh Heads SLSC Excursion
- Thursday 3/12/15 - After school sport finishes
- 8/12/15 - 10/12/15 - Year 3 & 5 Swimming
- Thursday 10/12/15 - Year 6 Graduation

LIBRARY COLOURING COMPETITION

Congratulations to all the students who entered The Library Colouring In Competition. A job well done by all students. The seven prize winners were:

Mariam PC, Moses 1A, Mehreen 2A, Ryan 3A, Edward 4D, Parsa 5A, Soheil ILC.



DRESS UP DISCO

Date: 30th October 2015

Time: 4.30pm to 6.00pm Prep to year 3

6.30pm to 8.00pm Year 4 to Year 6



In the school hall, cost \$5 entry including Lucky Dip and Popper (Monies will be collected each morning from their class, not to the office). There will be a mini tuckshop in front of the Hall on the day to purchase Sausage Sizzle \$2, Drinks \$1, Chips & Lollies \$1.

- Students need to go home after school and return at their allocated time with an adult for the disco.
- Please note that the Disco is only for students from Woodridge State School.
- Parents will not be allowed into the Hall while the disco is in session.
- Students can only attend during their year level time slots – no siblings allowed.
- Students must remain in the hall after the disco till they are picked up by a parent or caregiver.

The year 5's are raising funds for the Leadership Program.

Going Crazy?

FOOD FOR A HAPPY AND CALM HOUSEHOLD

Are the chemicals in your child's food causing temper tantrums, sleep disturbance and disruptive behaviour?

If you look at food labels and are confused by all the numbers, make life easier for yourself. Come along to this presentation with Home Economist and Additive Alert Community Talks Presenter Louise D'Allura to find out:

Startling facts about the way our foods have changed;

Which food additives are linked to health problems, especially in children;

Where harmful additives are hiding in our every day foods;

How to meal plan and shop smarter to avoid harmful additives and improve your health!

When: Saturday 31 October 2015

1pm – 3pm

Where: Marsden Library - 35 Chambers Flat Road Marsden

Cost: FREE! - Spots are limited so book online at

www.MealPlanningYourWay.com/events

Bring: Notebook, pen and water

Contact: Louise D'Allura on 0408 723 559

Register online for this free event:

www.MealPlanningYourWay.com/ev



Music! Count us in

On Friday, 30th October, our school will be participating in Music! Count us in. The students have been learning the 2015 MCU! song "Gold" and will finish the parade with that. There will also be performances from our instrumental and choir students. P-2 students will have their parade at 9 am while 1A and 1B along with years 3 to 6 will be having their parade at 9:45 am. We look forward to seeing you there.



Logan Library 'E smart safety' online games

On the 9th of September, a group of year 5 & 6 students went to the 'E smart safety' clinic at the Logan library. It was a funny and amazing experience.

My favourite part was when we interacted with the kids at story time. When we first arrived at the library, we went straight to the kid's story time. There we jumped up and down with the kids and sang the colours of the rainbow song. Next we went to the formal introduction and saw all of the people that were involved in the 'E Smart safety' games online. After the formal introduction was done, we had some juice and a cupcake. After morning tea we played 'E smart' games on the computer. Lastly we went and got some lollies, soon enough we were walking back to school getting ready for schoolwork. **Rory 5A**

Chappy News

Thank you – A huge 'Thank You' to all the volunteers that helped with the Chaplaincy sausage sizzle fundraiser at Bunnings Compton Rd on Saturday 3rd October. We raised over \$1500 for Chaplaincy which will go towards resources, programs and supporting students in need.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD – SUPER HERO FAMILY FUN

This year Light of the World is on Friday night and all day Saturday! **FREE ENTRY Friday 30th October 5:00pm – 9:00pm and Saturday 31st October 10am – 9:00pm** Come along to Mable Park High School, Paradise Road, Slacks Creek for a fun family festival.

Ride bands can be purchased on entry

\$4 for UNLIMITED rides on Friday night only. \$12 for UNLIMITED rides on Saturday only. **SUPERHERO SPECIAL** \$12 for UNLIMITED rides BOTH Friday night and Saturday (must purchase on Friday night). **LIGHT IT UP Street Dance Comp** will be held at 5:30pm Friday night. If you have a crew or a school that would like to enter it will only cost \$10.00 each group.

Register at lightitupstreetdance@hotmail.com. For more information visit www.lotwfestival.com



LOST PROPERTY

There is a large quantity of lost property in the office. Please feel free to come and take anything that may belong to your child. Anything left over at the end of term we will offer to a charity.

STUDENT AWARDS

Key to Success Awards

O = Organisation

C = Confidence

R = Resilience

G = Getting Along

P = Persistence



	Week Ending – 7/9/15 & 14/9/15	
PC	Abdul, Aiden	C
1C	Luckia, Edward	P, C
1D	Lillee Jade	O
2A	Shabnam	P
2B	Jalena	
2C	Tyrell, Mikayla	P, O
3A	Melissa, Athiei, Tha Meh	R, O
3C	Rhiannon, Dyson	O
3D	Eh K'Paw, Phoenix, Grace	
4A	Xeng, Class Award	O, G
4B	Carol, Miracle, Carol, Wiriya	P, C, P, P
4C	Connor, Ethan, Tameka	C, C, P
4D	Lynn, Agnes,	P, O
5A	Eliza, Benji, Matelina, Mamu	G, C, P
5C	Shakira, Nay	C, O
5D	Kyle	G
6B	Kevin	P
6C	Wendy, Nipuni	O, O
ILC A	Nancy, Zahra	C, C
ILC B	Sadeq, Hamideh, Ghasem, Jabbez	C, G, P, C
ILC C	Arzoo, Abdelweli	O, P
ILC D	Hamzeh, Amir hossein, Ali, Elaha, Zakia, Mohammad	P
ILC E	Soheil, Jawad, Marwa	C, P, P
ILC G	Zarah	C
ILC I	Ismail	P
ILC K	Shaila, Ali, Abinath, Sam	P, R, R, C
ILC L	Abulfazl	P
Senior	Saw, Marley	Touch
Junior	Amos, Nay	Touch