NEWSLETTER – 13th November, 2015

PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Enrolment: As on Friday, 06 November, our total number of students was 730 with 92 students at Prep and 159 in the Intensive English Language Centre.

Parents and Citizens Involvement: We are keen to hear from parents and care-givers on how they would like to become more involved in their child’s education and work with our school staff to achieve this. Please find attached some suggestions we have listed.

In planning for 2016, we would like you to complete a short survey attached to gain your input into our planning. Please return your slips to the office suggestion box by Friday 27th November or send an email to principal@woodridges.eq.edu.au before the end of the month. Our Parents and Citizens’ Association meets next Monday afternoon at 3:00pm in the Responsible Planning Room of the Well-Being Centre. All parents, care-givers and friends of the school are very welcome to attend. Once again, we hope we will be able to hold our Parents and Citizens’ meetings in the Hub room each 3rd Monday of the month from 1:45 – 2:45 before school finishes.

Also, we hope to hold parent/carer workshops on the other Monday afternoons when or if interest is there. We have a real desire to gain your opinions and support for more parent and carer involvement. Please fill out the attached survey and place it in the suggestions box in the office by the end of the month.

Times for Students to be at School: Students are expected to be at school from 8:30am so that they are settled and ready to attend class by 8:40am for the first bell. Some children are at school too early from 6:30am! That is not safe! Parents will be contacted to check their family arrangements. We want our children to be safe before and after school.

Please check your meeting times and places for our children in the afternoon too as we finish at 2:45pm and find some children waiting too long and unsupervised in the carpark in the afternoon.

Rule Expectations for the Fortnight: We will be revising our rules and behaviours for keeping our hands, feet and objects to ourselves and being safe with work and play with others.

We also will be keeping safe in the sun by using our Summer, sun safe uniform including shade hats, sunscreen and shoes.

Congratulations to Rory 5A for making it into the U12’s South East Qld Development Squad Ian Healey Cup Team. Rory played under 13’s Winter Cricket for the Warehouse Winter Comp. Rory has worked exceptionally hard, and is the first female at Springwood Suns Cricket Club to make a representative side. Well done Rory!

I trust that everyone has a very safe fortnight ahead.
Regards,
Garry Molloy – Principal

MOBILITY SUPPORT TEACHER MESSAGE

Ganyjuu Homework Centre
We would like to thank all our parents for your support as your children attend our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Learning Centre. We look forward to seeing your children continue their learning journey on Tuesday afternoons from 2:45pm – 4:00pm.

Ganyjuu Playgroup
Playgroup Tuesdays from 9:00 – 10:45 in the Resource Centre.

RACQ ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM
During the week 23rd November to 27th November, the RACQ will be coming to the school to do a 45 minute Road Safety Program with each class in the school. This session is an opportunity for students to hear first-hand account of the importance of road safety delivered by an RACQ Careflight ambassador.
**P & C NEWS**

Uniform Shop: There will be an increase in all uniform prices as at 1st January 2016. So please purchase your uniforms before school finishes on 11th December to beat the price rise. Uniform shop will be open every Tuesday and Friday 8am to 9am right up to the end of the school year. Opening hours for 2016 back to school will be advised soon (dates and times to be finalised).

**P & C Meeting:** The next and final meeting for this year will be Monday 16th November at 3pm in the RPC room. All welcome to attend.

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**BOOK FAIR**

Our Book Fair starts next week Tuesday 17th November. The library will be open from 8:15am to 8:45am from Wednesday 18th for parents and students wishing to purchase books. From Tuesday 17th November the library will also open from 11:00am to 11:30am and after school from 2:45pm to 3:00pm. Tuesday morning, 24th November from 8:15 to 8:45am will be your last chance to purchase books. Thank you for always supporting and encouraging students reading through our Book Fairs. Thank you – The Library Team

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**Woodridge SS Community Hub**

All activities are free to attend.

**Monday**

- **Playgroup**
  - 9:00 - 10:30

**Tuesday**

- **Sewing Group**
  - 9:00am - 1:00 pm
  - Childcare available!
  - New & inexperienced sewers welcome!

- **Mums & Bubs Group**
  - For women who are pregnant or who have babies under 12 months...
  - 9:30 - 11:30 am
  - WOW Women’s Group
  - 12:30 - 2:30
  - Childcare available, and everyone welcome!

**Wednesday**

- **Adult English Class**
  - Childcare available
  - 9:00-11:00
  - Everyone is welcome!

- **Woodridge SS Playgroup 0-4 years**
  - 9:00 am-10:45 am - Resource centre

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**IMPORTANT DATES!**

- 23/11/15 - 27/11/15 - RACQ Road Safety Program
- 24/11/15 - 26/11/15 - Year 3 & 5 Swimming
- 26/11/15 - Launch Into Life Year 6 Logan Campas
- 1/12/15 - Year 6 Burleigh Heads SLSC Excursion
- 2/12/15 - Woodridge State High School Orientation
- 3/12/15 - Year 5 Leadership
- 3/12/15 - After school sport finishes
- 4/12/15 - Year 1 Southbank Excursion
- 8/12/15 - 10/12/15 - Year 3 & 5 Swimming
- 10/12/15 - Year 6 Graduation
- 11/12/15 - Last day of school for 2015

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**STUDENT AWARDS**

Key to Success Awards

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

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