

# NEWSLETTER – 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2016

## 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 to our school for 2016. A year of challenge and coherence for us all to meet and apply so that every day shared is a better one than the day before.

Welcome to our new families and to our new staff. This week, we have confirmed our enrolment figures for 2016 funding and staffing purposes at 684 with 88 in Prep and 107 in the English Intensive Language Centre. (A list of staff and their classes/ areas of work, will be placed in our next Newsletter) A special welcome to Mr Tavale Faleono, our Behaviour Support Teacher and to Ms Janice Zee and Ms Molly McCormack our speech pathologists.

Thank you to all those parents, care-givers and staff who have prepared the children, our grounds, our facilities and programmes for such a fine beginning for the 2016 school year. We have begun our work for this year confidently, organised and happily together. Although with this planning and organisation, things sometimes go a different way from which we've planned, we are determined to go on to succeed. So with a review and a "smile" we bounce back and journey on to do our best each day.

We have had new painting of lines and game markings around the school, and fences and protect grills and ramps in our junior area near E Block. Thank you to our Facilities team for these improvements. We are in the planning stage of getting our Staff carpark sealed during the first half of this year.

Parents and Caregivers are reminded that our staff do their very best to help their children each day. If children have concerns they need to talk to their teachers. If they feel less confident they can use the "What's Up Box" in the Resource Centre, Office, Breakfast Club area or at the Tuckshop. These boxes have slips which can have concerns written on them and names put down for follow-up by our Behaviour Team (Yellow Slips) or our Environment Club (Green Slip) if the concern is related to Water, Energy or grounds or building safety.

### Safety Tips

- Remember the school shade hat is a must if we are out in the sun!
- Watch out for road safety. Cross the roads and use our car park safely, thank you!

EXPECTATIONS FOR THE FOUR SCHOOL RULES: I am Safe, I am Respectful, I am Caring and I am a Learner. We expect students to sit and wait in their areas before school in the mornings and move into class at 8:40am with their class line and teacher.

Finally, we have set the target of 95% attendance again for this year. In Term 4, 2015, some students made it to 100% - well done! Our School's average for 2015 was 92.9%. I am sure we can do better this year.

Best wishes for a great fortnight ahead.

**Garry Molloy – Principal**

### MOBILITY SUPPORT TEACHER MESSAGE

#### Attendance – Every Day Counts

As part of our school policy and "Every Day Counts", it is expected that all students attend school regularly, please send a note or make a call to our office explaining your child's lateness or absence. Also, if your child is absent for 2 or more days, please visit your local doctor as the school requires a **medical certificate** to support that your child is too sick to attend school. All student absences need to be explained and are reported on the student's end of semester report card. Persistent lateness and absence will lead to contact with home."

#### Calendars

Please find included with your newsletter our Woodridge State School calendar to place on your fridge. The calendar is colour coded to provide parents with important special dates. If there is anything else that you feel would help support your family, please contact **Anna Lynch on 3440 2333**

#### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Meeting

We will be holding our first meeting on **Monday 22 February at 1.45pm** in the **Resource Centre meeting Rooms**. We look forward in continuing our partnership with our families and community. Light refreshments will be provided and your input is valued.

#### Homework Centre- Smith Family

Thank you to all the families who continue to support our Homework Centre. Our first session will begin on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February**, feel free to pick up a registration form from the office.

#### Homework Hub & Playgroup- Ganyjuu

We are still confirming starting date for both playgroup and Homework Hub. Please contact Anna Lynch for further information.

#### Playgroup (Friday)

**Friday playgroup** is run by Natalie every **Friday morning 9am -11am** Playgroup is open for children up to 5 years. Morning Tea will be provided.

#### Let's Stay Put

We would like to welcome all our new parents and congratulate all our existing parents in making the commitment to **Stay Put** at Woodridge State School. We look forward in continuing to work in partnership with you.



### P & C NEWS

**P & C MEETING:** Our next P & C meeting and AGM will be Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 1:45pm in the Hub (Blue building on corner of Flinders St and Railway Pde). Everyone is welcome to attend.

**UNIFORM SHOP:** Uniform Shop opening hours from next week will be Tuesday and Friday only from 7:45 to 8:45am.



## LOGAN CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Our school will be running the book sales at the Logan Council Library in Wilbur St Logan Central (just near the Coles shopping centre) on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb from 9am to 2pm. Hardcover, paperback books, (non-fiction and fiction, junior, young adult and adult books). CD's, magazines and audio books nothing priced over \$1. Pop in on the day and get a bargain.

## IMPORTANT DATES!

Monday 15/2/16 - Student Leader Presentation 11.30am  
 Friday 18/3/16 - Harmony Day Senior 9am -10am  
 Junior 12pm - 1pm

### Woodridge SS Community Hub

All activities are free to attend.



#### Playgroup

Mondays 9:00 - 10:30

Learn English together while we do craft and make music - everyone is welcome!

#### Sewing Group

Tuesdays 9:00am - 12:00

Childcare available!

New & inexperienced sewers welcome!

#### Beginners English Class - Childcare available

9:00-11:00

Everyone is welcome!

#### Woodridge SS Playgroup

Friday 9:00 am-10:45 am

Resource centre

Come and find out how you can support your child at school!

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 1:45-2:45pm

Be part of the P&C and make a difference!

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 1:45-2:45

## LIBRARY NEWS

Borrowing will start in the library next week. Please ensure all yellow forms are signed and returned to the library.



## TEACHER MEET & GREET

Meet and Greet Sessions with Teachers will be in weeks 3 & 4. Teachers will send home notes to advise parents.



## HARMONY DAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2016

Seniors 9am - 10am Years 3 - 6

Juniors 12pm - 1pm Prep - Year 2

Please feel free to wear National Costume



## Chappy News

Welcome to everyone for the start of the 2016 school year!

### Student Wellbeing Centre

Friendly reminder the Student Wellbeing Centre is open lunchtimes on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Below are the days each year level can attend.

Mon grades 1 - 2, Tues grades 3 - 4, Wed grades 5 - 6

**Camps** Interested in student camps on the holidays then check out [www.sucamps.org.au](http://www.sucamps.org.au) for the perfect one!

**Chappy Connect** If you'd like to contact me you can send me an email at [melindag@chappy.org.au](mailto:melindag@chappy.org.au) or call during school hours on 3440 2333. You can also leave a note in the Chappy letter box outside my office in the Student Wellbeing Centre. Looking forward to a successful year. **Chappy Mel**

### STUDENT AWARDS

#### Key to Success Awards

O = Organisation

C = Confidence

R = Resilience

G = Getting Along

P = Persistence



	Week Ending - 1/2/2016	
PB	Daijahn, Jayla	C, C
1A	Fatou, Joshua	G,C
1C	Suhan, Gwenisha	O, O
1D	Baneen	O
3A	Salma, Destiny	C, C
4B	Deanna, Emma	C, C
4C	Adel	C
4D	Amy	C
5E	Connor, Sharliquin	O, C
6A	Jerusa, Parsa	O
6B	Ke Doh, Exauce	G, G
6C	Jason, Paw Htoo	O
6D	Puna	C
ILC D	Ruman	C
ILC E	Doaa	C
ILC F	Amir Hossein	O
ILC H	Abdulkarim, Fahmo	G, O
ILC K	Ali an, John	O, C

## If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly to get the full story.
2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
4. **Visit** [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) to find some strategies.
5. **Contact** the school.
6. **Check-in** regularly with your child.

**BULLYING. NO WAY!**

[www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)

If you are looking for support for yourself to deal with a bullying situation, you will find ideas on the Bullying. No Way! Website for parents. As well, please contact the school if you would like to discuss any aspect of our approach to preventing bullying.