

NEWSLETTER – 18th 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

Enrolments: Our enrolments data as of Friday, 12th February was 688 with 90 in Prep and 122 in the Intensive English Language Centre. It is wonderful to see students building stronger relationships with their classmates and our staff at this early time of year.

Classroom Meet and Greet Times: To help parents and teachers share more about what is happening in our classrooms for our students, teachers have and will be holding sessions over this fortnight introducing their classroom plan and routine. Parents and Care-givers are encouraged to attend these afternoon sessions wherever possible. Class teachers will extend invitations to their classes so please keep asking your child if they have a note. A Staff list for 2016 attached for your information...

Uniform: We are One Under the Sun at Woodridge! It has been very rewarding and pleasing to see so many of our children out on the play areas in their school Sunsafe uniform – including their shade hat. We certainly look as one unit at school and we recognise any strangers in our midst, if they are not in uniform blue. Our students are reminded that there is an expectation that if we are out in the sun, we must be wearing a shade hat, such as a "Bucket Hat" or "Surf Hat" the correct size with a good size brim to shade the nose, ears and back of neck. Legionnaire's hats are also suitable. Let's be safe in the sun!

Parents and Citizens' Association Involvement: We have a very active and friendly parent, teacher and friends of the school group that meets in our Community Hub Centre at the Railway Parade frontage of the school, on the Third Monday of the Month at 1:45 pm for about an hour. We talk about the things we are doing or planning to do at school. We share ideas and gather opinions so that we can make our Good School Even Better. Please come along to next month's meeting and join our support group; your children will benefit from your interest. Our next meeting is Monday 21st March.

Before School Behaviours: Students are reminded that we do not expect them to start coming into the grounds until 8:30am. Our first bell goes at 8:40am for them to go with their teacher into class. Before school is a time teachers and other staff are busily preparing materials for the day's activities or having planning meetings with others for the

day's events. If children arrive earlier than 8:40 they are to do other jobs like order tuckshop, have breakfast club or pay resource money at the Office before going to their class waiting area:

Years 5 to 6 Under G Block
Prep, Years 3A, 3B and 4 near Tuckshop
ILC - Covered Area near ILC
Year 1,2 and 3C & D Under E Block

Class teachers will collect their class from their waiting areas at 8:40.

Thank you all for your assistance with this. The school is a safer, more settled, organised place for learning through these arrangements.

Bike and Scooter Rack Compound use: Anyone bringing a bike or scooter to school needs to lock their bike or scooter away in the morning and have a bike chain and lock for inside that area.

The compound is locked from 8:55am to 2:35 pm. Unfortunately we've had other people take scooters and bikes in the past when they were not chained and locked before the compound gate was locked! Thank you for your cooperation.

Best wishes for a productive learning fortnight ahead.

Garry Molloy – Principal

From the Mobility Support Teacher

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."

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Meeting

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

Homework Centre- Smith Family

Thank you to all the families who continue to support our Homework Learning Centre. If you would like your child to attend, please pick up a registration form from Mrs Lynch at the Well Being Centre.

Every **Monday from 2.45-4.00pm** in the Resource Centre.

Homework Hub & Playgroup- Ganyjuu

Thank you to all the families who continue to support our Homework Hub. If you would like your child to attend, please pick up a registration form from Mrs Lynch at the Well Being Centre.

Every **Monday from 2.45-4.00pm** in the Science Centre.

Playgroup (Friday)

Friday playgroup is run by Natalie every Friday morning 9am -11am

Playgroup is open for children up to 5 years.

You are welcome to join in with some activities for the children. 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.

New Program from Ganyjuu

Ganyjuu is offering a program for pre-prep students to help with transitioning into prep. The program is offered at their Waterford Centre and a free bus service is provided. For further information Please contact Ganyjuu on 3080 9957

P & C NEWS

Uniform Shop

Uniform shop is open Tuesday and Friday 7:45am to 8:45 for all uniform needs.

P&C meeting

Next P&C meeting will be Monday 21st March at 1:45pm in the Hub (the blue/grey building near the corner of Railway Pde and Flinders Street in the school grounds). Everyone is welcome to attend.

STUDENT AWARDS

Key to Success Awards

O = Organisation

C = Confidence

R = Resilience

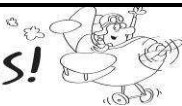
G = Getting Along

P = Persistence



	Week Starting 8/2/2016	
PB	Grace, Hassan	P, G
PC	Travel	P
1A	Diesel, Mia	O, C
1C	Kyree, Amir	G, O
1D	Zoran, Enuu	O, C
2A	Cameron, Destiny	C, O
2B	Merihana, Learnu	C, C
3A	Esmatullah, Mehreen	O, C
3D	Harry, Grace,	G, O
4A	Jessie, Eh Ni	C, C
4B	Deanna, Vijai, Martha, Eh K'Paw	O,P,P,O
4D	Faresa	C
5A	Syahida, Jeshianna, Cheyenne	C, C, P
5B	Levi, Antonio, Niki	P, C
5D	Tia	C
5E	Xeng, Eric	O, C
6A	Sam, Ali, Mamu, Deka	G, G, O, O
6B	Hadicha, Jasmine	O, O
6C	Mahnaz	O
6D	Mya	P
ILC B	Maryan	C
ILC C	Ahmed, Mee Reh	P, O
ILC D	Maidi	P
ILC E	Alireza	P
ILC F	Zakia	C
ILC H	Immaculee, Amir	G, P
ILC K	Maisa, Alizreza, Abul	G, C, C

IMPORTANT DATES!



22/2/16 - 26/2/16 - Teacher Meet & Greet Continuing

Thursday 3/3/2016 - Year 6 Southbank Excursion

Thursday 10/3/2016 - ILC Southbank Excursion

Friday 18/3/16 - Harmony Day Senior 9am -10am

Junior 12pm - 1pm

YEAR 6 GRADUATION POLO SHIRTS



Once again we are ordering Woodridge State School Graduation shirts for a cost of \$20.00. Could you please send back the order form with your child's size along with your payment of \$20.00 to the office by 4th March.

Chappy News

Volunteer Opportunities

Got time to spare? Why not register as a volunteer! To help chaplaincy with special events throughout the year please grab a registration form from Chappy Mel and register your details and available times. Your support is appreciated and highly valued.

Camps

Interested in student camps on the holidays then check out 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 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. If you'd like more information regarding chaplaincy, please visit the school website www.woodridgess.eq.edu.au under student services and support programs on the support and resources tab. Chappy Mel

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Sacrament of Confirmation is Grade 3, age 8 or older and will be celebrated Sunday 29th May, 2016, 11am. Sacrament of First Holy Communion is now Grade 4, age 9 or older in 2017. All inquiries contact St Paul's Parish Office 3808 4134.



Global Learning

A very big thank you to the school community for the exceptionally warm welcome extended to me by staff, students and parents alike. As the school's first Global Citizenship Mentor my role provides me with unique opportunity to work in partnership with teachers to nurture the global citizens in their classrooms – all 696 of them. Every second Tuesday after school, teachers and support staff including CLO Elena Brayne, Literacy Coach Bernie Biss and Community Hub Co-ordinator Briony Hadfield come together as the Global Citizenship Working Group. This group explores resources and teaching methods to strengthen intercultural understanding and critical thinking skills, qualities much needed if our students are to successfully work and live in our increasingly globalised world. Watch this space each fortnight for more global citizenship developments – the Woodridge Way.

Alisa Cleary – Global Citizenship Mentor WSS