

# NEWSLETTER – 4<sup>th</sup> March, 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, 26<sup>th</sup> February was 693 with 91 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 throughout the term.

**Learning:** We are so pleased to see our Years 1 to 4 students enjoying their Art activities with Ms Rolfe during the week. We have a special Artist in Residence working with Ms Rolfe on Tuesdays to share artistic skills so that she can use these with our students during the week. This is an awesome opportunity for students and teachers to gain further from people outside our school. We hope to share our students' artistic work with parents and a broader audience later in the Semester.

Our children are preparing for two special days coming up to celebrate our progress on "getting along". On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March our children will be reminded of the way we get-along at Woodridge and that we have ways of working against bullying behaviours both when we can physically see and talk to people and when we use the digital technologies. On Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March we will be sharing our respect for the work we do of valuing our diverse community of learners while celebrating Harmony day with Senior and Junior assemblies. Students and community members are welcome to wear their traditional national/ cultural dress to these assemblies or wear orange as a symbol for Harmony Day. Our theme for the day is "Diversity is our Strength" and we will have many valuable experiences of sharing of "getting along" and other school values and keys to success during the week.

**Facilities Improvements:** During this semester we hope to have the following facilities work started at school:

Improvements to the staff carpark;

Floor coverings in F, Prep and Wellbeing Centre;

Air-conditioning progressed in the Science Room, Library meeting rooms and modular buildings.

We thank everyone for their understanding and support in these times of school improvement and change. Further details when they are available will be shared.

**Respecting our Neighbours' Space:** Drivers are asked to be respectful of our neighbours properties and driveways when dropping their children off at school and when collecting them in the afternoon. Cars should not be in other driveways or parking areas. Our neighbouring radio station has its own parking area and is not for our use. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

**Cross Country:** Our students are preparing for their cross-country events on 15<sup>th</sup> March (Senior) & 17<sup>th</sup> March (Junior). We encourage them to warm up, have hats, and be well hydrated and to cool down once they've exercised. We look forward to another fun couple of days with our Junior and Senior cross-country events this year.

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

Thank you to all Elders, community and parents who attended our meeting on Monday 22 February. We had great positive feedback regarding our school and the programs that we run. Our next meeting will be held on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm**. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### Homework Centre- Smith Family and Ganyjuu

We have had great interest in our Homework Learning Centres. They are held every **Monday from 2.45-4.00pm in our Resource Centre- Science Room and Library**. Our last day for Term 1 will be 14<sup>th</sup> March and we will start up again in Term 2 on the 18 April. If you would like your child to attend, please pick up a registration form from Mrs Lynch in the Well Being 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.

#### P & C NEWS

**Uniform Shop:** Open Tuesday and Friday 7:45 to 8:45am only. Winter uniforms will be available in week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> March.

- Zipper fleecy Jackets \$22 (Royal)
- Fleecy V Neck Jumper \$20 (Royal)
- Fleecy Track pants \$20 (Navy)

**Sizes 3 to 16 available.**

**P&C Meeting:** 21<sup>st</sup> March at 1:45pm in the Hub. (The Blue/Grey building in the school grounds near the corner of Railway Pde and Flinders St) Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Fundraising:** In Term 2 the P&C are planning to run a Mother's Day raffle and a Homestyle Pie Drive. More information will be available in Term 2.

**STUDENT AWARDS**  
**Key to Success Awards**  
**O = Organisation**  
**C = Confidence**  
**R = Resilience**  
**G = Getting Along**  
**P = Persistence**



## IMPORTANT DATES!

10/3/2016 - ILC Southbank Excursion  
 21/3/2016 - Harmony Day Senior Yr 4-6 9:30am  
 Junior Prep -Yr3 12:15pm  
 15/03/2016 - Senior Cross Country  
 17/03/2016 - Junior Cross Country



**Harmony Day** is now on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Senior Parade (Years 4 – 6) will commence at 9:30am. Junior Parade (Prep – Yr 3) will be at 12:15pm. Parents and students please come dressed in Traditional Costumes or something Orange.

**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 - 11:30  
 Childcare available!

Sewing Workshop for beginners  
 Wednesdays 9:00 - 11:00am  
 "Patterns and Projects"  
Everyone is 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

Be part of the P&C and make a difference!  
 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 1:45-2:45pm

### VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

It is the time of year when we remind parents about our Voluntary Contributions. In 2016 these are established at \$60 per child. Firstly I would like to thank all families who have already paid their contributions. Your payments are used directly in all classrooms to help purchase items such as: Art Supplies, Classroom Equipment, Classroom Consumables and Reading Books. Your child's education is our highest priority. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.



	Week Ending – 15/2/16, 22/2/16	
PB	Christian, Malakai	G, C
PC	Toan, Adone, Jerry, Mohamud	O, C, G, P
1A	Ben, Nevaeh, Tenelle	C, O, P
1C	Mariam, Sunshine, Myra, Lydia	G, O, O, P
1D	Sandy, Phoenix, Fartun	P, C, P
2A	Willow, Turaki, Liam, Hala	G, R, O, C
2B	Revise, Angela, Ina	C, C, P
3A	Pershya, Perpetue, Rakulan, Narjis	O,P, C, O
3D	Raymond, Tobias-Joel, Francis	R, G, O
4A	Marisa, Moe	O, P
4B	Mutjaba, Nathan	P, P
4C	Phoenix, Darius	O, C
4D	TJ, Penia	P, O
5A	Reece	P
5B	Miracle,	C
5D	Manuela, Bosco	P, C
5E	Edward, Swaliha, Sung, Denzel	C,P,O,P
6A	Shannon, Rory	G, O
6B	Helaina, Tiana, Rhys, Rongo, Shekynah	C, C, C, C, C
6C	John, Juliana, Mohammad, Paris	P,P, O,O
ILC B	Sajid, Ywahay, Kim, Khoshi	G, G, C, A
ILC C	Murtaza, Hamideh, Jabbez, Mehdi	P,P,O,P
ILC D	Selma	O
ILC E	Laila	O
ILC F	Plue, Hossein	C, C
ILC H	Peliata	G
ILC K	Abinath, Zahra, Sadrack, Maisa	O, G, C, O

### MATHS DAY OF EXCELLENCE



I loved Wednesday because we went down to Woodridge State High School for the maths day of excellence and all learnt new strategies that are to do with maths. We learnt about the most famous mathematician, Euclid. Euclid, sometimes called Euclid of Alexandria to distinguish him from Euclid of Megara, was a Greek mathematician, often referred to as the "Father of Geometry." He was active in Alexandria during the reign of Ptolemy. Euclid was born in the mid-4<sup>th</sup> century BCE. He sadly died in the mid -3<sup>rd</sup> century BCE. Euclid was only one of the things we learnt about, we also revised shapes and their edges, vertex or vertices, we also learnt a team challenge and we had to make a sculpture out of 4 cubes that we made ourselves. It had all of these rules and standards, for example we had to have at least 20 faces of the shapes visible and we needed to have paint and stuffing (it was fake) because it was compulsory. At the end of the day we all had a lot of fun, the other students were amazing and so were the teachers and staff that were there helping us along the way. I think the best part of the day was when the high school supplied us with lunch, there were poppers, spring rolls, biscuits, sandwiches, wraps and sweets. I loved Wednesday because we had a lot of support. I wish that I could come back next time because I want to see how Woodridge State High School works and what goes on at school. Thank you to all of the high school for your help and support and see you next time!

Thankyou – Rory 6A