

NEWSLETTER – 18th 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 enrolment data as of Friday 11th March was 696 with 91 students in Prep and 122 in the Intensive English Language Centre. Our students are learning well using their safe caring and respectful behaviours.

Harmony and Respectful Relationships: We have been valuing the experiences of others' backgrounds and getting to know each other better over the term, in particular over the past two weeks in preparation for Harmony Day. Certainly the theme for this year's day: "**Diversity is our Strength**" is really valued at our school. We do strive to understand each other's views and experiences and use the talents and suggestions of those present to blend together to make our school and its community better places in which we can work and live in harmony.

Clearly there will be differences of opinions and misunderstandings from time to time, but with good will and better communication, we will progress forward in productive ways for our students and our community to benefit.

Parent and Community Feedback Request: On our school website and at our Parents & Citizens meeting on Monday afternoon we will share our present Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students. Feedback and suggestions are welcome about this document and can be given at the P & C meeting or to Mr Gaggin at the office until the end of Week 1 in Term 2 – Friday 15th April. This feedback will help in our Review and Renewal of our Plan for the next four years.

Our Smoke Free Zone: A reminder that Schools and their surrounds to a 5 metre distance from their boundary fences are smoke free cigarette free zones. Please see the notice in this newsletter.

Autumn Vacation: Our school will be closed from Friday 25th March for Easter and Autumn holidays. School will re-open for Term 2 on Monday 11th April.

Parking Area Development Term 2: When school returns for Term 2, our staff carpark will be re-developed to provide better paved, car spaces and drainage. This work will take nearly 10 weeks to re-develop, so staff will need to park in alternate car parking opposite the school along Wembley Road. Parent and visitor parking in the public carpark in Flinders' Street will remain as we have had in the past.

Best wishes for a happy fortnight ahead.

Garry Molloy - Principal



From the Mobility Support Teacher

Attendance - Every Day Counts

Our student attendance has shown great improvements this term and our attendance is at 93.2%, we are well on our way to our target of 95% schoolwide. We would like to thank all parents who have made contact with the office/classroom teachers to advise us of why your child/ren are absent, and brought in **medical certificates** to support their absence. Please enjoy your Easter Break, stay safe and we will see you in Term 2.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday 9th May at 1.30pm**. We look forward in seeing you there.

Homework Centre- Smith Family and Ganyjuu

Thank you to all our students and parents for making our Homework Learning Centres such a success. All students are well behaved and always show respect to our volunteers. Monday was our last day for Term 1 and we will restart the Homework sessions again on **Monday 18th April from 2.45-4.00pm in our Resource Centre- Science Room and Library**. For more information please contact Anna Lynch on 3440 2333

WELLBEING EXPO - FREE for all families will be held on the 8th April from 10.00am-3.00pm at the Salvation Army 123

Paradise Road Slacks Creek. There will be health activities, jumping castle, music and prizes. For more information phone: 3156 9570

Solid Pathways- Selected students have been invited to attend the *University of Queensland Experience Day* to be held on Wednesday 23rd March. Congratulations and best of luck to all students involved.

P & C NEWS

Uniform Shop

Next week uniform shop will be open **Tuesday and Thursday 7:45 to 8:45 only**, (because of the school holidays starting on a Friday). A full range of winter uniforms are available in all sizes from 3 to 16.

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

P&C Meeting

Next P&C meeting is on Monday 21st March at 1:45pm in the Hub. (The Blue/Grey building in the school grounds near the corner of Railway Parade and Flinders St) Everyone is welcome to attend.

IMPORTANT DATES!

21/3/2016 - Harmony Day Senior Parade 9:00 - 10:30am
 Junior Parade 12:00 - 1:15pm
 25/3/2016- Good Friday /School Holidays Start
 11/4/2016- School re-opens



HARMONY DAY MONDAY

21st MARCH, 2016

Senior Parade: Years 4 to Year 6 – 9:00am to 10:30am

Junior Parade: Prep to Year 3 – 12:00pm to 1:15pm

Students and Parents please wear Traditional Dress or Orange Clothes.



SMOKING BANK 5 METRES AROUND SCHOOL GROUNDS:

Smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette **within five metres of any state or private school grounds** has been banned. This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays. On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police or other officers authorised by local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation. The ban does not extend to businesses or residences that share a property boundary with a school. Smokers are asked to put out your cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully well before you reach the school boundary.
www.health.qld.gov.au/public-health/topics/atod/tobacco-laws/schools/default.asp



GLOBAL LEARNING

As we welcome the arrival of term one holiday I am proud to report global citizenship is alive and thriving at Woodridge State School. Year 4 students Kerfala and Ali Sina have undertaken a geography project on behalf of their classmates linked to waste management issues. Their project is also contributing to important research we are doing at school to understand the various ways our curriculum can develop our students as active citizens contributing to a socially cohesive society. Together Kerfala and Ali Sina have investigated the puzzle- *What plans do each of the five Mayoral Candidates have for looking after the Logan City environment?* The students were especially keen to find out if the candidates, should they become mayor, consider providing recycling bins at the entrance to our school. Kerfala and Ali Sina have been thrilled with the email responses from the candidates. The students now have a deeper knowledge of the workings of local government and have been greatly encouraged by the praise they have received for endeavouring to speak up and make a difference in their local community. Kerfala and Ali Sina will share their findings with their classmates next week – perhaps even in the presence of the new Mayor. We will keep you posted after Election Day!

Alisa Cleary–Global Citizenship Mentor Woodridge State School

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.



STUDENT AWARDS

Key to Success Awards

O = Organisation

C = Confidence

R = Resilience

G = Getting Along

P = Persistence



	Weeks 6 & 7	
PA	Bella, Tylor	G, P
PC	May Sar, Toan, Eh Soe	P, O, G
1A	Angel, Amelia	P
1C	Tiara, Menna, Taylor, Amisa	G, C, C, O
1D	Sana, Samaneh, Henrietta, Aileone	C,P,G,C
2A	Micah, Muhammad	O, G
2B	Skye, Chelsea, Joe, Jayden	P, P, C, C
3A	Jeremie, Paul, Indiana, Betty	O, C, P, C
3C	Jorja, Lorenzo	P, C
3D	James, Sam	C, C
4B	Claudia, Lafoa'i, Poya, Natasha, Claudia	P,O,C,C, P
4C	Isabell, Zahid	C, P
4D	Kerfala	C
5A	Elijah, Jeshianna	C
5B	Abdolazim, Farishta, Eh Hsee Thar	G
5C	Brendon, Lynn, Saron	P, C, C
5D	Zakriya, Ethan	P, O
5E	Jaylen, Nazik, Dirhys	P,O,C,C
6A	Elijah, Jayden, Teina, Anjelika	O,C,G
6B	Mee Reh, Duong, Elgin, Yolanda	P, P
6C	Mohammed A, Ali, Tariya, Mohammad I	P,P,P,P
ILC A	Nazanin, Mohammad	C, C
ILC B	Maryam, Zainabu, Mohammad, Zarah	C, G, C,P
ILC D	Abdirizak, Joseph,	R, O
ILC E	Arya, Paw Soe	G, C
ILC F	Eh K Paw	P
ILC G	Reponse, Grace	C, P
ILC H	Marwa, Isaac, Alpha	P, C, C,
ILC K	Alphonsine, Abdinasir	P, R
Netball Junior	Klinpaka	
Netball Senior	Helaina	

Chappy News

Easter is a time of generosity and new life. During this holiday season please spare a thought for those less fortunate and show a nature of generosity. This is a time to wake out of self-interest and reach out to those in need. I hope you and your family have a very happy and safe Easter Holidays.

Chappy Mel

EASTER BONNET PARADE

PREP & YEAR 1

2:00PM Thursday 24th March In the School Hall.

