

# NEWSLETTER – 13<sup>th</sup> May, 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

**Enrolment:** Our enrolment numbers as of Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May are 723 from Prep to Year 6. We have 128 students in our Intensive English Language Centre and 93 in Prep.

**NAPLAN:** This week Year 3 and 5 students have participated in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy. This test is based on the Australian Curriculum and students are provided with a "snap shot" of what they can do at this time of their learning engaging with the Year 3 or Year 5 curriculum.

Our children were happy to "have-a-go" at these assessment tasks in Reading, Language and Writing conventions and Narrative Writing and also some Numeracy experiences.

Well done everyone for trying their best and giving our staff more information about each of our Year 3 or Year 5 learning abilities in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy.

**Responsible Behaviour Plan for 2016 to 2019:** Our new plan will be shared at the next Parent and Citizens' Association meeting on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> May at 1:45pm in our Community Hub. Mr Gaggin, Head of Curriculum – Wellbeing will share its main points and ask the Association to endorse its use for the next 3 years.

**Staff Car Park:** On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, the work on our staff car park will commence. Workers will start the fencing and excavation after 6:30am each morning and will finish work each day, working around the congestion of traffic in Flinders' Street. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during these busy work times over the next 6 to 8 weeks.

**Keys to Success:** During the next few weeks, our staff and students will be seeing how our Keys to Success of: "Getting Along", Confidence, Organisation, Persistence, Resilience can be applied to our daily lives at school and in our community. We have many experiences where these can apply to help us learn our coping strategies for life. Please chat to your child more about these if you get a chance.

Best wishes for a great fortnight ahead.

**Garry Molloy - Principal**

### From the Mobility Support Teacher

#### Mothers Day- 9 May 2016

We had a great turn up for our Mother's Day Parade and morning tea on Monday. Approximately 40 mother's attended the event. We had a couple of special items during parade, to show our mothers how much they are loved, followed by spoiling our mums during morning tea with edible roses, chocolate gifts, paper flowers and Mother's Day cards that our students made. We also had some visitors from our local community Trinder Park nursing home who were able to attend the event. We had plenty of smiles, and wonderful positive feedback of how lovely and special the event made them feel.

#### Attendance - Every Day Counts

Our student attendance target is at 95%, please contact the office or classroom teacher if your child is absent. Our *Attendance Policy* requires all absent days to be explained and if a child has 2 or more days absent we require a **medical certificate** to support their absence.

#### Homework Centre- Smith Family and Ganyjuu

We are running homework sessions every **Monday 2.45-3.45pm** in our **Resource Centre- Science Room and Library**. For more information please contact Anna Lynch on 3440 2333

#### Under 8's day (Prep-Year 2)

We will holding our Under 8's day on **Friday 20 May in the hall from 9am- 10.30am**.

The theme this year is "*Early Learning - Everyone Benefits*". There will be a variety of activities for the students such as necklace making, playdough, and face painting. We would like to extend an invitation to all our parents to come and bring their children as this is a special day to celebrate with all children who are under 8 years of age. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### Mem Fox visits Logan

Author of more than 40 books for young children including *Possum Magic* and *Time for Bed* will be presenting ONE parent evening session and TWO children sessions for **FREE**.

*An Evening with Mem Fox (Parent Session) on May 24 at the Logan Entertainment Centre at 6.30pm-8.30pm*

*Story time with Mem (Children Sessions) on May 25 at the Logan Entertainment Centre at 10.30am and again at 1.30pm*

Tickets for both events are free but limited. They can be booked at Logan Entertainment Centre on ph 3412 5626 or online.

## IMPORTANT DATES!

17/5/16 Tuesday - Photo Day

18/5/16 Wednesday - Photo Day

20/5/16 Friday - Under 8's day Prep to Year 2

24/5/16 - 10/6/16 Life Education

26/5/16 Thursday - Sorry Day

20/6/16 Monday - Refugee Day

## CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April, Woodridge State School took a team to compete in the Annual Logan and District Cross Country. All students selected performed really well and achieved some great results. The students who competed were:

### BOYS

Mazn 4<sup>th</sup>  
Raza 32<sup>nd</sup>  
Mohammed 17<sup>th</sup>  
Abas 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Alfa 26<sup>th</sup>  
Abdullahi 84<sup>th</sup>

### GIRLS

Daisey 40<sup>th</sup>  
Tia 27<sup>th</sup>  
Immaculee 36<sup>th</sup>  
Deka 11<sup>th</sup>



Congratulations to Mazn who has been selected in the Logan District Cross Country team to compete in the Metropolitan East Championships.

## P & C NEWS

**Uniform Shop:** Opening hours are **Tuesday and Friday only 7:45 to 8:45**. 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 16<sup>th</sup> May 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.

**P & C PIE DRIVE:** Our P&C are currently running a Homestyle Pie Drive. **Orders and money need to be returned to the Office by 3pm Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June no orders will be accepted after the late order closure time of Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 3pm.** Orders are to be collected from the school hall on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June** orders can be collected after 1pm on that day. Please ensure correct money is included and that you have your student name and class on each order form. Please do not send your children door knocking as it can be unsafe for them. Cheques are not accepted. Orders must be collected on the day as we have no cold storage facilities available.

**MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE WINNERS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Carolyn Wain (Volunteer), 2<sup>nd</sup> Denise Wilson (Music), 3<sup>rd</sup> Nikayla 4D, 4<sup>th</sup> Diesel 1A

## Words from your Global Citizenship Mentor Ms Alisa Cleary

At the start of term one I reported to you that a key aspect of my role as your Global Citizenship Mentor was to lead a group of 15 committed volunteers-members of the freshly formed Global Citizenship Working Group (GCWG). Through our fortnightly meetings in term one this group strengthened its knowledge and understanding of how to teach for transformative intercultural understanding using in part Harvard's University's Visible Thinking Routines.

In term two the 'rubber hits the road' with the GCWG implementing their learnings in carefully crafted history/geography units. You too can also see the outstanding work prep teachers Miss Foster and Mrs Black and Year 2 teacher Ms Rayner shared with the GCWG last week at [www.facebook.com/GLCBris/](http://www.facebook.com/GLCBris/). This week Kat (year 5) and Alicia (year 6) will share documentation of student thinking using the routine See, Think, Wonder. Members of the GCWG will facilitate this professional discussion with consideration given to the implications of their observations for future practice. Early indications suggest that teachers have been very impressed by the thinking of their students' when it is made visible using the Harvard approach. As staff and students think about their thinking, a culture of thinking with depth and rigour deepens at Woodridge State School. So too does the pool of global citizenship mentors ready to support their colleagues in teaching for global citizenship.

The popular Just Kidding magazines will be distributed soon. Circulation of this much loved publication ensures budding readers are up with the latest in globalised culture. Meanwhile teachers are very welcome to drop by and utilise a hefty stash of alternative global education resources.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS – 2016

Our school photos are being taken on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May. There will be class photos and individual photos taken. If you do not wish your child to be in the photos, please send a note to the class teacher.

Please have your child in uniform and clean and tidy for the day. Your child's teacher will inform you of the day for their photo.



## CHAPPY NEWS

### FIVER FOR A FUTURE

You'd spend \$5 on coffee or \$5 on bread and milk... and maybe even \$5 on a bucket of popcorn. But are you willing to spend \$5 to change a child's life? Visit [www.fiverforafuture.org.au/#logan](http://www.fiverforafuture.org.au/#logan) to fund a local project that helps children and teenagers living in your very own neighbourhood!

### CRAZY BOTTOMS DAY – Wednesday 25

#### May

Students and staff are encouraged to wear crazy socks, shorts, skirts or pants to help raise funds for Chaplaincy programs and resources. A GOLD coin donation is required to participate. School shirts and shoes are still to be worn on the day. Thank you for your support and looking forward to seeing lots of crazy outfits.



TAKE THE NIGHT OFF COOKING & JOIN US FOR DINNER @



McDonalds Logan Central  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2016  
5.00pm – 7.30pm

**\*\*FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES\*\***

## STUDENT AWARDS

### Key to Success Awards

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



	Week Starting 9/5/2016	
PC	Myo, Nuly San	O, C
1D	Hope, Lynette	P, G
2B	Bailey	C
3A	Daniel, Balian, Darcey	O, C, G
3C	Dezohn	C
3D	Manawa, Tyra	G, G
4A	Anthony, Jahnaye, Lah Ku	R, C, C
4B	Lafa'o'l, Jamaol, Deanna	O,G, G
5A	Syahida, Estarlin, Amran	R
5B	Antonio, Mazn	
5C	Felecia, Tayliah-Rose, Mathias, Parosa	P, C,P, O
5D	Debora	C
5E	Matthew, Esperance	O, C
4C	Brittney, Zachariah	G, G
4D	Justin, Salogo	R, C
6B	Ke Doh, Shekynah, Helaina	G, O, P
ILC A	Taslim, Shahram	C, C
ILC B	Majabin, Muhadisa	P, G
ILC C	Ahmed, Mue	P, P
ILC D	Fartun, Cing	O,P
ILC E	Arzoo	P
ILC F	Ismahan, Ismail	C, C
ILC H	Mang, Niang	C, C
ILC I	Abubakar, Glorioza, Shakila, Lukeman	C, C, C, O
ILC K	Alireza, Abulfazl, Alian, Yasin	G, C,O,P

## BOOK FAIR

Book Fair is back let's make it a good one. Book Fair will start at 9:00am Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> of May until approximately 8:45 Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May. If you wish to purchase books, staff will be available at the following times: **8:00am to 8:45am, first break 11:00am to 11:25am, 2:45pm till 3:00pm.**