

# NEWSLETTER – 27<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

**Enrolments:** Our enrolment numbers as of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May are 732 from Prep to Year 6. We have 158 students in our Intensive English Language Centre and 94 in Prep.

**Inquiry Learning and Global Citizenship:** Our classes are all working on exciting inquiry based units of study in Maths, Science and The Humanities (Geography or History). Our students are looking more closely at situations and visuals (pictures, photos or video clips etc); thinking about and discussing these and wondering why or what else could have been or could be.....? Studies involving gathering data, graphing and listening to visitors from groups like the S.E.S. and environmental protection groups have assisted with our students' learning. Parents and carers can help by working along with their children in asking questions and considering how or why things occur. Congratulations to Eric and Ethan in Year 5 who spoke so confidently and so inquiringly to three Fire fighters from Beenleigh while they were training over the week-end. One of the men, Christian was so impressed by our boys that he rang the school to let me know of our boys' learning demeanour.

**Facilities Upgrades:** Thank you to our Year 5 classes for tolerating a day's change in location this week to gain new carpet in their upper F Block classrooms. After being repainted and given new vinyl over the holidays, the rooms' new carpet completes a great learning area.

Thank you too, to all our staff, parents and students for co-operating and respecting each other's needs in the changed arrangement for our staff car parking. The temporary car park near the shops is only for staff and thanks to the shop owners for their consideration in allowing the staff to use their area for the remainder of the term. Thank you to the parents and students who are walking around the car park area keeping to the footpaths. Our **safety rule** is very important for us all to follow during these times of refurbishment.

**Senior School Sports:** Best wishes to our Year 4 to 6 students preparing for their Annual Sports Carnival events on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June (Field events) and 8<sup>th</sup> June (Track events).

**One Sun, One World – Many Dreams:** Congratulations to the Year 3 students who had a wonderful art experience and sharing with some international students from China over the

past few weeks. The art work, from our students and the students from China, was beautiful and full of character. Thank you Ms Rolfe for her artistic support in this project. Thanks to Mrs Reddington and Ms Rolfe for taking a small group of our artists to QPAC on Monday afternoon for a shared exhibition of selected children's work.

Best wishes for the coming fortnight.

**Garry Molloy – Principal**

### From the Mobility Support Teacher

#### Every Day Counts

Congratulations to all students from Prep to Year 6 who have had 100% attendance to date. We drew out the following students names from the draw. Students and their families won a \$30 Coles voucher and a certificate on parade, in appreciation for their support with the *Every Day Counts* program.

Prep- Lucky; Year 1- Ruhida; Year 2- Anarme; Year 3- Joshua; Year 4- Covu; Year 5- Saron; Year 6- Hannah

#### Under 8's Day

An awesome day was had by all who attended our Under 8's Day. We had many activities for the children to participate in, such as face painting, mask making, bubble painting, storytelling and many more fun activities. It was a huge success with great positive feedback from our record number of parents and families in attendance. We also had some students from the local *Early Child Care Centre* and *Nursing Home* from our community.

#### EATSIPS and Elders Meeting

Thank you to all parents and Elders who attended our meeting. We discussed many details regarding our up and coming NAIDOC, performances, special guest speakers and items that we will showcase during the event. NAIDOC will be held on 5 August in our school hall from 8.45am.

#### National Sorry Day Thursday 26 May

As part of our Schoolwide approach in *Embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perspectives*, on **Thursday 26 May** all classes did show a powerpoint and completed an activity for *National Sorry Day*.

National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held each year. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Stolen generations refer to Indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their families and communities.

## P & C NEWS

### Uniform Shop

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

The next P&C meeting is on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 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.

## STUDENT AWARDS

### Key to Success Awards

O = Organisation

C = Confidence

R = Resilience

G = Getting Along

P = Persistence



|       | Week Starting 16/5/16 & 23/5/16           |             |
|-------|---|-------------|
| PB    | Rizan                                     |             |
| PC    | Eh Soe                                    | C           |
| 1A    | Grace, Promise, Shakida                   | P,P, C      |
| 1C    | Lasike                                    | G           |
| 1D    | Iese, Igrayne, Akim, Tiani                | C, P,P,O    |
| 2A    | Sarah, Destiny                            | C, P        |
| 2B    | Connor, Jayden                            | P, P        |
| 3A    | Abdelrashid, Samira, Pershya              | C, P, C     |
| 3C    | Thuy, Dakota, Immanuel, Reyhaneh          | P, P        |
| 3D    | Engy, Kalan, Vai, Htoo Saw                | O, P        |
| 4A    | Jaslynn, Jauntae                          | P, G        |
| 4B    | Martha, Eh K'Paw, Matha, Deanna           | O, G,G,G    |
| 4C    | Pheonix, Grace, Adel, Isabell             | C,P,G,P     |
| 4D    | Rickylee, Melissa, Anthony                | P,P,P       |
| 5A    | Nazin, Swe Dee                            | O, C        |
| 5B    | Meki                                      | O           |
| 5C    | Ashton                                    | O           |
| 5D    | Trishia, Lleyton                          | O, C        |
| 5E    | Claire, Tameka, Sharliquin, Roena, Edward | C, O, C,C,G |
| 6A    | Latisha, Terangi, Jayden, Phoenix         | R, P, O, C  |
| 6B    | Rongo, Nguyen                             | P, P        |
| 6C    | PawHtoo, Amos, Jason                      | P, O        |
| ILC A | Maqsud, Nazanin                           | C,C         |
| ILC B | Agape, Amin, Ruhida, Zarah                | G, P,C,P    |
| ILC D | Sidra, Dunia, Joseph, Abdilizak           | C,P,R,R     |
| ILC E | Jiviraje                                  | C           |
| ILC F | Mairiau, Reza, Mohammad                   | G,P         |
| ILC H | Robin, Sama                               | C, C        |
| ILC I | Madiyah, Abubaka, Amir, Mohammad, Marwa   | C,P,G,O,O   |
| ILC K | Mang, Niang, Alphonsine, Abdinasir        | C,G,P,R     |

## IMPORTANT DATES!



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

7/6/16 Tues - Senior Sports Day Years 4 - 6 Field Events

8/6/16 Wed - Senior Sports Day Years 4 -6 Track Events

20/6/16 Mon - Refugee Day

21/6/16 Tues - Yr 4 Excursion Botanic Gardens Mt Cootha

22/6/16 Wed - Student/Parent Folio Sharing (more information next newsletter).

23/6/16 Thurs - Yr 3 Out of the Box Excursion

## LIFE EDUCATION

The Life Education program is still running, could you please pay the \$5 per student at the office. Thank you to the parents/carers that have already paid.

## PHOTOS

School Photos have been taken and envelopes for payment have been sent home and returned. However, if you have not returned your envelope you may do so up until the 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2016.

You **MUST** have correct amount in the envelope as we do not open them.

If you wish to still order a photo of your student either individual or class photo, you may still do so.

If your child was away on the photo days, the photographer will be back on the 31/05/2016 to redo all absentees.

## CHAPPY NEWS

A big THANK YOU to everyone for your support of Chappy Mel during Chappy Week. Our McDonald's and Crazy Bottoms Day fundraisers raised over \$400 which will go towards games, resources and programs run by Chappy Mel.



Congratulations to 4A for winning the "Craziest Class" award for Crazy Bottoms Day. Special mention to Kyree 1C, Jauntae 4A and Mohammad 6C for their very crazy outfits.

Thankyou to all staff who also participated.