

# NEWSLETTER – 15<sup>th</sup> July, 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

**Welcome Back to Term Three:** Our enrolment at the end of Term 2 was 746. We had 96 in our Prep area and 157 in our Intensive English Language Centre. I hope everyone had a refreshing break and is back, ready to learn.

### Welcome to our new Teachers for Term 3:

- Ms Doreen Percy – Behaviour Support
- Ms Bettina Wechselberger – ILC replacing Mr & Mrs Bampton for the term
- Ms Margaret Drews ILC – new class
- Ms Renee Keith Prep
- Ms Nour Al Hilali 1C – Replacing Mrs Davis who is our Pedagogy Coach
- Ms Ellie Vakos (0.4) Relieving for Ms Jenkins who is acting H.O.C. while Mr Gaggin works as acting Deputy Principal on Thursdays and Fridays.

### Recent Outstanding Achievements:

- Our school has achieved our eSmart – sustaining accreditation (Please see the badge in this newsletter).
- Woodridge State School is a Regional Showcase winner for Excellence in Early and Primary Years.
- Woodridge State School is a State Finalist for “Employment, Education and Training Innovation – public sector” in the Queensland Multi-Cultural Awards to 2016. Winners will be announced on 20<sup>th</sup> August. Congratulations to our staff, students and community for their efforts in reaching such great outcomes!

### Annual Parent / Carer Opinion Survey:

The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted 11th to 29th July 2016. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve. Access details for the Parent / Carer survey will be sent home with students this week. Parents / Caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school, and school computers will be available in the Library on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from

8:15am to 9:00am in the mornings and from 2:45pm to 3:15pm on each of these days. Survey queries or requests for translations can be directed to Mrs Stedman on 3440 2333.

**Student Attendance and Notification of Absences:** As mentioned in the previous newsletter, our school is moving like all other State Schools to a new “same day” notification of attendance program where students’ carers or parents will need to contact the school on the day, if their child is to be away from school. At 9:00 o’clock, rolls are marked and if students are away, without explanation, parent / carers will be notified. It is really important that the school has an up-to-date record of contact – current, correct telephone number to use to talk to a carer / or parent. We urge all families to make sure we have your correct number on computer at school at all times. Thank you for your co-operation with this important change.

**Facilities News:** Our staff car park is in use. Parents and students are not permitted to walk or drive in this area. Long term staff parking is available for staff in this new area. Thank you everyone for your co-operation with this project.

The facilities team has a start-up meeting on Friday to commence the school perimeter fencing project. This project will provide new high metal fencing around our school by the end of the year.

Our school has had an electrical upgrade over the holidays so that our whole school can use the new air-conditioning more effectively.

During the remainder of this year, we will gradually see a change over to a new telephone system.

Thank you to our facilities team for managing these many exciting projects for the improved learning and working environment for our students and staff.

Best wishes for a rewarding fortnight ahead and remember our school behaviour rhyme with your children:

***I am a learner everyday;***  
***I am safe, caring and respectful;***  
***It's the Woodridge Way.***

**Garry Molloy – Principal**

## MOBILITY SUPPORT TEACHER MESSAGE

### **NAIDOC Day Parade and Celebrations 2016**

**When:** Friday 5 August

**Start time:** 8.45-9.45am Years 4-6

9.45-10.45am Prep – Year 3

**Where:** Woodridge State School Hall

Cnr Wembley Road and Railway Parade, Woodridge

**Guest Speaker:** Commissioner Tammy Williams

### **GANYJU & SMITH FAMILY HOMEWORK CENTRE**

The homework centre will be starting again in week 2 – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 in the Resource Centre, from 2:45pm to 3:45pm.

### Coffee Drive-Thru

We will be offering a FREE coffee/tea or hot chocolate, so parents and carers can grab a coffee when they drop their children off at school, along with information of what is happening at our school in the weeks ahead.

WHERE: WELLBEING CENTRE

WHEN: EVERY MONDAY

TIME: 8.00-8.30am

We look forward to seeing you then.

## 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 4 to 16.

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

**Uniform Shop is CASH ONLY no cards accepted.**

### P&C Meeting

Next P&C meeting is on Monday 15<sup>TH</sup> August 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.

There will be no meeting in July.

## PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Notes will be going home with students on Monday for interview times. Could you please complete and return to their teachers. Please note that 3C notes will be going home the following week.



## **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.



## **Junior Sports Day**

**Our Junior Sports Day Prep to Year 3 will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Class Teachers will confirm your students colour for the day.**

## **IMPORTANT DATES!**

15/7/16 Fri - Year 6 Career Expo

18/7/16 Mon - Years 5 & 6 Girls Touch Football WSHS

21/7/16 Thurs - Year 6 Concert Woodridge State High School

27/7/16 Wed - District Athletics

28/7/16 Thurs - District Athletics

28/7/16 Thurs - Year 4 Excursion Qld Gallery of Modern Arts

1/9/16 Thurs - Junior Sports Day

# Regional winner

Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools

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