

NEWSLETTER – 7th October, 2016

PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back to the school routine for Term 4, 2016. This term promises to be another full and enjoyable one with interesting classroom and outside learning activities. Our enrolments for the start of term show 752 students attending, with 95 students in the Prep and 187 children in the Intensive English Language Centre.

Facilities and Grounds: Thank you to our cleaners and School's Officers for tidying the school and preparing our areas for the clean start of Term 4. Prep Area Concreting, fencing near the Hall grass yard, shelving for our reading resources and carpentry work in the Well Being Centre were major jobs undertaken over the holidays by our School's Officers and our Facilities team. These projects have really made a difference for us at school.

This term we will see the perimeter fencing starting near the Wembley Road front fence near G Block. It will continue going round Railway Parade, along Flinders Street, meeting up with the new carpark fence after going behind neighbours. The fencing project will then go behind our neighbours near our tennis court and Charles Avenue, to our neighbours before the Charles Avenue lane-way. It will then go along the grounds and on the fenced retaining wall between the oval and buildings to the Wembley Road fence.

A shared bike way and pedestrian walkway, fenced on either side will link Wembley Road Crossing near the Special School to Charles Avenue during the summer vacation and early in the new year.

Students, staff and community safety at all times will be a major consideration.

Same Day Notification: Term 4 will see our school progress our procedures in checking student absences early and notifying parents and carers of children who are not explained as absent early in the morning. Please see our notice attached and ensure your contact details are up to date in our office.

Learning and Wellbeing: During our first fortnight back at school we are focusing on reminding our children about our four School Rules: **I am a Learner every day, I am Safe,**

Caring and Respectful: It's the Woodridge Way! We also are reminding the children about the need for coming to school every day and the rewards that regular attendance bring.

Many of our classes are developing engaging units of work that build on their interests in local, national or international events or topics. Our children are gaining more confidence in asking questions and speaking about the real-life topics of study.

Best wishes for a rewarding fortnight.

Garry Molloy – Principal

From the Mobility Support Teacher

Attendance – Every Day Counts

We are now rolling out **Same Day Notification** as part of our school policy and "Every Day Counts", it is expected that all students attend school regularly, and it is expected that parents call the school to explain their child's absence on the **same day**. 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 are reported on the student's end of semester report card. Persistent lateness and absence will lead to home contact.

Homework Centre- Smith Family

We would like to thank 'Yoobi' and the Smith Family for their kind and generous donation of resources for our Homework Learning Centre. Thank you to all the families who continue to support our Homework Centre. We will be starting up the sessions for Term 4 on **Monday 10th October**.

Homework Hub - Ganyjuu

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Playgroup (Friday) in the Community Hub

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.

Welcome to our Indigenous Teacher Aide

We would like to welcome Miss Gemma Gala to our wonderful school. She will be working as our Indigenous Teacher Aide to support parents, students and community.

Transition Matters

Thank you to all parents who registered for our Pre Prep Transition Program. The **8 week program will be starting on Friday 7th October from 8.30-10.30am**. We ask that all students attend the program regularly and on time to get the best learning outcomes.

P & C NEWS

Uniform Shop - Uniform Shop open every Tuesday and Friday 7:45am to 8:45am. **Uniform Shop is CASH ONLY no cards accepted.**

P&C Meeting - Next P&C meeting is on Monday 24th October 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.

Heather Brae Biscuits and Slices Drive - Fundraiser Order forms will be sent home with the youngest student in each family next week. Please look out for these. The drive has lots of yummy slices and biscuits. Orders close Wed 2nd November at 3pm and No orders will be accepted after Friday 4th November at 3pm. Delivery date is Wednesday 30th November.



DISCO

The year 6's will be having a Disco, in order to raise funds for the Excursion and Graduation.

Years 4 – 6 Tuesday 18th October 1pm – 2:30pm
Prep – Year 3 Tuesday 25th October 1pm – 2:30pm
 Venue: School Hall
 Cost: \$5.00 entry including a Lucky Dip Bag

Students can also purchase a Sausage and Drink for \$3.00 (**Pre-orders only**)

STUDENT AWARDS

Key to Success Awards

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



	Week Starting 12/9/2016	
PA	Colin	R
1D	Henrietta	C
3C	Ebony	R
3D	Tobias	C
4A	Jesse	C
4D	Bosco	P
5A	Syahida	G
5C	Felecia	R
5D	Bosco	P
5E	Sharliquin	P
6A	Mamu	C
6B	Brodie	G
ILC A	Sara	C
ILC B	Babangi	G
ILC G	Zakia, Shaqaeq	C, O
ILC H	Angelique	C
ILC I	Mahdi	C
ILC K	Maisa, Yasin	G, C

IMPORTANT DATES!



Monday 17/10/2016 - PUPIL FREE DAY
 Tuesday 18/10/2016 - Year 3 Karawatha Excursion
 Tuesday 18/10/2016 - Year 4-6 Disco 1pm - 2:30pm
 Friday 21/10/2016 - Year 1 Roma Street Parkland Excursion
 Tuesday 25/10/2016 - Prep - Year 3 Disco 1pm - 2:30pm

Year 5 “Gold Rush” Excursion – Could final payments for excursion be paid at the office by 14th October, 2016.

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.



PUPIL FREE DAY
MONDAY 17TH OCTOBER

St Paul's Catholic Church, St Paul's Drive Woodridge Ph 3808 4134

SACRAMENTS - The Sacrament of Eucharist (FIRST COMMUNION) for GRADE 4 AND OLDER will be celebrated at St Paul's Catholic Church, 3 St Paul's Drive (Off Jean Street) Woodridge 4114 on SUNDAY, 13th November 2016 at 11 am. Registration forms are available at our Parish Office, contact Nelda on 07 3808 4134, or send an email to woodridge@bne.catholic.net.au. It is essential to present baptism certificate, birth certificate or photo ID at time of registration.

Candidates must attend sacramental preparation classes prior to this date, once a week for 3 weeks beginning FRIDAY, 14th OCTOBER 2016 or SATURDAY, 15th OCTOBER 2015. Parent(s) of primary school children ages 9-12 will be required to attend the classes with their children. Thank you.