

NEWSLETTER – 4th November, 2016

PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

School Enrolments: As of last Friday, we had 750 students in our school with 97 students in Prep and 193 in the Intensive English Language Centre.

Showcase Awards for 2016: Congratulations to our Showcase Team and all staff, students and supportive parents and care-givers who worked so hard to gain the "2016 Network Ten Showcase Award for Excellence in the Early and Primary Years." Our "Global citizenship education – passport to social cohesion" initiative strengthens the socio-emotional, behavioural and cognitive abilities of students to help them develop a sense of belonging, to act responsibly, and to think critically and creatively about local, national and global issues.

Our children are involved with a variety of interesting life experiences from going to historic gold fields (Year 5), understanding the Surf with Surf Lifesavers (Year 6) to talking to divers on the Great Barrier Reef (Year 1) and discussing First Contact in Australian History (Year 4). All these assist us to make learning the Australian Curriculum more meaningful. Thank you to all our teachers who plan these really engaging learning experiences for our children and to the parents and carers who help their children get there through funding and chats.

Behaviour Expectations: This week we have been reminding our children of the need to be at their before school meeting places and to make sure of who they were going home with and how they were going home. Please help your child remember these arrangements as they help make everyone

safe. Next week we will be looking at helping students stay in safe playing areas and work areas of the school and remember where the red lines show 'out of bounds' areas.

Same Day Notifications: Thank you for everyone's careful remembering of letting the office know if your child is going to be away. Our 'text' system is working and we thank everyone for their co-operation and understanding that we are trying to know where each child is at all times.

Best wishes for a happy fortnight ahead,
Garry Molloy - Principal

From the Mobility Support Teacher **Embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander** **Perspectives Community and Elders Meeting**

We will be holding our quarterly meeting on **Monday 21st November 1.45pm - 3.00pm** in the **Resource Centre** Meeting Rooms. During the meeting we will be discussing our programs and support services. We will have visitors from James Cook University who will be sharing their protocols from the Community. Following the meeting there will be an opportunity to talk to our Indigenous Teacher Aide Mrs Gemma Gala and also Ms Rita Miller from Ganyjuu. Everyone is welcome.

Transition Matters

Thank you to all parents who have been bringing their children regularly to our Pre Prep Transition Program. We have seen that the children are settling well into the prep environment and are happily learning new and interesting things.

Prep Information Morning

There will be an important **Prep Parent Information Session on Friday 25 November from 8.30 - 10.30am in our Hall**. We will have on display ways to help support your children in the early years. Morning Tea will be provided. All welcome.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Rory, a Year 6 Student and our School Captain, who has been chosen in the State Team for Cricket. This is a very big event for Rory as she has trained for many years to achieve this goal. She will be travelling to Canberra in the Christmas holidays. We wish her all the very best in the future for her cricket career and we are very proud that another sports person has come from Woodridge State School. **WELL DONE.**

P & C NEWS

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

Uniform prices will increase in January next year so please get in early and purchase your uniforms before the price rise. Full arrangements of all uniforms and sizes are available. Uniform Shop opening times for January next year will be advised before the end of the school term this year. Check for times in newsletter and on the uniform shop door.

P&C Meeting: The next P&C meeting is on **Monday 21st November** 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. This will be the last meeting for 2016.

Heather Brae Biscuits and Slices Drive

Heather Brae Biscuits and Slices Fundraiser Order forms have closed. If you have placed an order please remember the delivery date is Wednesday 30th November after 1pm from the School hall. Thank you for your orders.

YEAR 6 BURLEIGH HEADS EXCURSION

Could you please have your payment of \$40.00 to the office by Monday 7th November thank you.

STUDENT AWARDS

Key to Success Awards

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



	Week Starting 24/10/2016 & 31/10/2016	
1A	Tenelle, Amelia	P, C
1C	Mariam	P
1D	Aileone, Akim	P, O
2A	Fia, Micah	C, P
2B	Cody	P
3A	Perpetue/Odette	G
3C	Jalena, Tyson	O, R
3D	Vai, Engy	R, O
4A	Jaslynn, Chelsiah, Halee	C, C, C
4B	DJ, Jamaol	P, O
4C	Harmony, Jedd	G, G
4D	Bosco, Justin	R, R
5A	Hayley, Amran	G, G
5B	Abdolazim	C
5C	Ashton, Sharon	P, O
5D	Raza	P
5E	Paw Eh Dee, Diryhs	C, G
6A	Matelina, Ngay, Phoenix	C, C, C
6B	Brodie, Rongo	O, O
6C	Mohammed	O
ILC A	Sabena, Hser Khu	C, G
ILC B	Ruhida	G
ILC D	Nermeen, Falestin	C, P
ILC E	Jiviraje, Amira	C, P
ILC F	Mairuaiu	C
ILC G	Agnes	P
ILC H	David, Urji	P, C

SAME DAY NOTIFICATION

It is a requirement that the school be informed if your child is absent from school.

If your child is absent and you have not contacted the school, you will receive the following text message.

WOODRIDGE STATE SCHOOL , date, student name
was absent from school
Please reply with STUDENT FULL NAME,
Class, and reason for their absence.

or ring the school on **3440 2333**, to speak to office staff or leave a message.

IMPORTANT DATES!

Wednesday 9th November - Year 6 Burleigh Excursion
 22nd November to 1st December Year 3 & 5 Swimming
 Thursday 8th December - Year 6 Graduation

SWIMMING LESSONS YEARS 3 & 5

The cost of \$25.00 for 6 lessons must be paid in full to the office by Friday 11th November. Thankyou to the parents and carers' who have already paid.