

NEWSLETTER – 2nd December, 2016

PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

School Enrolment: As of last Friday, we had 766 students in our school with 97 students in Prep and 199 in the Intensive English Language Centre.

Same Day Notifications: We are ready for 2017, our trial and focused preparation has helped us get into a good position for next year. I appreciate everyone's careful attention to letting the office staff know if your child is going to be away. Our 'text' system is working and we thank everyone for their co-operation and understanding so that we know where each child is at all times.

Behaviour Expectations: We continue to impress upon our children that we need to look after our mind and body as the days begin to get hotter. We need to keep drinking water and eating healthy foods, e.g. fruit, vegetables and sandwiches. We also need a shady hat and our school summer uniform of a sleeved, polo shirt and shorts. Sunscreen is also recommended or play in the shade. Another of our expectations for the fortnight as we tidy up for the holidays is to follow supervisors and teachers' directions the first time. There are times for discussions and opinions are welcome to be shared but there are other times when staff need students to follow directions for safety and organisational reasons the first time. This will help everyone get-along and achieve the expected outcome quicker. We will expect students to be in the right place at the right time and to keep our school and their rooms neat and tidy.

Safe Use of Digital Technology: Parents and Caregivers were invited to a special morning of information about the safe use of technology at home on Wednesday 30th November at 8:30am in the hall. Thanks to the Kids Matter Team, Ms Sward and Mr Gaggin for supporting this awareness raising for parents and the presentations during the day for staff and Year 3-6 students.

Students and Staff keep working: Our children's classes are continuing to work on their studies and some progressive and final assessments are being completed over the next week. Final reports are ready for discussion with parents and carers from Thursday 1st December. Parent/Teacher conferences and sharing of progress folios can be organised for then too. Please contact your child's teacher for an appointment to receive their report. Reports for those who aren't able to come to school will be sent home on Wednesday afternoon.

Fencing Project: Thank you to everyone for their co-operation and support of our fencing project. This has caused some changes in our movement areas of the school but will create a safer environment for us in the future.

Our school attendance target is 95%. Our whole school attendance percentage year to date is at 92.2% Annual Attendance Celebration We hope to celebrate 100% attendance for our group on Wednesday morning.

Highlights of 2016:

- Continued positive gains in NAPLAN Reading and Numeracy
- Student, Parent and Staff Satisfaction surveys still trending around or above 90%
- Special Days of Celebration such as Harmony Day; ANZAC Day; NAIDOC; Refugee Week; Well-being Day; Prep Expo and Under8s Day
- Great Experience in Social Sciences using our Inquiry Approach
- Our 2016 Showcase Award for Excellence in Early and Primary Years.
- Our Major facilities projects of our staff carpark and perimeter fencing.
- The Council shared laneway along our western boundary will be developed over the summer holidays and into Term 1, 2017.
- Successful ILC and Year 3 & 5 Swimming Programs
- A fine awareness of future learning experiences for Year 6 students through Launch into Life at Griffith Uni Logan.

Special Events to come:

- Wednesday 7th December – Annual Attendance Celebration
- Wednesday 7th December- Prep- Year 5 students will have a visit to their 2017 classrooms and teachers from 2:15pm " Up Afternoon" and booklists will be handed out to students. Booklists will also be available on our website www.woodridgess.eq.edu.au and at the office.
- Thursday 8th December – Year 6 Graduation and class party day

Year 6 Congratulations:

On behalf of our school community I would like to thank our Year 6 students for being a very keen and responsible group of learners and leaders in 2016. We have achieved a lot with their teachers and other staff this year. I wish all the very best for their future and hope they enjoy their final days at Woodridge and their Graduation Day.

Appreciation of our P & C Association: Many thanks to our dedicated Parents and Citizens who have made this year another happy and rewarding year for our school. My sincere best wishes to all for a safe and happy festive season and peaceful holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 23rd January after the Pupil Free Days of 18-20 January, 2017

Garry Molloy – Principal

IMPORTANT DATES!



Wednesday 7th December 2016- Annual Attendance Celebration
 Thursday 8th December 2016 - Year 6 Graduation
 Friday 9th December 2016 - Last Day of School
 Monday 23rd January 2017 - School Reconnences

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop open:

2016 times: Opening Hours

Tuesday 6th Dec 7:45 to 8:45

Thursday 8th Dec 7:45 to 8:45

2017 times: Opening Hours

Wednesday 18th January 8am to 3pm

Thursday 19th January 2pm to 3.00pm

Friday 20th January 2pm to 3pm

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th 7:30am to 9:00am

(Closed January 26th Australia Day Public Holiday)

Monday 30th January to 3rd February 7:30am to 9:00am

Uniform Shop is CASH ONLY no cards accepted.

Uniform prices will increase in January next year.

P&C Meeting

Next P&C meeting is on **Monday 20th February** at 1:45pm in the Hub.

This is our Annual General Meeting (AGM) (The Blue/Grey building in the school grounds near the corner of Railway Parade and Flinders St) Everyone is welcome to attend.

Year 6 Graduation



To be held at Logan Diggers Function Room. Students are to arrive at the venue by **10:45am** to commence the Ceremony at 11:00am. **Could all**

payments for Graduation be paid to the office by Friday 2nd December, 2016. (Cost \$25.00). Thank you to those who have already paid.

From the Mobility Support Teacher

Embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perspectives Community and Elders Meeting

Thank you to all the parents and community for your attendance and participation of our E.A.T.S.I.P.S meeting, we welcome your support. Thank you Miss Gemma for all your support and we look forward to more families being involved with our programs.

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. We had great feedback indicating a successful program from parents and carers. The feedback included all components of the program including the parent information session.

Homework and Learning Programs

The homework centre for both Ganyjuu and Smith family will return in week 2, 2017. Registration forms will be handed out during week 1 and we will begin the homework sessions in week 2. We look forward to your child registering for 2017.

Annual Attendance Celebration

There will be a special celebration to congratulate the great achievements of our students who have had **100% attendance** for the whole year in 2016. It will be held in our School Hall on **Wednesday 7th December at 8.00am**. The students are excited to be receiving a special golden badge and certificate. All welcome.

STUDENT AWARDS

Key to Success Awards

O = Organisation

C = Confidence


R = Resilience

G = Getting Along

P = Persistence

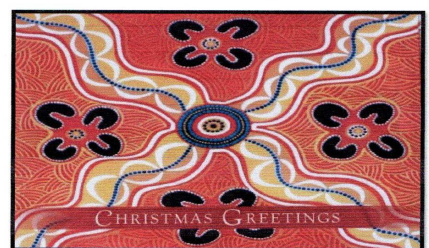


	Week Starting 21/11/2016 & 28/11/2016	
1A	Augustin	C
1C	Gwenisha, Sunshine	O, P
1D	Ali, Um Al Baneen	C, P
2A	Addissen	G
2B	Isabella	C
3B	Taya	C
3C	Craig, Lizzy	P, R
3D	Kalan	R
4A	Lancia, Jauntae	C, C
4B	Emma, Soe Meh	P, C
4C	Bibi, Dawt	C
4D	Lui, Arthur	P, G
5A	Kisinja, NJ	C, R
5B	Mazn	
5C	Jack, Yusira	C
5D	Ethan	G
5E	Esperance, Xena, Justus, Claire	O, G, C, R
6A	Teina, Terangi, Mamu	P
6B	Exauce, Helaina	C, G
6C	Mahnaz, Sara, Nay	O, G, P
6D	Bailey	C
ILC A	Maqsud, Deema	C, P
ILC B	Mohammad, Ywa Hay	G, P
ILC C	William, Shar Eh	C, P
ILC D	Raashid, Toma	G, R
ILC E	Leonard, Orfan	G, G
ILC F	Elaha	P
ILC G	Grace	R
ILC H	Mati	P
ILC K	Shazia, Aisha	G, C



Culture/Christmas in the Park

Ewing Park, Woodridge
 Sunday 18 December 2016
 11.00am-3.00pm



Come and celebrate with us
 This is the last event for 2016
 We want to wish you all a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year and thank you for all your support during the year.

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