

# NEWSLETTER – 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017

## PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

**Enrolment:** Our enrolment as of Friday was 719 and with 146 students in our Intensive Language Centre and 82 students in Prep.

**Thank You and Best Wishes to Ms McGrath:** After approximately 13 years working at our school as a teacher's-aide, 9 years as the co-ordinator of our Responsible Planning Classroom, Ms McGrath has decided to retire on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March. She has helped many of our children understand the behaviours and plan effectively to be positive learners, being safe, caring and respectful. She has assisted our staff and administrators with implementing support plans for many of our children over these years. Many parents and carers have come in to share strategies and plans over these times. On behalf of our school community I wish to thank Ms McGrath for her support and dedication towards our students, parents/carers and staff and wish her every happiness for the future.

**Parent and Teacher, Student Progress Conversations:** During the week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> March parents and carers will be invited to share with their children's teachers how the children have settled into this year's class work and routines. These chats will help further build better understanding between parents/carers and teachers about what and how their children are learning. More information about times will be arranged by class teachers in the next few weeks.

**State Principals' Conference, 2017:** As this Newsletter is published I am participating at the State Principals' Conference at the Gold Coast. This is a special time when the Director General and all the Senior Leaders of the Department of Education and Training get together with Principals and Heads of Campus and Regional staff to review and plan for the ongoing improvements in our organisation. Certainly Queensland and our Region – South East and Woodridge State School have much to be pleased with, in our endeavours.

Improvements in School Engagement, Behaviour, Reading, Maths and Inquiry Learning have been noted. Although these have shown positive gains we continue to strive for further improvements. I have been informed that our school will have its four yearly Review from 2<sup>nd</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> May. At this time 3 or 4 Reviewers will talk to staff, parents, children and community about our schools programs and operations and give commendations and recommendations for the next 4 year Strategic Plan to be written during the latter part of 2017 ready for next year.

**Our Expectations for Behaviour for the fortnight:** Our classes will be focusing on being good Learners – organised and following instructions well and persisting by giving everything in a good try and asking questions to get to a pleasing result. We also hope to revise solving problems in a calm, safe way for all to progress well.

Best wishes for a rewarding fortnight ahead.

Garry Molloy – Principal

### From the Mobility Support Teacher

#### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Meeting

Thank you to our parents and community for attending our *Embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perspectives* meeting on Monday. We shared information about the wonderful programs that we are undertaking at school and had a lot of positive feedback, support and input from parents and community. We look forward to continuing our partnership with our families and community during the year ahead.

#### In our Community

**Men's Group** every Thursday 10am at the Medical Centre 41 Station Road, Logan Central for more information call: (07) 3240 8940.

#### Homework Learning Centre- Smith Family

Thank you to all the families who continue to support our Homework Learning Centre. Homework Learning Centre is open to all students. **For further information, please contact Anna Lynch on 34402333. Please be punctual when picking up your children. Every Monday from 2.45-3.45pm in the Resource Centre**

#### Attendance Rewards- Every Day Counts

Thank you to all our parents who have continued to support the **Every Day Counts** program. We continue to promote the message of attendance through various rewards.

We have had great delight in announcing the winners of the 100% attendance raffle for all year levels. The winners are as follows: Prep -Omolbanin; Year 1 Moses; Year 2 Suhan; Year 3 Ahmed; Year 4 Reyhaneh; Year 5 Jedd; Year 6 Paw Eh Eh Say. Congratulations to all these students, they have each won a \$30 Tuck Shop voucher.

Our Mid- Term reward for all students who had stayed on 100% attendance during the first 5 weeks of school was a FREE Disco. We had double the number of attendees, from this time last year. We also had great positive feedback from the students saying how much they enjoyed dancing and laughing with their friends. We would like to thank our DJ Mr V, and assistant Nick for all their support in making the event a huge success.

#### Transition Matters

You can register now for our **Transition Matters Program** (pre-prep) at the office.

Your child will be eligible if they will be attending Prep in 2018 and are born between:

**1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013.** It will be held at the Community Hub on Friday Mornings at 9.00am. Start date will be **Friday 28 April**. Students will be participating in oral language, fine and gross motor, drama and dance activities. Numbers are strictly limited so please register now to avoid disappointment.

## P & C NEWS

### Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop opening days are Tuesday and Friday 7:45am to 8:45am. Winter uniforms will be available for sale from the 21<sup>st</sup> March. Prices are:

- Zipper Jackets \$24,
- V Neck Jumper \$22
- Trackpants \$22

Please note that our Uniform Shop operates on a CASH ONLY basis and no cards are accepted.

### P&C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting for this year is on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March** at 2pm 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.

### News from your Global Citizenship Mentor Alisa Cleary

Each year on **March 8**, millions of people around the world come together to celebrate and honour the accomplishments of women. The 2017 theme for International Women's Day (IWD), originally called International Working Women's Day is #BeBoldForChange. We are invited to consider next Wednesday, ways in which we can make our world more gender inclusive. At WSS we have many women to acknowledge and honour, including the approximately 80 women on staff and 480 mothers of our children.

Back in 1911, the first IWD events in Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland were marked by protests against forms of gender discrimination that would now be unthinkable in most parts of the world. Almost nowhere were women allowed to vote though as our year 6 students know from their studies in History this term Australia was one of the few countries where women voted in national elections. In addition to the right to vote and to hold public office, early protests demanded women's rights to work, to vocational training and to an end to discrimination on the job. Today of the approximately 159,340 women who live in Logan City (2015 data) 24,379 are working mothers.

Next week on **March 8** show your thankfulness and appreciation for the women of WSS- mothers, carers and educators of our budding global citizens.

## YEAR 6 GRADUATION POLO SHIRTS



Once again we are ordering Woodridge State School Graduation shirts for a cost of \$20.00. Could you please send back the order form with your child's size along with your payment of \$20.00 to the office by 8<sup>th</sup> March.

### STUDENT AWARDS

#### Key to Success Awards

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

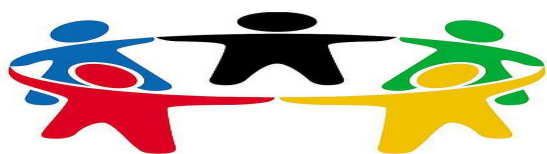


	Week Starting 20/02/17 & 27/02/2017	
PB	Jennifer	G
PC	Robert, Riley	G
1A	Rhema	C
1B	Grace	C
1D	Eh Soe	P
2B	Augustin, Htoo K' Blah	G, O
3B	Blade, Maiwattana, Deseanrae, Mwee	C, O, G, O
3C	Chelsea, Sarah	P, C
3D	Mahdi	P
4A	Francis	G
4B	Lytrell, Esmattullah	O, P
4C	Tyson, Joshua	P, P
4D	Genesis, Doaa	C, G
5A	TJ	G
5B	Jedd, Grace	P, R
5C	Anthony	G
5D	Claudia, Natasha	C, C
6B	Ethan	G
6C	Klinpaka, Eric	P, C
6D	Eric	O
6E	Amran	C
ILC A	Duko	C
ILC B	Fouad, Ram	P, C
ILC C	Zahra	P
ILC D	Nissi	C
ILC E	Morteza, Hamideh	O, G
ILC F	Sabontu	P
ILC H	Beh Meh	O
ILC K	Baw, Marwa	P, O

## IMPORTANT DATES!



- Thurs - 16/3/17 - Close the Gap
- Fri - 17/3/17 - National Day of Action Against Bullying
- Tues - 21/3/17 - Senior Cross Country Years 3 - 6
- Thurs - 23/3/17 - Junior Cross Country Prep to Year 2
- Fri - 24/3/17 - Harmony Day



## HARMONY DAY

Parents are invited to our Harmony Day Celebrations **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.**

**Year 4 - 6 (9:00am to 10:00am) and Prep to Year 3 (12:00pm - 1:00pm).** Come and have a Multicultural lunch with us "On the Verandah" You are welcome to bring a plate of food to share.  
**DRESS: TRADITIONAL CLOTHES.**

## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

It is the time of year when we remind parents about our Voluntary Contributions. In 2017 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.



## TUCKSHOP NEWS

With the introduction of the new regulations beginning this year, the Tuckshop revised its menu in an effort to offer kids a variety of healthier options. For example, students can now purchase a yummy fresh pizza, every day, just how they like it for around \$3.

Because of the extra time required to prepare our healthy menu items, the Tuckshop is struggling. Without more volunteers, the menu will be cut down and prices will increase in order for us to cope.

We would like to extend a special thanks to our 3 Volunteers - Miss Iris, Miss Jodie and Miss Eve and we would like to call on anyone else that can help. Even if you can spare a couple of hours a week, we would like to see you!