

NEWSLETTER – 21st April, 2017

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome to Term 2: I would like to welcome back all families and staff to our school routine for Term 2. A special welcome to our new families to our school. I trust we have a long and productive learning experience at Woodridge State School.

I hope everyone has recovered from the severe weather event prior to our Autumn Vacation and that we are all positively focused on our very positive and engaging term ahead.

Enrolments: There are 738 students at school as on Thursday, 20th April. There are 146 students in ILC and 86 in Prep.

Term 1:

- Our children have settled into the school routine well. Many of our students are getting along in class and working towards their individual goals really well.
- Thank you to all those parents and carers who have come along to our meet the teacher and student progress discussion times in Term 1. We know your children really appreciate your visiting their teachers and working with them.
- Congratulations to our children, staff and parents/carers for their participation in our Harmony Day celebrations. These efforts made such a welcoming and supportive atmosphere around the school. We had 6 (six) Educational Leaders from Townsville visit our Harmony Day and they felt such a wonderful balance of learning and well-being throughout the school. Well done, everyone!

Term 2 Projects: This term we have various special days to celebrate and learn from, such as: Easter; ANZAC Day and Labour Day. Our classes will discuss these days and it would be useful for the children to share this learning with their families at home.

Our school will have three special visitors during Week 3 to help review our work in classes and around the school to help us plan for the next Four Year Strategic Teaching and Learning Plan. Our reviewers will be here at school from Tuesday 2nd May to Thursday 4th May. We look forward to sharing our learning and Teaching practices with these visitors.

N.A.P.L.A.N: Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be participating in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy from Tuesday 9th May to Thursday 11th May. Our children and staff have been preparing throughout the past year or so with little tasks in their regular teaching and learning times for these National Tests. Year 3 and 5 students who are expected to participate in these Tests during these three (3) days are asked to be well rested and prepared for these tests each day. Our best wishes to all who are doing these point in time tests to give advice on how each child is progressing.

Facilities Improvements:

- Thank you to our Facilities Team for having our paving and driveway concrete improved over the Vacation.
- The majority of our perimeter fencing project has been completed and signed off at Regional Office. We still have a few defects that need to be corrected.
- The Council and School partnered Pathway Way from Charles Avenue to the Logan Entertainment Centre is progressing steadily and is hoped to be completed by October.
- Plans for the provision of 21st Century Classroom spaces for under G Block near its oval end and the modernising renovations to B Block are nearing completion and ready for costing. More details will follow later in the term.

Our Rule Expectations for this fortnight: During our first week back at school we have been reminding our children about: **We are Learners every day; We're Safe, Caring and Respectful; It's the Woodridge Way.**

During Week 2, we will be encouraging every child to make "Every Day Count" with being at school to learn, every day .

Thank you to all our staff, parents/carers and students for making our first week back for Term 2 so rewarding and I hope we all have a great fortnight ahead.

Best Wishes

Garry Molloy – Principal

P & C NEWS

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop opening days the second week back are *Monday (24th) Tuesday (25th CLOSED) Wednesday (26th) Thursday (27th) and Friday (28th) 7:30am to 8:45am*

The Third week will be Tues (2nd May), Wed (3rd May) and Fri (5th May) 7:45 am to 8:45am

After that it will only be every Tuesday and Friday 7:45am to 8:45am Winter Uniform is available in all sizes (Jackets, V Neck Jumpers and Track Pants)

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

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held on **Monday 24th April** at 2pm in the Hub. All welcome to attend.

COMMUNITY HUB: Community Hub's activities and programs will start with a **free oral check session** for kids from 9am to 11 am Mon 24th April. It will include screening, practical health education and gift package. Sewing, English classes, gardening, crafting etc please visit the hub or contact Maribel Marquez – Community Hub Leader mmarq10@eq.edu.au

Our School Review An opportunity to have your say

Our school is scheduled for a school review from 2nd May to 4th May, 2017.

The Department of Education and Training regularly reviews Queensland State Schools to ensure they're delivering quality education to students. The reviews are conducted by the department's School Improvement Unit.

The reviews do not rate or compare schools, but provide teachers and staff with independent feedback to help them continue to improve learning outcomes for students.

All schools have a review at least every four years. Key findings from the review will be made available to parents and the community on the school's website.

The review team would like to hear from our school community and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a great education for students.

Feedback can be provided to the review team by phone or in person. All feedback is confidential.

Please contact the school office if you are interested in speaking to a reviewer. Alternatively, you can register your interest by emailing SIUMB@det.qld.gov.au. More information about the review process is available from the department's website at www.schoolreviews.eq.edu.au.

From the Mobility Support Teacher

Attendance – Every Day Counts

As part of our school policy and "Every Day Counts", it is expected that all students attend school regularly. Also, if your child is away, please **call before school** to notify reason for absence. 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 need to be explained and are reported on the student's end of semester report card. Persistent lateness and absence will lead to contact with home.

Homework Learning Centre- Smith Family

Thank you to all the families who continue to support our Homework Learning Centre. If you would like your child to attend, please **contact Anna Lynch on 34402333**.

Homework and Learning Centre will commence on **24th April** and will be held every **Monday from 2.45-3.45pm in the Resource Centre**

Transition Matters

We will be starting our **Transition Program for Pre prep students**. The program will include, oral language, fine motor, gross motor and health and wellbeing activities. Thank you to all the parents who have already registered, you may register at the office. The program is open to all students who are **born between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013 and will be starting Prep in 2018**.

The program will be held in our **Community Hub** near E Block. The program will start on **Friday 28th April from 9.00-10.30am and will continue every Friday**. For further information, please contact Anna Lynch on 3440 2333.

Mother's Day Morning Tea

We would like to invite all Mother's and Carers for a special **Mother's Day Parade and Morning Tea** to follow. The senior leaders have been busy preparing surprises and gifts to share not to mention some tasty treats. We look forward to seeing you on **Monday 15th May at 8.45am in the hall**.

News from your Global Citizenship Mentor Alisa Cleary

Term one passed with a veritable feast of investigations through the Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) program. Your children ably guided by a band of dedicated and passionate teachers continue their learning in history and geography at both local and global contexts. Term two will see all classes engaged in learning experiences that will demonstrate not only what students have come to know about their world but what they can do to make a difference in it.

Learning in the HASS curriculum is always guided by key questions. For example in year 6 history this term students will be seeking answers to- **What have been the contributions of migrants to Australia's success as a multicultural nation?** While in year three history, students will investigate **-What are the untold stories of Logan City and how can we share the past?** Prep will endeavour to explore more personal histories through the question - **How do we celebrate as a community our fabulous families in their finery?**

The contribution of parents and carers in our HASS investigations is most welcome and in fact can enrich the learning for our students in significant ways. For example prep teachers Ms Black and Ms Patterson are very keen to hear from parents, carers and staff who may have costumes worn for special events like weddings. Dressing up in the finery worn by our fabulous families is a wonderful way for our youngest students to learn about the richness of our diverse local and global community.

STUDENT AWARDS

Key to Success Awards

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



	Week Starting 20/3/17 & 27/3/17	
PC	Omolabinin, Juda	C, G
1A	Liana, Hassan	P, C
1B	Jamea, Ramona	O, C
1D	Junai	G
2A	Enua, Paige	C, C
2B	Mia	G
2C	Phillip	P
3B	Elliot, Sadeq, Toke, Liam, Ali	G, P, P, O, C
3C	Turaki	C
3D	Ayoub, Omarli	A, P
4A	Jorja	
4C	Taslimah, Jaleesa	P, P
4D	Xzavier, Sam	G, C
5A	Amy, Melissa	R, C
5B	Isabell, Sam, Kim, Lilliana	G, C
5C	Chelsiah, Lilliana	P, C
5D	D.J., Martha	G, P
6B	Antonio, Kisinja	G, O
6C	Hayley, Aliitasi	O, C
ILC A	Obsitu, Naw Hso	R, O
ILC B	John, Mohammed	P, P
ILC C	Tasmen	P
ILC D	Sha Lar	P
ILC E	Ali Jime, Nermeen	P, G
ILC F	Edmond, Sabontu	R, P
ILC H	Shae	O
ILC I	Joseph	O
ILC J	Fauzia, Peliata	O
Netball	Eucharistia, Marthamary	
Soccer	Sadrack, Murtaza	

IMPORTANT DATES!

Tues 25/4/17 Anzac Day Holiday

Thur 27/4/17 Junior Cross Country

Mon 1/5/17 Labour Day Holiday

2nd - 4th May School Review

9th, 10th & 11th May Naplan (Years 3 & 5)

CROSS COUNTRY TIMES:

Thursday 27th April Junior Cross Country

2:00pm Prep Girls

2:05pm Prep Boys

2:10pm Grade 1 Girls

2:15pm Grade 1 Boys

2:20pm Grade 2 Girls

2:25pm Grade 2 Boys