11 November 2016

Principal’s Report

Welcome to Week 6 Term 4.

**Every Student Succeeding- Today’s Effort Tomorrow’s Success**

**Reading, Writing & Attendance: 2016 Improvement Agenda**

We all have dreams. But in order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline, and effort. *Jesse Owens*

**Awards Night**

Congratulations Mr Pendergast and secondary staff for organising a wonderful evening of celebrations at the Awards Night. Congratulations to the award recipients. They have worked extremely hard throughout 2016. Parents can be extremely proud of their child/ren’s outstanding efforts in curriculum and/or extra-curricular school activities. A very big thank you to our incredible community groups and local members who sponsor so many of these awards.

**Remembrance Day**

Remembrance Day is a day we take to reflect and remember the fallen from the many conflicts around the world.

Mr Allan Hansley from the RSL came and addressed our Year 3-6 parade on Wednesday and you could have heard a pin drop as he recited a poem with care and emotion.

Our Junior Leaders presented our message via the intercom phone system. This is always effective as it reminds us of years gone by when families would gather around the radio/wireless to listen to the latest information.

Our Senior Leaders joined the RSL at the Memorial Park for community service. As principal of Woodford P-10 State School it makes me extremely proud to see the care and consideration our students, staff and community give Remembrance Day each year.

**From Woodford to You**

Woodford school community have created an incredible cook book title “*Tried and True from Woodford to You*” What an outstanding effort. A very special thank you to Holly the creator, Kate the photographer, P & C taste testers, and all families who supported the book by sharing your special recipes. You are all incredible. Books are walking out the door at $25 per book or 3 x books for $60. Don’t miss out.

**Prep Information Morning**

A lovely morning was had by all. Parents had the opportunity to touch base with school staff and children were able to play and socialise in the school environment. This concludes our transition program into Prep and we look forward to seeing all the beautiful smiling faces at the beginning of 2017. Parents will receive their class lists and any other relevant information via post in the last week of school.
Premier’s Reading Challenge Disco

All students who completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge were treated to a class disco under the supervision of the fabulous Mr Appelman. Congratulations students and staff on an outstanding effort. Reading continues to be our priority.

Reading/Comprehension-

What do good readers do?

Before Reading: Activate prior knowledge, predict/make inferences, Question
During Reading: Make connections, Visualise, Make inferences, Question, Revise and adjust predictions
After Reading: Retell/summarise, Synthesise, Revisit predictions, Question, Evaluate the text

Writing

This week I was so excited to have some of our incredible Prep students come and read me their writing. It was amazing to think that only a short 10 months ago these children were our new little ones at school and now they will be heading into year one in 2017.

Attendance

Our attendance is sitting 0.5% below our expectations. With all the illness around I know parents are doing their best to ensure children are at school if they are able.

Safe and Supportive School Environment (PBL-Positive Behaviour for Learning)

- Seeing Results: We are organised and prepared
- Being Resilient: We are open to critical feedback.

At the end of Term 3 the Regional Team for Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) visited our school to conduct the annual PBL survey. I am proud to announce that our score for Positive Behaviour for Learning being embedded in our school was an incredible 98.6%. We will continue to work with students and community around our expectations of being respectful, responsible, resilient and seeing results as these qualities are a way of life.

Josh Arnold

Thank you all who participated in the Josh Arnold event. I am so excited and can’t wait to see the final presentation. Community spirit is so alive in Woodford.

Celebrating 135 years of Schooling in Woodford

Woodford P-10 State School Primary sector will be 135 years old in 2017. The Secondary Department will turn 50 in the same year. We are planning a big celebration and you are invited to a Meet and Greet on Friday evening, 24 March 2017, followed by a day full of fun and activities on Saturday 25 March 2017. At this point we are looking to create a book of memoirs and are looking for past and present students to share some of their treasured memories and a photo or two. Keep the messages coming. If you would like to participate in our Book of Memoirs, please send your page to us by email, hard copy through the office or post. Email address: anniversary@woodfordss.eq.edu.au

Cyber Safety

Are your children safe online? Cyber safety is our business.

Keep your kids safe online - Resources for being cyber safe

http://www.lifeeducation.org.au

Keep your children safe online. Use our resources to help teach to be cyber safe

Cyber Smart Kids Quiz


1. Cached
2. Similar

Hi Guys, I’m Sam and I want to see how cybersmart you can be. It’s really important to be safe when you are online and together we are going to learn how.

Ronnie.

Secondary Awards Night

Congratulations to our 2017 School Leaders Jack McSweeney and Grace Mitchell
Our Secondary Awards Night was a fabulous way to showcase student successes for 2016. Congratulations to all award recipients and we once again thank the local organisations, clubs and individuals who sponsor and support our awards.

Our Honour Awards Recipients were:

**Dux – Kasey Messinbird**

This award reflects Kasey’s ability to continually apply herself and strive to improve and achieve. She has been dedicated to her studies not only this year but throughout their schooling life. Kasey is a pleasure to teach and a valued member of the classroom. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

**All Rounder Award – Christine Marshall**

Christine was a deserving recipient of the 2016 Woodford All Rounder award. She has been involved in a variety of academic, cultural and sporting activities; from school carnivals to QUT days and acting as Koban Homestay Buddy. As School Captain she has been an excellent role model for others and has always been willing to jump in and lend a hand and give her best. Christine’s commitment to learning sees her continually striving to do her best.

**Outstanding Citizenship Award – Jodie McNaught**

Jodie has demonstrated many citizenship qualities. She has wholeheartedly embraced the opportunities provided by the school; volunteering at the Meet and Greet Curriculum Expo, participating in wreath making for the school’s ANZAC Day ceremony and representing the school at the Woodford ANZAC day march. Always one to put her hand up to assist, Jodie has been a Koban Homestay Buddy and has volunteered her time to assist with X Factor and the Valley Championships. As a house captain and the vice president of the student council she has enhanced the reputation of the school through the way in which she has conducted herself.

**Outstanding Cultural Award – Christine Marshall**

Christine has been involved in a number of different cultural activities this year. She has improved the learning culture of the school through her involvement in the QUT Science and Engineering Competition, the Girls NRL Gala day, the Snow White Cultural Evening and the Josh Arnold Small Town Culture music video. She has been a Koban Homestay buddy, participated in the For Fit Sake oval walk and Thursday after school basketball.

**Sportsperson of the Year Award – Zion Collins**
Zion competed in school events and went on to represent Woodford at district, regional and state carnivals. He won the cross–country for his age division and all events at the athletics carnival as well as the overall Age Champion.

At District Athletics Zion won Triple Jump, Long Jump and Javelin, while at Regionals he won Javelin with a throw of 44.05m and placed third in long and triple jump. He continued on to compete for the Sunshine Coast Regional Team at the Queensland School Sport Track and Field Championship where a personal best throw of 44.77m placed him in 4th position. He placed 13th in the state in Long Jump and 15th in Triple Jump, which are both impressive considering he was a fair way off his own personal best in both events.

**Year 10 Mock Interviews**

Our Year 10 students were put to the test this week by interviewing for fictitious jobs relating to their work experience. Students had to prepare a CV and answer questions relating to the job in front of a panel. They were then given a score and feedback based on their performance. We would like to thank our interviewers, Carole Dobson, Michelle Hewitt, Angela Jackson, Olive Jones, Genevieve Logan, Brett Nipperess, Nikki Pulfer and Mike Wheeler, for their time and support of our students and school.

**First Lego League Competition – Saturday 26 November**

Our 2 Lego League Teams have been busy at study session and lunch times preparing for the competition. Our teams will be competing against 40 others in robotic challenges and a project presentation. We wish our teams the best of luck in their preparation and participation in this event.

**Year 10 Graduation Trip – Wet ‘N’ Wild**

Notes have been sent home regarding our Graduation trip to Wet ‘N’ Wild on Friday 25 November. Payments, permission forms and medical forms are due back to the office by Wednesday 16 November.

**Year 6 Transition Adventure Day**

This event will take place on Tuesday 29 November. Information regarding this day has been sent home to students who are enrolled in Year 7 at Woodford for next year. There is no cost for this event. Permission forms and medical forms are due back to the office by Friday 25 November.

**Year 6 QUT Excursion**

Year 6 students will be attending the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) open day at the Caboolture Campus on Tuesday 22 November. This is a fun informative day that is held by the university to inform and inspire students to think about their futures.

A bus is provided by the University for Transport at no cost and lunch is also supplied for each student attending. Full school uniform is to be worn and students will also need to bring their own morning tea and drink on the day.

**Polar Express**

2A & 2/3C have been aboard the Polar Express for the last few weeks of Term. Each student has been issued their own passport which they get stamped as they visit different countries around the world learning about how other cultures celebrate Christmas. While students visit each country they use their mapping, mathematical, and literacy skills while engaging in the use of the language of that country to write letters and postcards home as if they were actually visiting that country.

**Paddock to Plate**

Year 3 Loves To Cook!!

The Paddock to Plate program is offered to primary aged children through our high School Home Economics department. This term the 3A Class, has been involved in food preparation and kitchen safety. Some of our ingredients, such as the shallots from our scrambled egg pie, can be grown in our school farm garden. Our recipes are fun to make, simple and healthy choices. As well, we are learning kitchen safety, reading and interpreting recipes and life skills such as cleaning up when we are finished. It really is quite an experience to see 8 and 9 year olds washing, drying up and putting utensils away! It can be done and well done to year 3 A!!
Year 1 Fire Education

The Year One classes recently participated in Fire Education where they learnt how to ‘Stop, Drop and Roll, Get down low and go, go, go and Get out and Stay out’. On the final visit the children were allowed to spray the hoses and have a play under the water.

A big thank you to Firefighter Denise, Kara, Isaac and Jason and of course Blazer for visiting us and teaching us how to be safe.

Library Books

Please return all school library books to the library by Friday 25 November.

Middle Year Awards

Early Year Awards

P & C Christmas Disco

P & C are holding a Christmas Disco on:-
- Date: Friday 25 November
- Time: 5 – 7 pm
- Cost: $3.00

Josh Arnold Production

CONGRATULATIONS WOODFORD - Thank you to everyone who made the effort to participate in the film clip at the Touch Footy Oval last week. Great effort.

Filming has wrapped up for Josh Arnold in Woodford, and I must congratulate all the students who participated. Such a great experience for all our students who participated, you have done a great job and everyone is excited to see the final production. We have some very talented students, especially our soloist Christine, Grace, Samantha, Chloe and Brock who have done an exceptional job.

We will be launching the film clip on the big screen on Friday 9 December, 2016 at the Woodford Lions Christmas Street Party, make sure you come along, bring all the family.

NUMEROUS ITEMS OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER

Woodford P-10 State School invites interested members of the staff and public to submit a tender for the listed item being made available for sale via a tender process. Tenders must be submitted on the attached tender document. Please open link for more details.

VIEW TENDER ITEMS: 14/11/16 to 18/11/16
(Please ring to make an appointment to view)
TENDERS CLOSE: 3pm 22/11/16
SUCCESSFUL TENDER NOTIFIED: 2/11/16
PAYMENT AND PICKUP: 2/11/16

Woodford P-10 Community Christmas Appeal

Woodford School is caring for our community again this year.
After last year’s success of 1303 items donated and 23 families surprised and supported, we know there’s a need and we want to help.
Instead of donating shoe boxes to overseas families in need we are going to help local families. They may be large families needing a little extra, small families who have nothing to spare or the elderly who’s pensions aren’t quite enough for the little extras we enjoy at Christmas. We are a giving and caring community… lets show it.
Each day during week 3 we will be bringing in a different item to donate to our Hampers. The Hampers will be delivered to local families in Week 10.
Your donations and the families that receive them remain totally anonymous. Any suggestions for a family in need may be placed in the letterbox outside the Cheppy School Nurses room for consideration.

Monday  Tin Food
Tuesday  Toilettries
Wednesday Food items in packets
Thursday  New Toys
Friday  Anybody you feel

The Class with the most donations over the week will win an icecream party with Cheppy Nikkis

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Moreton Bay Careers Expo

“Opportunities for Me”
NOVEMBER 10, 2016 (Thursday)
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Moreton Bay Careers Expo “Opportunities for Me” is mainly targeting Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) community members including refugees and migrants with working skill and raising employment awareness. Austalian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Background individuals from the wider community are also welcome to participate.
The Community Action for Multicultural Society (CAMS) Program, one of the programs under the Caboolture Community Centre, create a needs analysis survey in 2015-2016. The outcome of the survey found employment was identified as the second highest problem for CALD community members, with the highest problem being the lack of English literacy and numeracy. There are few opportunities for people from CALD backgrounds to learn about employment/learning seeking processes. Challenges such as lack of awareness of available workplace training, recognition of business qualifications and experience, limited skills, limited understanding of employers and limited opportunities for CALD background trainees.
These challenges cannot be overcome in a day however through this expo, the aim is to bring a little bit closer in helping people from CALD backgrounds gain employment and feel settled in their new home. To echo in this process, the expo will have a Jobs Board set up on the day displaying current job vacancies and offer to dinosaur employees and employers agencies.

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