13 June 2016

Principal’s Report

Welcome to Week 9 Term 2.

Have purpose that will outlive you. Denis Waitley

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

Reading, Writing & Attendance: 2016 Improvement Agenda

Reading Strategy

Making Connections: This is when we make links between what we already know (our prior knowledge) and the text. There are three kinds of connections we can make.

• **Text to self:** This is when we connect the text to our own experiences. “This part makes me think about when I lost the necklace Nan gave me. I know what that feels like”

• **Text to text:** Text to text connections are when we compare the text we are reading to other similar texts. These texts could be books or visual texts such as a movie or a TV program. eg “this character reminds me of Harry Potter”

• **Text to world:** This is when we connect what we are reading to things that really happen in the outside world. “The boy in the story is running for school president. He is promising to organise lots of fun activities for students at lunchtime. This reminds me of how politicians try to influence people to vote for them.”

Writing:

Shared and Interactive Writing: This procedure usually follows modelled writing and is a whole class or small group practice of the strategy introduced in modelled writing. The students are encouraged to contribute ideas, words, phrases, sentences or improvements to the piece of writing. Recording the shared writing provides opportunities to review and revisit the writing.

Attendance: Every day counts!

Did you know? Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will mean that your child gets a better chance at life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day:

• they learn better
• they make friends
• they are happier
• they have a brighter future.

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

• **Being Respectful** – We follow directions promptly and positively
• **Being Responsible** – We make decisions that help us be successful and happy

As adults we are all too aware of the struggles that may be ahead of us. Seeking a successful and positive life and just being happy is a mental awareness we should practice every
day so that we can continually look to the stars and be inspired to reach our full potentials.

**Gardening Guru’s**

Woodford P-10 State School gardens are looking exceptional thanks to John and Michelle. As you are walking around the school take a moment to acknowledge how lovely the grounds are looking.

**Pre Events**

Students immersed themselves in discus, ball games, high jump, 200 m and 800 m at the pre-events on Thursday 9 June. The weather was splendid and behaviour outstanding. Students all participated to the best of their abilities and displayed remarkable sportsmanship. Congratulations Mr Appelman and staff on a great day.

**Prep Pyjama Day**

Did I see students and teachers out of uniform this morning? What’s happening at Woodford P-10 State School, teachers and students in PJs. Pyjamas were just what was needed to have a restful and fun Friday in the Prep.

**QUT Excursion**

Mr Pendergast and Mrs Sutie took our Year 8 students to Caboolture QUT this week. The trip was reported to be inspirational as students pondered their future directions. What a wonderful tribute to staff and students to be told behaviour was outstanding. The staff at the QUT reflected with Woodford staff that students were respectful and very mature. Congratulations Year 8. I truly believe this is the result of staff, students and parents working together and building positive relationships.

**Ten Pin Bowling**

Students are trying their talents at Ten Pin Bowling at Woodford School. A big thank you Ms Drzystek for organising this and “Caboolture Ten Pin Bowling” for making it happen. The students have had great fun.

**P & C News**

The end of term disco was another great success. Thank you P & C volunteers for your incredible work. The Footstep dance presenters were outstanding. Thank you to staff for your ongoing support and last but not least thank you to students for your incredible behaviour on the night.

**Early Years Transition Meeting**

This week some of the Early Year Providers of Woodford came together to discuss supporting children and their transition into school. We were able to make connections and use this platform to build positive relations for the benefit of the children in the Woodford district (Woodford, Delaney’s Creek, Mt Mee). If you are a provider or maybe run a playgroup and wish to know more please do not hesitate to call Woodford P-10 State School for further information.

**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

**Athletics Carnival**

Woodford P-10 State School Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday 15 June. If we have wet weather we look to reschedule for the following week.

**Uniforms**

As we move into winter please be reminded:

- **Secondary uniform** is long black pants/jeans and a plain black jumper. Shoes continue to be vinyl or leather uppers (spillage will run off not soak in)
- **Primary uniform** is long royal blue pants, plain royal blue jumper. Skivvies and undergarments to be royal blue or white.
Reminder- please name all items so they can be returned to rightful owners.

Cyber Safety
Cyber safety is our business.
Australian Government: Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner link below:

Ronnie

Tradie Talk
Please join us on Thursday 16 June for our inaugural Tradie Talk Expo. We are in the process of inviting local Tradies to talk about their trades (job opportunities, training required and tools used, etc) with our students. This will be an after school event starting at 4.30 pm in the upper parking lot. All families attending the event are requested to park in the lower Peterson Rd car park and walk up to the event. This is a great opportunity for our students, who are interested in a trade as a career, and their families to gather information. This event is open to all year levels in the school.

Student Led Conferences
On Wednesday 20 July we will host our Student Led Conference. This conference, as its name states, is led by the students who would like to discuss their learning with their adults. Students are busy preparing a presentation of their classwork. The conference is also a time to reflect on Semester 1 goals with the students for a successful completion of the school year. Our Year 10 Hospitality class will be catering the event with a light supper. Invitations with an RSVP for appointment times will go home on the first day of Term 3 and are due back Friday 15 July. RSVP’s are required for both accept and decline circumstances.

Home Learning / Homework
We are a homework giving school, however home learning should take into account the demands of contemporary family life and parents should have the choice of opting out of homework for their child if they believe it is not beneficial to the child or they feel it is having a negative impact on the child’s attitude towards learning. If parents make this choice on behalf of their child, there will be no negative consequence imposed by the school.

Responsibility of ALL students:
• Reading at home to and with adults, and/or independently
• Assessment Task completion (in line with the school’s Assessment Policy as laid out in the Curriculum Guide and the student diary)

Responsibility of student where parents opt in for their child to do homework includes:
• Take the learning tasks home, completing them to the best of their ability and returning them to school in the agreed time; and,
• Seek assistance from the teacher where necessary (Study Session runs from 3-4pm every Tuesday).

Responsibility of parents / guardians includes:
• Completing and returning a notification of an intention to opt in either partially or wholly, or opt out of home learning.

If you would like to change your opt in / opt out preference for your student please contact Karli Drzystek, HOD on 5422 5333. Study Session is available to all students on Tuesday from 3-4pm to receive support with the completion of homework, classwork and assessment items.

Star-B-Q
Our team of STAR-B-Q organisers (Lilyrose Curry, Ben Davis, Keshia Chappelow, Amy Kelly, Brodie Trudgett, Hannah Baxter, Grace Mitchell, Bianca Cavanaugh, Jonica Morgenstern, Jayde Kelly and Jasmine Jones) did an absolutely fantastic job of collecting orders, baking cookies, BBQ-ing sausages and delivering orders. Events like these take a lot of organising and a lot of patience on the day. It was a pleasure to work with these civicly conscientious students. As a school we have donated $214 to the Starlight Foundation.

Student Council
The 80’s! day was a great success. Thank you to all the students and teachers who dressed up and made a gold coin donation to support the student council. $243 was raised to be put towards school-based initiatives.
Collection of Data on Students with Disabilities

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection.

The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact our school office.

X-Factor

We are pleased to announce that X-Factor will once again be held this year! If you are not afraid of the stage and want to give it a go rustle up some talent and come to the auditions.

Auditions will be held in week 2 and week 3 of Term 2.

The finale will be on Friday 9 September.

Warm up your voices, practice your dancing and find that talent!

Disco

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Debating Team

It may have been the first day of winter but our senior primary debating teams felt the heat while competing in this term’s interschool debating competition. This term Woodford hosted the event with the challenge being to prepare and deliver a debate with only 40 minutes preparation time. Our ‘Rebuttal Rhinos’ and the ‘Sweet Dolphins’ performed well against the other schools with the Sweet Dolphins winning their debate arguing against the topic ‘Having a sister is way cooler than having a brother’. A special congratulation goes to Nathan Murphy who had the daunting task of being the first speaker of the day as well as being recognised as the most improved debater on the day.
ATHLETIC PRE EVENTS

SEP

With only a few weeks to go in the term it is exciting to see how some of the hard work of our students is turning into some really wonderful achievements. A special mention to the boys in Edge Construction who have not only completed their Certificate 1 in Construction but have also completed their White Cards. It is a credit to both Lucas and Brock and something they should be very proud of. Within the ITD (Manual Arts Program) Brock has completed a metal time capsule.

P & C NEWS

DISCO

What a fun night!!!! Lots of children dancing in their pyjamas. Thank you to all who supported this event.

WOODFORD SHOW

Our P & C are holding our biggest fundraiser for the year at the Woodford Show. We will be catering at the Stockmans Café selling a variety of foods and drinks.

If you are able to give a few hours of your time to help out it would be greatly appreciated.

EARLY YEAR AWARDS
Woodford Singers

Woodford Community Cultural Connections Inc. presents

“A RESOUNDING TINKLE”

By N.F. Simpson Directed by David Berger

Two nights of absurd theatre about an ordinary couple and their ordinary life.

Featuring:

Middle Paraddock
Uncle Ted
Bro Paraddock

WHEN: Friday 24th June, 2016
Saturday 25th June 2016

TIME: Commencing at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm)

WHERE: The Open Space (behind Woodfloria)

TICKETS: $15.00 each – includes a complimentary glass of wine or bubbly. Available at Fashionorn or by phone: 5422 9183

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL!!!

By arrangement with Origin Theatrical on behalf of Samuel French Pty Ltd

Health Check

FREE health check day for kids!

Open to children from prep to year 12

- Foot checks
- Vision screenings
- Dietary and lunch box advice
- Education and development assessments
- Fun hands-on activities for kids

QUT Calile Hill Campus
Wednesday 29 June 2016
6.30am – 2.30pm
Corner of Milton and Stanley Streets

Bookings essential
Phone the desk on (07) 3869 8277
to book your child for this FREE comprehensive screening event.

Date Claimers

15 June Inter school Athletics Day
17 June Immunisation Years 7 and 8
22 June Reports Issued
24 June Spelling Bee
23 June PBL Excursion
24 June Last day Term 2
11 July School Resumes