21 March 2016

Principal’s Report

Welcome to Week 8 Term 1.

It has been a short but very busy term. Ensure you rest and recharge your energy levels over the holidays as Term 2 will be 11 weeks and this will certainly test the stamina in us all. It has been a pleasure working with your children and tapping into their enthusiasm for learning throughout the term. Safe happy holidays all!!

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

2016 Improvement Agenda: Reading, Writing & Attendance

Reading Strategies: Activating Prior Knowledge

Activating prior knowledge is when you think about all the things you already know about a topic. This can include what you have experienced personally and what you have read about, seen on TV or at the movies, etc.

Thinking about what you already know is useful because it gives you a base to build new knowledge and helps you to make connections with the text. “I know you can find little fish in the rock pools sometimes because I have seen them.”

Writing:

At Woodford P-10 we are investigating the ‘Seven Steps’ to Writing Success – persuasive writing. After lots of fun and practice with Steps 1, 2 and 5 of the ‘Seven Steps’ resource we are ready to focus on endings of our stories.

Step 7: Exciting Endings: This week we are focusing on endings: Ending with Impact (persuasive) and/or Exciting Endings (narrative). Remember know your ending before you start. Endings are created in Step 1 when you are planning.

Attendance: Every day counts

Attendance is important in the last week of Term.

As we reach the end of Term 1, parents are reminded that children must attend school on every school day unless they have a reasonable excuse for being away, such as illness.


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

Wk. 7. Being Respectful - We follow directions promptly and positively
Wk. 8. Being Resilient – We reflect on all experiences

Parent Workshops

Thank you Mrs Beecher for the ‘Sounds to Letters’ support workshops for parents over the last couple of weeks. Knowing and developing an understanding of school curriculum and the learning your child/ren will experience throughout their schooling enables parents to engage and have more success with learning at home.
Business Walk Year 10

It was a pleasure to join the Year 10 CAR class last Tuesday. Students were busy visiting businesses gathering information about employer expectations. Thank you Woodford business community for being so supportive.

New Menu for Tuckshop

Please be advised that you will receive a new tuckshop menu for Term 2.

P & C Disco

Great night! Congratulations P & C committee on hosting a wonderful event for students.

Valley Champions

Congratulations Mr Appelman and the wonderful Woodford students on your incredible win in the Swimming Valley Championships this week. The email below sums up how incredible our students are and how proud we should all be.

‘Hi Ronnie

Just wanted to tell you how very impressed I was with the Woodford School kid’s behaviour and EXCEPTIONAL manners at the Valley Champs Swimming Carnival at the Kilcoy pool on Wednesday 16th March. I can assure you that you can be VERY proud of the kids that represented the school….and they should be proud of themselves.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE WIN

Kindest Regards
Kathy Alford’

Maths Competition

We are all wishing our primary maths competitors the best of luck as they take up the challenge at Kilcoy State School on Friday 18 March.

Little Athletics Queensland Championships

We wish Zion, Rory and Kian (past student) good luck in the championships this weekend.

Head of Department Network Meeting

Woodford P-10 State School under the guidance or Ms Drzystek hosted the Heads of Departments (HODs) from around the region for their network meeting this week. It was a great opportunity for staff to come together, work collaboratively and reconnect for another big year in education.

(Best practice networks) It is amazing how many great minds working together can lighten the load. A big thankyou to Mrs Just and her amazing Home Ec/Hospitality students for providing a lovely morning tea and exceptional lunch.

A visit from Mr Wyatt Roy Federal Member for Longman

It was a great privilege for our student leaders to spend valuable time with Mr Wyatt Roy last Friday. They discussed leadership and how it resonates with them. They engaged in discussions around such topics as “what qualities/attributes do good leaders have?” “who do they believe is a good leader?” “Sometimes you have to make unpopular decisions”. It was a very proud moment indeed seeing our students engage with no inhibitions and being open and honest in their discussions.

District Football

Congratulations Taj McKay, Bailey Henry, Samuel Grice and Ethan Duncan.

Visiting Classes

The leadership team has had the pleasure of visiting classrooms over the past weeks engaging with staff and students around teaching and learning. Children are so engaged in their learning and teachers are focussed and passionate about the curriculum they are delivering especially the reading and writing.

Our school review – an opportunity to have your say

Our school is scheduled for a school review from 21 March to 23 March 2016.

The Department of Education and Training introduced new performance reviews for Queensland State Schools in 2015. The reviews are conducted by the Department’s School Improvement Unit.

The reviews do not rate or compare schools but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students.

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

As part of the review, 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 quality education for students.
News from Junior Secondary

Junior Secondary: Parent and Community Engagement

Student Led Conferences

Wednesday 20 April 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 speech and a presentation of their classwork. The conference is also a time to set goals with the student 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 with all students on the first day of Term 2. RSVP’s are required for both accept and decline circumstances.

STEM Day

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and it is our student’s futures. The demand for skilled workers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) is closely linked to global competitiveness. Technology is pervasive in almost every aspect of daily life, and as the workplace changes, STEM knowledge and skills grow in importance for a variety of workers (not just for mathematicians and scientists). So in an effort to educate and inspire our students about interests in STEM we will be running a full day of STEM activities on Thursday 24 March. The day will be filled with hands-on, interactive, group activities including engineering projects, mathematics investigations, and QUT will be supporting with two different Science activities. We expect all students to attend the last day of term as every day counts and Today’s Effort is Tomorrow’s Success.

Study Session

Study Session runs from 3-4pm each Tuesday (consult the Junior Secondary Handbook for weeks when it doesn’t run). Students can attend for as much of the hour as they need. Students will receive 1:1 support with homework, classwork and assessment preparation. Please take advantage of this fantastic opportunity that we provide for your students.

News from Student Council

A big thank you to all students and staff who wore orange to school on Friday 18 March to show their support in taking a stand against bullying. Our Bullying. NO WAY! campaign has again been successful.

Valley Champs Swimming 2016

Our Valley Swim Team has snatched victory for the first time ever this year in the annual Valley Championship Swimming competition. From the start of the mass warm up team event, right through to the incredible spectacle of the team relays our selected team strove to their best. Watching each student as they encouraged not only their friends, but any other team mate demonstrated just how amazing our empathy is here at Woodford.

With brimming faces and weary eyes a shout of utter exuberance filled the air when our team was announced the winner for the day. It was an amazing end to a tiring, yet obviously rewarding event. Big thanks to Mr Raaen, Miss Sutte and Mrs Dawson for their ongoing support throughout the day, but the biggest thank you must be awarded to the kids, WOW, just loved it!

Congratulations our very own Anya Myers and Jett Keig, announced as our 2 “super swimmers” for the day. Nice.

I look forward to the next competition, being our own inter-house cross country on Wednesday April 20.

Yours in Sport
Brian Appelman
HPE Specialist

9-a-side Girls Rugby League Gala Day

Woodford P-10 State School will take 2 teams consisting of girls from Years 6 – 10 to the “Annette Brander Shield” which is a 9-a-side Girls Rugby League Gala Day next Wednesday 23 March. Good luck to all the girls competing!
Home Ec

Exciting things are happening in the Home Ec Department at the moment. Construction is underway for the new kitchen and textiles/dining room, which should be finished by the start of Term 2. We certainly won’t know ourselves.

Students are just about finished their sewing projects, Year 9 soft furnishings, with stuffed animals and quilts, patchwork pillows and motorbike muffler covers. Year 8’s are finishing their pencil wraps, with some great colour combinations happening.

Looking ahead to next year and our birthday celebration, I would like to ask if anyone has any old jeans, doesn’t matter what colour they are, and would like to donate to the Home Ec department, we are going to start crafting some items that will be on sale at the fete. Also if you have any material that is just clogging up valuable storage space we would gladly take it off your hands. We have a lot of projects in the pipeline and one of our curriculum aims is recycling/upcycling.

Message for the Chappy

Our last week is going to be so Egggggggsciting
Have a safe and happy Easter to all our Woodford Families.
Spend time laughing, loving and listening this Easter.

Don’t forget our Woodford State School Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday 27 March at 9am. And kids, look out for Adrian Raedel, Laura Cochran, Ms Marita and Ms Margaret, I’ve heard they are masters at finding eggs.

And for all our amazing children please see the attachment.

It’s an Easter Lamb Chatterbox. It’s terribly cute and full of sweet messages

Love Chappy Nikki

Qld Little Athletics Championships

Congratulations Zion and Rory Collins who will compete in the Qld Little Athletics Championships this weekend. Good luck boys!

News from 2A & 2/3C

We have been busy in our rooms this term seeing students grow in their reading confidence. Last week we saw many of our students receive their reading awards demonstrating that they are ready for the next step in their reading journey.

Caboolture District Rugby League

A big congratulations to Sam, Bailey, Taj and Ethan who all made the Caboolture District Rugby League Team. These four boys will have a heavy training schedule over the next few weeks and we wish them the best of luck when they compete in the District carnival at Redcliffe.
Early Year Awards

Middle School Awards

P & C News

Footsteps Disco - What a fantastic night!!!!!!!!!!
130 children danced, sang and had a GREAT TIME.
Thank you to all the families who brought their children along for this fun night.

Easter Bun Orders - Thank you to the families who supported our Easter Bun Fundraiser. The Easter Buns looked, smelt and tasted fantastic.

P & C Meeting - Our next P & C meeting is Wednesday 13 April @ 6.30pm in the Admin Building. All welcome.

Tuckshop News

New Menu - starts Term 2. A copy of the new menu will be sent home to each family before the end of this term. Information can also be found on our Facebook page - Woodford P & C.

Volunteers - Our Tuckshop is seeking volunteers to ‘help out’ (Monday, Wednesday or Friday). We are organising a volunteers roster - if you can help for a few hours (or more) on any of these days, please see Tracey at the Tuckshop. Information about volunteering in the tuckshop will be sent home to each family. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Administration News

Phone messages

Parents who call the school after 2.20 pm with messages to be delivered to students are not guaranteed that their message will be received. Primary students have afternoon tea from 2.20 pm – 2.50 pm giving only a 10 minute time frame for messages to be passed on.

Student Change of Details

Please contact the office with any change of details for your student so our records remain up to date.

Teen Holiday Workshops at Your Local Library

If you’re 13-17, you’re sure to find workshops to suit you at Moreton Bay Region Libraries these school holidays. The best bit is they’re FREE! We have:

- Dragon Clay Sculpture
- Decorating Ceramics with Japanese Transfer Paper
- Ring Making
- Beaded Jewellery
- Polymer Clay Beads
- Make Your Own Diary Comic
- LEGO Robotics
- PLUS Gaming Tournaments – enter for the chance to win EB Games vouchers!


Easter Colouring Competition

Clews News is running an Easter Colouring competition. Please be sure to call into Clews News to collect your entry form. Good Luck!!!!

Movie Under the Starts – Woodford Golf Club

Date: Friday 1 April from 6.00 – 9.00 pm
Venue: Woodford Golf Club
Movie: The Pirates
Neighbourhood Centre

The Woodford Neighbourhood Centre is a not-for-profit incorporated organisation and is entirely operated by volunteers and a small committee. To find out more about the services they provide pop in or give them a call. They will endeavour to assist you in any way they can.

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