22 August 2016

Principal’s Report

Welcome to Week 6 Term 3.

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

Reading, Writing & Attendance: 2016 Improvement
Agenda

Our attitude is our asset, a treasure of great value which must
be protected. James Rohn

Reading

Visualising: When authors write they use words to describe
things. The words make a picture in your mind. Creating a
picture in your mind or drawing the picture on paper can help
you understand what you are reading. This strategy is called
visualising. Close your eyes and visualise . . . the other kids were
already in the water. Paddy dipped his feet in . . . it was freezing
cold! (sometimes when you have read a book and it is made
into a movie you can be disappointed in the movie as you have
already visualised the characters and places in your mind)

Writing

Supporting your children to use a sensory description in their
writing. Children may like to write or draw ideas under these
headings.

Attendance

At this point in time we are still placed above 90% attendance
at Woodford P-10 State School. Yeah!! If your child is absent
for an extended period of time due to a medical condition,
confirmation from your doctor would be much appreciated. If
there is anything we can do to support you in your child’s
absence please do not hesitate to contact the school. We have
professional staff on the ground to support you in your times of
need.

Thankyou all for your support and co-operation around our
absence procedures. Our optimum goal is to keep children safe
and to inform you as soon as possible if we are concerned.

District Athletics

Congratulations to all students who participated in the district
athletics. There were a number of students in our secondary
school who achieved above and beyond what would be
expected from a small school. There were first, seconds, thirds
and personal bests!! What an achievement. Thankyou to staff for your ongoing support of the students at Woodford and special thankyou to Michelle Hewitt who has given her time in and out of school to support and train these students. We are proud of you all!!

Pre-Prep Program

It is that time of the year again where our Pre Prep students will be spending some time transitioning into the 2017 Prep environment. Pre Preps are welcome to visit with parents/carers on the following mornings this term:

  - Friday 9 September 9:00 – 10:00am outside play (hat, water and morning tea)
  - Friday 16 September 9:00-10:00am outside play (hat, water and morning tea)

Dates for Term 4 will be made available at the school office, local day care facilities and posted on our notice board outside the ANZ Bank. Please contact us if you need further information.

Vietnam Vets Day

Thank you to our Junior and Senior school captains for supporting the Vietnam Vets Day on Thursday 18 August. These reflection days can be a challenge for our servicemen and women as well as their families. Being able to attend a service and show that we care gives us all hope now and into the future.

Book Week/Book Fair

Book Fair and Book Week will complement each other at the beginning of Week 8, Monday 29 August. Dress up as your favourite book character on Thursday 1st September. SPRING!!! There is nothing more cosy than cuddling up with a good book on any day of the week. Who said books would be obsolete????

Japanese KOBAN Visit

Our KOBAN students held a farewell party in the hall last Thursday 11 August. It was amazing to see our high school students all scramble to play some musical chairs. I think if I asked them they would say don’t be silly. A great time was had by all. Thankyou to Mrs Olive Jones for her final tour of duty supporting the KOBAN students down under. This program would not have continued without her commitment and dedication. We will take time now to assess the future of our Japanese exchange and how it may present into the future.

Safe and Supportive School Environment

(PBL-Positive Behaviour for Learning)

- Seeing Results - We participate and give our best
- Being Responsible - We make amends

P & C News

Ekka Day at school was a resounding success. It brought back memories of lining in cues at the Ekka to purchase your sample bag or access a ride. Councillor Adrian Radeal was outstanding in his delivery of popcorn and fairy floss. Thank you Chappy Nikki and Lauren for making the day a great success.

Trivia Night

Trivia Night will be held on Saturday 27 August. It is shaping up to be a night filled with lots of laughter. Nominate your team of 10, dress as wacky as you like and let down your hair and have some fun.

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.

Parking

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that parking in a bus zone is an offence and may result in you receiving a reprimand or fine.

Shoe Requirement

Leather or vinyl joggers are a must when students are going to be cooking, experimenting and working in the gardens. The best way to explain the requirement is that substances will run off the shoe not soak through. Black leather or vinyl shoes are available everywhere and they are not expensive.

Cyber Safety

Cyber safety is our business.

Australian Government: Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner link below:


Ronnie
Secondary District Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to our students who attended the District Athletics Carnival and represented our school so well. There were a number of firsts and many placings. Well done Michelle, for your commitment to coaching, and Mr Ricker for your organisation and support of the team.

Year 7 & 8 History Excursion

On Monday, the year 7 and 8 students were given the exciting opportunity to visit the Abbey Museum and participate in two workshops - both aligned with their unit work in History. In the mummification activity, students helped the tour guide ‘mummify’ two students and learnt all of the gory details of the ceremonial process (don’t worry, everyone left with their brains intact). Students also participated in an archaeological dig beside the museum. They practised excavation techniques and recorded their findings - which included pottery, jewellery and ornaments. The excursion enhanced the students’ historical inquiry skills and was an interesting outing for all who attended.

Junior Secondary Information Night

Thank you to the students and parents who attended our Junior Secondary Information Night. If you were unable to attend, an information brochure will be sent home with your child. Alternatively, you can collect one from the office.

2017 Year 7 Enrolment Interviews

2017 Year 7 Enrolment Interviews are available from Thursday, August 18 until Thursday, September 15

Students entering Year 7 in 2017 are required to have an enrolment interview as this ensures a smoother transitioning into the Junior Secondary phase of schooling. Even if your child already attends Woodford School, you will need to have an interview. Interviews will involve the student, parent and Mr Pendergast and should last no longer than 30 minutes.

Appointment for an interview can be made by contacting the office.

Year 10 Work Experience

Our Year 10s are nearly at the completion of their work placements. Once again we thank all businesses and organisations who placed out students.

Year 9 Reading Challenge

Inspired by the Premier’s Reading Challenge and an excursion to the local library, at the end of last term, the Year 9 students have completed a reading challenge in which 80% of the students had to read fifteen books or more. Each student that met the quota received a small prize however as a class they set the target (80%) and negotiated the reward (a movie lesson – with popcorn). Congratulations to the Year 9s who as a cohort have read, in their own time, over 270 books ranging from Eat, Pray, Love to Cat in the Hat.

Secondary Students at Work

Secondary District Athletics

A big congratulations to all the athletes that participated in the Secondary District athletics carnival, at Apex Park Caboolture. I was very proud of both the effort, and the behaviour displayed by all students over the 2 days. It was great to see a record number of participants this year and equally great to see some new faces representing at District level. An extra congratulations goes out to Zion Collins (1st in javelin, 1st in long jump, 1st in triple jump), Ziggy Long (1st in hurdles) and Grace Mitchell (1st in Hurdles) whom will all be attending the Regional Athletics carnival later in the year. We also had several 4ths, 5ths and 6ths. Most importantly, I witnessed such a positive and motivated effort from all students and I felt very proud to be the HPE teacher at Woodford State School P-10. A special thanks is in order for Michelle Hewitt who not only attends these carnivals and helps out, but also trains students after school for such events.
### Josh Arnold ‘Small Town Culture’ Video

In October and November this year ‘Small Town Culture’ and Josh Arnold will be visiting Woodford State School to create a School song and Music Video with the student’s.

Prior to filming and recording, Josh Arnold will be working with students to collaborate on an original song that will represent the School and community. Students will be required to participate for up to 4 days over a number of weeks.

This production will be open to interested students in Years 5 – 10. Students will need to nominate to participate in this video plus have their parent/carer/guardian give written permission for their child to appear on YouTube Channel and Facebook. Interested students need to login https://www.youtube.com/ user/SmallTownCulture and check out what other schools have already done. This will give you some ideas for our school video. Forms will be available from the Office from next Wednesday 24 August.

Josh Arnold has achieved great success in the music industry prior to establishing the production company ‘Small Town Culture’. After receiving a Golden Guitar at the National Country Music Awards in Tamworth, Josh released 3 Albums through ABC Music with songs featured on the TV shows ‘Home and Away’, ‘Neighbours’ and ‘Ghost Whisperer’ as well as radio stations across Australia including a performance on Channel 7’s Sunrise program.

Since working with Schools and communities there have been more than 70 School Songs, 9 Town Anthems and 100 Music Videos produced, all featured on the ‘Small Town Culture’ YouTube Channel link below:

https://www.youtube.com/user/SmallTownCulture

Parents are also invited to follow Small Town Culture on Facebook so they can stay up to date with the progress of the Woodford State School Production later in the year. Facebook link below:

https://www.facebook.com/SmallTownCulture

### Fun Run

Our students put on their running shoes to participate in the Adidas School Fun Run. The students put in a fantastic effort to raise over $4500 to go towards resources for the students.

I would like to thank everyone who supported this fundraising event to make it such a huge success. All participants enjoyed the day and received a participation certificate for taking part on the day. All students who raised over $10 will soon be rewarded for their hard work with their selected prize.

We would like to thank all the teachers, parents and students who were involved in making the event a huge success and a big thank you to all the sponsors who supported our little athletes.

![Fun Run Image](https://www.youtube.com/user/SmallTownCulture)

### Electronics

Year 5 & 6 students were introduced to basic electrical circuits and were able to produce these circuits using various components. Students created circuits that produced sound and light in both series and parallel formats and for extension purpose added a variable resistor that enabled students to make observations and inferences about their learning.

![Electronics Image](https://www.youtube.com/user/SmallTownCulture)

### Start Smart Banking

A few weeks ago the Start Smart program visited Years 1 to 6. This program is sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank and helps students built financial literacy skills for the future. The presenter Karen did a fantastic job engaging students in practical situations using money. We would like to thank Karen and the Start Smart Program for delivering quality information and activities. Teachers now have access to further online activities about money.

![Start Smart Banking Image](https://www.youtube.com/user/SmallTownCulture)

### Year 1 Reading Success

Possible future Olympians. Awesome work from our Year 1 students.

![Year 1 Reading Success Image](https://www.youtube.com/user/SmallTownCulture)
Father's Day Stall

Our Father’s Day stall will be open before school on Monday 29 August, Wednesday 31 August and Friday 2 September. Gifts will be for sale in the Prep area as well as the hall. Flyers will be sent home shortly.

Book Fair

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun of our

Book Character Dress Up Parade

When: Thursday 01 September
Theme: Australia! Story Country
Where: The School Hall
Time: 9.00am

Each class will be able to show case the different characters. See how many you know.

Fun for everyone!!!

Trivia Night

Saturday 27th August 2016

$10 per entry
Max 10 per table
$100 per table

Lucky Door Prize
Raffles/Games

Dress up in a theme
Prize for Best dressed table

Drinks available at the bar
BBQ Dinner from 5.30pm

Reservations recommended

HOSTED BY WOODFORD P-10 STATE SCHOOL
P&C
IN SCHOOL HALL
171 ARCHER ST, WOODFORD
Call Lauren 0449795626
To reserve your table

Beading

Beads kindly donated by Gold Property. Sorted and delivered
by Paul and Lucy Gregory and Toni
**Early Year Award**

**Middle School Awards**

**Wamuran Little Athletics**

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