24 June 2016

Principal’s Report

Welcome to Week 11 Term 2.

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

Reading, Writing & Attendance: 2016 Improvement Agenda

Safe and happy holidays to all. It has been a very long term and students and staff are looking forward to a well-earned rest. Enjoy your special time with family and friends.

Week of Awards

Academic Awards- Congratulations to all our incredibly hard working students who have been recognised for an Academic Achievement Award. There are so many deserving students and it may be your turn next.

Attendance Awards- Congratulations to all 277 students who received Attendance Awards.

- 140 Gold Awards 97-100% attendance (34 students received 100% attendance)
- 81 Silver Awards 94-96% attendance
- 56 Bronze Awards 90-93% attendance

Your learning relies heavily on your attendance at school. Every day does count!!!

Celebration Day

In recognition of the motivation in middle years of teaching and learning, the Years 3 to 6 classes held a day of fun activities. Students displayed positive attitudes, focussed learning and met the school attendance targets.

We have many special occasions for the various sectors in our school to celebrate engaged learning, high attendance and outstanding behaviour. Under 8’s Day is special for our Prep-2’s. Secondary students have so many great activities coming from the various electives. Now our 3-6 students have a Celebration Day.

Athletics Carnival

Team spirit is alive and well at Woodford P-10 State School. So many students, parents and teachers joining the chants and fun. Thank you Mr Appelman and Mr Ricker for treating us to an exciting and well organised day. Thank you to students for your outstanding behaviour and engagement. Thank you to staff for your ongoing dedication to the students at Woodford.

Community Positive Feedback

Hi Karli,

We had a lovely visit from your Grade Nine English class today and they were polite, well-mannered and interacted with the library environment very maturely. They were a credit to the Woodford State School and please pass on to the teachers and School Principal how very impressed we were to host them today.

Cheers

Karen (Town Library)

Secondary Rewards Trip- An elderly lady approached our staff member at the cinema in Morayfield and commented on how well behaved/mannered our students were. Congratulations students, staff and families as this is a team effort.

Woodford Show

The school display at the Woodford Show was a credit to the staff and students at Woodford. There were classroom entries, lego, beading, artwork, woodwork, fruit and vegies and so
much more. Thank you all for showing our school with pride and dedication.

Cook Book Photos
Woodford P-10 P&C are creating a Cook Book to be released later in the year. Whilst we have your permission to allow your child/ren to be photographed at school this is a courtesy message to allow you to an opportunity to withdraw your child from any photographs that may be placed in the Cook Book. If you do not make contact with the school office we will follow the directions given on your Media Release Form.

School Review Update
Woodford P-10 State School received very positive feedback from our post School Review meeting. We have chosen to prioritise our work around High Expectations for all students setting clear, compelling and aspirational targets. You know you are on the right track when students are asking to re-sit tests because they know they can achieve better results. Keep up the great work.

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

- Seeing Results – We participate and give our best
- Being Resilient – We reflect on all experiences

P&C News
Congratulations on a great team effort at the Woodford Show. Tuckshop Update- Thrifty Thursdays will not continue next after the holidays.

Annual Report 2015
Woodford P-10 State School is now available on the school website. Hard copies are available at the school office. Schools are such busy places it is truly a privilege to reflect back over all our achievements in 2015 confirming our school environment is strong and healthy as we constantly ask the question “How can we improve?” Today’s Effort Tomorrow’s Success

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. Though we would share a photo or two each newsletter week. Enjoy. 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.eqw.edu.au

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.

With the difficulty of primary students/parents being able to find royal blue legging navy blue or black are acceptable.

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

Year 10 Work Experience
Dear Woodford Community Employer,

Year 10 students at Woodford P-10 State School will be canvassing the community looking for employers to take them on for a two-week Structured Work Placement as part of their Year 10 Careers Program. Students will be released from school between 9 - 19 August. It is a requirement that students complete a minimum of 40 hours in the workplace between these dates.

Students are required to demonstrate their competency in the following areas:

1. Demonstrate responsible work practices:
   1.1 Responsible work behaviour in accordance with safe working practices is demonstrated.
   1.2 Working hours arrangements are complied with.
   1.3 Personal presentation standards are maintained.

2. Complete allocated tasks to workplace standards:
   2.1 Task requirements are identified and confirmed in consultation with relevant persons.
   2.2 Conscientious work practices are demonstrated to complete task as instructed to meet workplace standards.
   2.3 Assistance is sought when necessary from relevant persons.
   2.4 Own work performance is monitored against workplace standards.
   2.5 Feedback on performance is responded to positively and used to improve work efficiency and productivity.

3. Demonstrate positive working relationships with relevant people
   3.1 Interaction with management, co-workers, customers or clients meets workplace standards.
   3.2 Work is undertaken cooperatively and productively in a team environment.
PBL – Being Responsible

We are organised and prepared. Please ensure that students return for semester two with a full pencil case and possibly some new notebooks.

Congratulations Junior Secondary Students

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This semester we have had:

- 4 students with 100% attendance
- 33 students with above 97% attendance
- 76% of students receiving a C or above in their curriculum classes
- $214 raised for the Starlight Foundation
- $243 raised for Student Council school-based projects
- Huge carnival participation (Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics)
- Keep up the great effort – get involved – get interesting!

Tradie Talk

Tradie Talk has been rescheduled for Thursday 21 July from 4:30 – 5:30pm. This is an opportunity for our students to gather information and be inspired to pursue a career in the trades industries. If you are a Trades person and are able to volunteer your time please contact the school office on 5422 5333.

Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award

The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award is an exciting youth development program that is offered by Woodford P-10 State School. The Award is for people aged between 14 and 25 and comprises three levels – Bronze, Silver or Gold. Each level involves participating in a Skill, Adventurous Journey, Physical Recreation and Community Service element. Young people choose their own activities and set their own goals to complete their chosen Award level.

The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award provides participants with an opportunity to get involved in something different. They will develop new skills, explore new places and meet new friends. For students in years 10 to 12, they can also earn credits towards the Queensland Certificate of Education. The Awards are increasingly recognised by tertiary institutions and can even help participants with securing a job.

Students in Year 9 have been offered the opportunity to start their Bronze Award from the beginning of Term 3. It’s easy to get started as a participant. Drop by and see Mr Pendergast who is the Award Leader at Woodford P-10 State School. Further information is also available at http://www.dukesaward.qld.gov.au/

Edge Celebrations

Edge café is a subject students can choose to study for the first semester of Year 10. They plan everything that is involved in running a café from menu items and pricing to the type of service offered. Edge is run over Thursday lunch and any student in the high school is able to purchase from the café. Nachos and chicken burgers were very popular this year and the teachers gave the coffee machine a good workout. They run the café as a small business with all profits being invested back into the school. Profits from last year bought a new BBQ that the students used for café this year, giving them another dimension to their cooking skills.

As a celebration of a very successful semester of Edge café we went downtown for lunch at Jalla’s café. The students have worked very hard this semester and they should be proud of what they have achieved. I have watched them grow into a confident and hardworking team that ran the café efficiently and successfully, receiving excellent feedback, for both the food and the service offered. It was a very pleasant change to be the customer rather than working the café.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported our endeavours this semester.

Robotics Competition

On Thursday 23 June three teams of Year 8 Woodford students competed in a Lego Robotics competition against teams from the Woodford Library. Year 8 students have completed a unit of study in designing, constructing and programming (coding) robots. Whilst our teams were not the overall champions, our students had a great experience and have extended their knowledge and their skills in the world of STEM.
The completion of this year’s Girls’ Group was celebrated yet again in elegant style with high-tea, expertly catered for by Michelle Hewitt. Silver Service was provided by Michelle’s gracious helpers, Sally and Mary. The ladies donned floral aprons to set out Royal Albert and Willow China to complement a delicious array of petite treats- for the exclusive enjoyment of participants and esteemed guests. Much appreciation goes to Michelle and her mum for providing such exquisite tableware for this event.

I would like to say thank you for the very generous support of Marg McSweeney, Loris Montgomery from The Discount Drug Store, Karen Woodford, School Chaplain Nikki and School Nurse, Alex. The community connections established and skills offered to our year ten girls make this experience unique to Woodford SS. Thanks also to the young women of our school who support this initiative.

We look forward to offering this opportunity to next year’s senior girls.

Mrs Lenore Smith.

Woodford Show
Primary Students from the SEP showed off their culinary talents and entered in the Woodford Show in the cooking section. This year they put temptations to the side as they decorated biscuits with various lollies. The students had fun and managed to impress with their creative talents.

A small group of students part of a ‘girls group’ program worked hard all term on creating something new from something old. They cut up old jeans and turned them into lovely bags. Students learned how to use a sewing machine, iron and sew on buttons. Well done girls!
Various show entries are displayed below:

Where are they Now!

Wendy Jean Bruce daughter of Helen Bruce from Woodford was a past student at Woodford P-10 State School.

We would like to share Wendy’s achievement with you. Wendy has recently received a Bachelor of Health Sciences in Muscular Skeletal Therapy. Next year she is planning to do her masters in Neuroscience and Pain Management.

QParent

QParents (IS COMING)

Great news: Woodford P-10 State School is proud to be one of the first schools in Queensland to offer QParents. Launch will be Semester 2, 2018

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child’s school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child’s student information, anywhere, anytime, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child’s school to access and manage their child’s student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Academic report cards
- Class/term/balance information
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way.

We will be sending out invitations for parents to register for QParents in the next few weeks. Registration to be completed by 1/9/2014.

QParents won’t replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.

More information about QParents can be found at [http://www.qparents.qld.edu.au/about]

Year 3-6 Celebration Day

What a great term! Well done to the students for all their hard work both in class and in the playground.

The hard work has been noticed and celebrated in various activities.

- Movies
- Bowling
- Art stations
- Computers
- The famous Baker Ball

It’s been great to see all the smiling faces and everyone getting involved in the fun!

A big thank you to the teachers who have helped organised the day.

Students, Keep up the hard work!
Spelling Bee

On Friday 24 June selected students will compete at the Annual Interschool Spelling Bee at Mount Kilcoy Hall. The students will have the opportunity to show their skills in a number of individual and team spelling challenges. Bus will be leaving at 8.15 am and return at 12.00 noon.

Athletics Day

Age Champions

9 years - Kobi Mahoney and Bella Nichol
10 years - Lachlan Hill and Charlotte Hanson
11 years - Tawhiti Row and Priyah Kingston
12 years - Sam Grice and Katie-Lee Irwin
13 years - Ziggy Long and Ruojzhama Richardson
14 years - Zion Collins and Jonica Morgenstern
15/16 years - Connor Sayers and Christine Marshall

Overall Champions

Zion Collins and Christine Marshall

Congratulations to Wood. The overall winners!!!!

Attendance Recognition

Volunteers Star-B-Q

Recognising the volunteers who helped out at the Star-B-Q

Middle School Academic Awards

Early Year Academic Awards
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