25 July 2016

Principal’s Report

Welcome to Week 2 Term 3.

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

Reading, Writing & Attendance: 2016

Improvement Agenda

‘If you want to feel good about yourself, do good things’. John Roger

New Positions/New Staff

Mr Simon Pendergast is working in the secondary HOD position whilst Ms Drzystek is on maternity leave over the next 3 semesters. Congratulations Mr P.

Mr David Pye will be working in the secondary department picking up Mr Pendergast’s Maths Program.

New Absence Reporting Requirements

You may be aware of recent media reports about: “When a child is missing: Remembering Tialeigh Report” and its recommendation to implement same day notifications advising parents/carers when a child has an unexplained absence from school.

Absences must be explained every day. We will continue to work with families to ensure we meet this requirement as child safety is paramount first and foremost.

However school attendance is your child’s future. Every day a child is away from school without a reasonable explanation is a day they have not moved forward with their peers in learning.

Parental Responsibility

• Ring early when your child is absent
• Ensure your contact details are always current

Japanese KOBAN Visit

It will be an exciting week as we welcome our students from Japan arriving Monday 25 July. Mrs Jones will be working with the KOBAN students on and off the school sight immersing them in the Aussie culture and supporting them with understanding and learning of the English language.

KITTY SCHOOL

Japanese students from Kitty school will be at Woodford for a couple of days next week. They are truly delightful to have on sight as they are so interested in learning more about Australia.

School Opinion Survey

Please be informed that a blue Parent/Caregiver Survey has been sent home with the oldest member of each family. It will be in a sealed envelope. This will be your opportunity to say what Woodford P-10 State School is doing really well and how we can improve.

Student Led Conferences

Thank you to Parents, Students and Staff for making the Student Led Conferences such a great success. Students discussing their learning and aspirations with parents is truly inspirational as they are planning their future and daring to dream.

Athletics Carnival

Over the coming weeks our students will be attending the District Athletics Competitions for Primary and Secondary Schools. Primary students will compete on Tuesday and
Student Led Conferences

The school was again pleased to host students-led conferences this week and the teachers were delighted with the high number of students and parents who attended. Student-led conferences are a terrific opportunity for students to discuss their learning journey and goals with their parents/carers. The event was catered by Mrs Just and her team of willing and able Year 10 Home Ec students.

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.

Shoe Requirement

Students in the primary school will be required to wear black leather or vinyl upper shoes for the purpose of safety and to ensure students can participate in higher risk activities such as cooking, science experiments, farm visits and for some work in the manual arts room. This will take full effect from the beginning of 2017.

Year 4A are taking part in a Paddock to Plate cooking experience over the coming weeks. On investigating the Workplace Health and Safety requirements for working in our fabulous new kitchen we have found to quality assure our cooking program all students are required to wear the correct shoes.

Cyber Safety

Cyber safety is our business.

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


Ronnie

Year 10 Future Directions Day

Our Year 10 students recently travelled to Kilcoy to attend the annual Future Directions Day. Students were exposed to motivational media, a presentation from USC, an explanation of the Queensland Certificate of Education and relevant subject selections and presentations from VET providers.

Year 10 Work Experience

As part of our Careers Program, Year 10 students will be participating in Work Experience during weeks 5 and 6. During this time, students will have the opportunity to:

- Demonstrate responsible work practices
- Complete allocated tasks to workplace standards
- Demonstrate positive working relationships with relevant people

We would like to thank all businesses who have accepted to take our students on.

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.

Junior Secondary Information Night

An information night for parents of students entering Years 7-10 in 2017 will be held in the school library on Wednesday, 17 August at 5.00pm. This event will outline the programs, routines and expectations of Woodford P-10 Junior Secondary School. We strongly encourage the parents of students entering Year 7 in 2017 to attend and discover the advantages of Junior Secondary at Woodford.

X Factor News

There is so much talent around this year for X Factor! The first week of auditions has wrapped up and what an amazing week it has been, but there is a second week of auditions to come. The audition days are; Monday (Prep – 2), Tuesday (3-6) and Thursday (7-10). Finalist will be announced next Friday.

4A News

This term in 4A, we have been learning about the properties of different materials. We have been conducting experiments every week to help us investigate these properties.

We made our own slime substance using cornflour, water and food colouring.

The class had a great time playing with the different mixtures to create the right slime for us. We are learning so much about different materials during these experiments. The class cannot wait to see what other experiments we will do this term in our Science unit.

Recipes Wanted

At Woodford State School, we’re publishing our very own COOKBOOK!

This P&C project can involve all of our families, encourage healthy eating and raise funds for our school.

It will be a professionally published full-colour cookbook, and will make a beautiful gift or keepsake.

It is SO simple to submit recipes!

Go to the website below and follow the quick and easy prompts.

http://www.PublishedAuthors.com.au

Contributing to this project will be a fun way to get your child’s name in print. It will be a beautiful keepsake, and a great Christmas gift for the grandparents.

Don’t have access to the internet?

Drop your recipe in to the tuckshop & we will find a volunteer to enter it for you.

Deadline for recipe submissions is Friday July 29th.

For further information contact our cook book co-ordinator Holly 0466 990 659.

Fun Run – Friday 12 August

If you haven’t received an information and sponsorship form and you wish to participate in the Fun Run, please see Mrs Isdale (2/3C classroom).

All money raised will purchase resources for the students.

Prep B

Celebrating Bastille Day

On Thursday 14 July, the Prep B class celebrated Bastille Day with our French speaking student’s Ephraim and Naarah Beaumont.

The students enjoyed learning about France and Bastille Day. They made the French flag, tasted croissants and crepes and learned some French words.
Friday Art Group

QParent

Fairways International Food Festival

Neighbourhood Centre

Trivia Night
Bush Dance Fundraiser

Where: Woodford State School Hall, Archer Street, Woodford
When: 30th July 2016
Time: 5pm until 9:30pm

Music & Dance calling provided by Rantan Bush Band

Cost: $10 per Adult for $5 per Student Entry $25 for a Family

Pay at the door
Food and drinks available for sale Raffles and Door Prizes

Contact: woodfordchaplaincy@gmail.com

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Early Year Awards

Middle School Awards