28 November 2016

Principal’s Report

Welcome to Week 8 Term 4.

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

Reading, Writing & Attendance: 2016 Improvement Agenda

Success really starts by becoming master over the small details of our lives. James Rohn

Farewell Class for 2016

This week we said our last farewells to our Year 10 Class of 2016. I think of them with a tear in my eye and a smile on my face as I recall the many memories of the last 11 years. I know parents are extremely proud of their children and their achievements, however, staff at Woodford have so many mixed emotions as these special people leave our school on life’s journey. Farewell Year 10 and best wishes and remember to plant the seeds of your dreams deep in your hearts and minds and no matter where life’s journey takes you, you will find your way home. Pictures say a thousand words.

Pioneering Spirit Award

The community spirit award has come to pass whilst I have been at Woodford School. It is sponsored by the Draper and Cochran Clan and it is in recognition of community spirit, persistence and resilience as demonstrated through these pioneering families and their special connection with Woodford. What makes this award so special is that it is the Year 10 students alone who decide who the worthy recipient will be. Congratulations to Christine Marshall most worthy recipient and thankyou to Megan Draper for coming in and making it a special presentation.

White Ribbon Day

White Ribbon Day is an opportunity for us to speak out against violence and abuse. At Woodford P-10 State School we advocate for our school and wider community to live in harmony and to build a future free of violence.

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

- **Being Respectful**: We follow directions promptly and positively.
- **Being Resilient**: We reflect on all experiences.

Expressive Bikes Display

Oohs, ahs and wide eyes emulated the delight of the students at Woodford P-10 last week as they were entertained by the Expressive Bike display. Jack and Janene were incredible and were able to demonstrate incredible bike skills whilst discussing the importance of showing respect, responsibility and resilience to see results.

Thank you our great Chaplaincy Committee for making this happen.

P & C Disco

A wonderful evening was had by all who attended the last P&C Disco for 2016. With the theme being Christmas students came ready to dance and have a great time. Thank you to our dedicated P & C for their continued support and commitment to the students of Woodford P-10 State School.
Volunteers Morning Tea
A special reminder to all our volunteers out there. Woodford P-10 State School is hosting a morning tea on Friday 2 December to say thank you for all your help and support throughout 2016. Please let the office staff know if you are attending for catering purposes by phoning 54225333.

Lego Robotics Success
Congratulations Mr Pendergast and all students who attended the Lego Robotics Competition on Saturday 26 November. One of our student teams won the Mechanical Design Award for 2016 and our competing team secured 8th place against the 40 teams who competed on the day. Fantastic outcome for students at Woodford P-10. A special thank you to Mr Delacour for a great job in coaching our students to success.

2017 School Leaders
Congratulations to all our school leaders for 2017. A special congratulations to all students who demonstrated the courage and the confidence to nominate and put themselves forward. This is not easy to do.

Senior Leaders – Grace Mitchell and Jack McSweeney
Junior Leaders – Banjo Mahoney and Trinity Friedman

Senior House Captains
Archer – Jonica Morgenstern
Wood – Chris Reid and Connor Sayers
Stanley – Sophia Lloyd-Hansen and Hannah Baxter

Junior House Captains
Archer – Anya Meyers and Cinzana Antonelli
Wood – Hugh Devlin and Lachlan Hill
Stanley – Riley Rapmund and Charlotte Hanson

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.

Cyber Safety
Are your children safe online? Cyber safety is our business.

Keep your kids safe online - Resources for being cyber safe
Keep your children safe online. Use our resources to help teach to be cyber safe

Cyber Smart Kids Quiz
1. Cached
2. Similar

Hi Guys, I'm Sam and I want to see how cybersmart you can be. It’s really important to be safe when you are online and together we are going to learn how.

Ronnie

Junior Secondary

Year 10 Graduation
We celebrated the graduation of the Year 10 class last Thursday with a lovely celebration filled with stories, speeches, a fashion parade, a video presentation and a bit of fun. They finished the day with a water party at the farm before being clapped out by the rest of the school.

For their last day, they boarded a bus and headed to Wet ‘n’ Wild for a day of relaxation, reflection and fun.

We congratulate the graduating class of 2016 on reaching this milestone in their education and wish them the best of luck on the next journey of their lives.

First Lego League Competition
On Saturday, 26 November, 40 teams from 24 school competed at the QUT Caboolture Regional First Lego League Tournament. Our two teams, Bimo Bros (Hamish Patterson, Brooklyn Patterson, Brendan Ebberlink and Will Richardson) and The Lightning Bolters (Ethan Kingston, Renee Priestly, Keely Blackwell and Ben Davis) constantly demonstrated gracious professionalism and it was amazing to watch them work as a team and to see them continuously resetting the goals they had for themselves.

The Bimo Bros won the Mechanical Design Award for their robot, Bimo.

The Lightning Bolters, with their robot Bolt, were ranked overall 8th in the Robotics Challenges.

These were fantastic results for two teams who had not had a lot of experience with robotics or this style of competition. Well done!
PBL Trip

This semester’s Positive Behaviour for Learning trip is a day at King’s Beach and is on Thursday, 8 December (the second last day of school). The day is for celebrate the positive behaviour of students throughout the semester and students will have the opportunity to swim at King’s Beach, play organised beach and park sports. Invitations will be sent out to eligible students this week.

Year 6 Transition Adventure Day

This event will take place on Tuesday, 29 November. Information regarding this day has been sent home to students who are enrolled in Year 7 at Woodford for next year. There is no cost for this event. The day is a great way for the students to build relationships with each other, the house captains and the secondary teachers.

Visit by The ‘SEAT’ Program

Thanks to Mr Robert Spencer who came to inform students of the risk of spinal cord injury. Robert is a volunteer presenter with the Spinal Education Awareness Team (SEAT). He has quadriplegia from an accident days before his 18th birthday and uses a wheelchair. Robert not only shared information on how to prevent spinal injuries, he spoke of the various challenges that people (including their friends and family) faced following a spinal cord injury.

Robert discussed real life high risk scenarios, highlighting the dangers of peer pressure as well as key safety messages including the importance of wearing a helmet, checking the water before jumping in and seatbelts to name a few. He also gave insight into how people with paraplegia or quadriplegia do everyday things; drive a car, go swimming, exercise and much more.

Ways to look after your spine included:

- Always wear your seatbelt
- Always check the depth of water before diving in
- Always wear your helmet
- Never rock on your chair
- Never pull a seat out from under someone else

Dennis (above) was a passenger on a motor bike; they hit a ditch and went flying. He is now a paraplegic. His message is “Don’t take unnecessary risks….It’s not worth it”.

Dan (above) tried to do a back flip on his motorbike. He didn’t succeed and fell, his body went numb and had pins and needles all over. He is now a quadriplegic. His message is “Don’t feel pressured by peers and do anything stupid to end up in a wheel chair”.

Junior Swim Fun

Preps to 8 Year Old age groups have a Swim Fun Day at the Woodford Pool on Wednesday 30 November. The focus of these sessions is fun as a reward for students’ hard work during swimming lessons. Letters were sent home on Thursday to Parents with more detailed information.
**Primary Inter-House Swimming Carnival**

The Primary Inter-House Swimming Carnival for 9 – 12 year olds will be held on Thursday 1 December at the Woodford Pool. Letters were sent home on Thursday to Parents with more detailed information.

**Art**

In Term 3 a band of enthusiastic Year 7 students decided to take up the opportunity to enter the Wamuran Art Competition. The theme of the competition was ‘Living well within our Environment’. The students were able to create art works in any medium as long as it expressed the theme. With their creativity unleashed the students created works using: clay, spray, acrylic and water colour paint, pencil, paper, glue, wire mesh and other 3D materials. In order to create their art works the students had to give up numerous lunch hours as no class time was allocated – their commitment and eagerness was commendable! By the 4th of November the students had created 5 amazing art works that were entered into the competition for judging and displaying. Congratulations to all the students for representing the school so ably and a special congratulations to Brendan Ebbelein and Tom Kuhlewein who came first and second respectively in the Under 12 division.

**Grade 10 Dinner Party**

**2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge**

We have just finished our celebration of success in the Premier’s Reading Challenge for this year. Congratulations to our classes for reaching targets and having fun. Last week Mr Appelman ran discos and played games to thank students for their hard work. This week certificates went out to students for participating in the challenge. Well Done Woodford P-10 SS students for enjoying their reading.

**Middle School Awards**
Early Years Awards

Woodford Library

Summer Reading Club - 1 December 2016 to 20 January 2017
Contact the Woodford Library on 54961 136 for further information.

P & C Cookbook

The P & C have produced a beautiful full colour cookbook. It is full of trusted recipes and photos of food, the school, community and local landscapes. These make a great keepsake or Christmas gift. Books are $25.00 and are for sale at the Tuckshop, Clews News, Braisen Hussey and Treasures and Craft.

P & C also has a 3 for $60.00 offer available through the tuckshop, the street carnival on Friday December 9 and the School concert on December 16.

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