Welcome to Week 2 Term 1.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to Woodford P-10 State School. I do hope you had a fantastic summer holiday with family and friends. A warm welcome to our new families. It is lovely to walk around the school and see all the smiling faces.

Welcome New Staff

- **Mrs Sharon Oakes**: Acting HOSES in the absence of Mrs Brenda King
- **Mrs Angela Burgess**: Working in our year 4/5 class
- **Mr David Powell**: Permanently appointed LOTE teacher
- **Mrs Pradip Bains**: Maths teacher for term 1 2017

Congratulations Mrs Melissa Thirwell and Mr Jayden Delacour on being appointed permanently at Woodford P-10 State School.

A Big Week for Our New Prep Students

I have been to visit our new prep students a number of times this week and they are so incredible. It is like they have been attending school forever. Congratulations to parents, students and staff for enabling the transition to be so successful for our little ones.

Explicit Improvement Agenda for 2016

Curriculum Focus

**Reading**: As our Annual Review draws to a close this term, Woodford P-10 State School will continue it’s major focus on Reading and ensuring we embed reading strategies that will support students in becoming successful readers/learners at school and in real-life. On 26 April the Review Team will visit our school and confirm we are meeting our goals for reading in our school.

**Writing**: After the reading review Woodford P-10 State School will focus on our writing program. It has been documented that students nationally are falling behind in their capacity to write. I believe it is our professional duty investigate this concern from all angles as the nature of writing continues to be under pressure with technology advancement.

**We will Monitor**

**Numeracy progress**: In Mathematics we will continue to focus on fluency and reasoning within number. Regional Maths HOD Mr Peter Carmichael will be working with teaching staff supporting the review of quality maths assessments.

**U2B** (Upper 2 Bands) Knowing our students and their achievement levels with a focus on maintaining a high standard in literacy and numeracy.

**Change of Districts**

Due to the growing number of schools/students in the Caboolture area, Woodford Primary students will now participate in Glasshouse Sports District from 2017. Mr Appelman will send you the relevant information over the coming days. If you have any concerns do not hesitate to ring the school office on 54 225 333.

**Evacuation and Lockdown Procedures**

Each term schools are required to practice evacuation and lockdown procedures. In Term 1 staff are made aware of the procedure so they can support our students through the process, especially our Prep and new students. This was completed this week and all went very well.
In 2016 schools received bomb and armed attack threats around the nation. This has occurred again in 2017. It was extremely important that our students knew how to follow these procedures.

In the unfortunate circumstance that we may receive one of these calls the school would endeavour to send out an alert email. (this may not always be possible) If children were expected to be on the oval for an extended period of time we would walk them through the farm area to the Woodford Community Hall where they would have access to water and toilets. Police would be managing the school site.

Parents who wish to access their children would be expected to do so through the farm easement on Archer Street or at the hall as police would want the school to be totally evacuated. It saddens me that I am even having this conversation with you, however I would rather our communication be open and forward thinking. I have made a request to the Moreton Bay Regional Council that the town hall be added to our emergency response plan as a staging area.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Celebrating 135 Years**

This amazing event is fast approaching. We are so excited and look forward to hosting an unforgettable event. Over the coming weeks we will post an events calendar on various sights internet sites and place throughout Woodford.

We are anticipating the following items will be available for purchase before and on the day. Commemorative Port, Book of Memoirs and the Woodford P & C Cook Book “Tried and True from Woodford To You”

Rooms will be set with Memorabilia from the school and the Woodford Historical Society.

**Secondary Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations Mr Ricker, Staff and Students on making the day such a wonderful success. The Hawaiian theme was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to our age champions.

**School Uniform**

- **Primary-** Royal blue polo, royal blue shorts, skorts or pants
- **Secondary-** Stripped royal blue polo, black shorts, skorts or pants

At Woodford we appreciate there may be a financial burden around purchasing uniforms hence that is why we support the purchase of clothing from cheaper outlets especially shorts, skorts and pants.

Our P & C has endorsed the wearing of the Woodford P-10 State School Uniform.

If you wish to discuss this topic further please bring your thoughts to a P & C meeting.

**School Excursions**

Parents/Carers should be receiving information about the Year 4 and 6 Camps at Sunday Creek or Stanley River Environmental Centres. This will be a very busy time for these classes as they prepare.

**P & C News**

The P & C will hold their AGM on Wednesday 8 February. Don’t be a stranger. Come along and have a voice.

Woodford P-10 State School looks forward to another great year with our incredible family support base.

**Parent Information Evening**

Please place Wednesday 8 February in your diaries. Staff will be hosting Information workshops to inform you as to how they will be addressing teaching and learning in their classrooms for your child/ren. Invitations were distributed on Thursday and Friday 2 & 3 February.

Please ring the Office for further information. Our wonderful P & C will provide iceblocks for our students as the primary sessions will be 3:15 to 3:45pm and 4:00 to 4:30pm.

The Secondary Department will run their session from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Afternoon tea will be provided by the amazing Edge Café students under the guidance of Mrs Just.

**Chaplaincy Meeting**

Chappy Nikki has hit the ground running. I don’t think her mind ever stops as she thinks of way of supporting students, staff and community of Woodford P-10 State School.

Chaplaincy is a wonderful support to have in our school and if you wish to know more please come along to our first meeting to be held in Woodford P-10 State School Library at 3:30pm.

**Safe and Supportive School Environment**

Within the PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) and ASoT (Art and Science of Teaching) framework Woodford P-10 will be focussing on Routines and Procedures, Relationships, and Learning Goals for the beginning of Term one. Please discuss these expectations with your classroom teachers.

**Secondary News**

Welcome to all of our new secondary students and their parents and carers and welcome back to our returning students. We have had a smooth start to the 2017 school year. Should you wish to discuss any concerns you may have, please do not hesitate to make an appointment through the office to meet with me.

**Simon Pendergast – Acting HOD/Curriculum**

**Student Resource Scheme Forms**

We are still chasing up some pink Student Resource Scheme forms. Students who are yet to return theirs have been issued with a new one. Joining this scheme allows your child to access a wide range of shared resources, including textbooks, novels and subject specific equipment, instead of being required to
purchase the resources individually, saving hundreds to dollars. If you are yet to see one of these forms please contact the office.

Swimming Carnival

Another great day, thanks to Mr Ricker. The Tropical theme was a hit.

Parent Information Afternoon

We will be combining our Student Led Conferences, Curriculum Expo and Year 10 Parent Information session into one afternoon, Wednesday, 8 February, between 3:15 to 5:00pm in G block. Parents and carers are not required to be there for the entire time but are requested to come with their child to gain an insight into what their child will be learning and for students to discuss with their parents or carers what their goals are for Semester 1. This could take as little as 20 minutes. Parents and carers are also invited to meet their child’s teachers.

There will be a special Year 10 information session held from 4:30-5:00pm to outline the impact Semester 1 results can have on Year 11 subject selections.

This afternoon is a very important event and we would like to see as many parents as possible. Once again, the Edge Café students will provide refreshments.

Study Session/Robotics

Will begin in Week 3 and will be held every Tuesday afternoon in the secondary computer lab from 3:00 to 4:00pm. Students can come for as long or as little as they like.

Junior Secondary Parent Handbook

This document has been uploaded to the school’s website. All parents and carers of secondary students are encouraged to have a look at this handbook as it outlines the school’s expectations and requirements of Junior Secondary education. Should you wish for a hardcopy of the document, please contact the office.

Secondary Interhouse Swimming Carnival

Each year, the annual secondary swimming carnival never fails to disappoint and this year was no different. Tropical was the theme for 2017 and this saw many students dress up and create various, interesting outfits. The weather was hot and humid, however the house captains were ice cool as they started the day leading their respective house’s war cry. The students were in the pool soon after, participating in a ‘mass swim’ and earning valuable points for their house. Throughout the day students participated in freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly and relay events. These events were broken up by novelty events based around team and individual participation and enthusiasm. As always however, the day can only end with one winner. This year’s winner led the way throughout the whole day and had the most number of participants in each race. A big congratulations to the Winners of 2017 - Wood! Age champion medals and district swimming notes will be given out on Tuesday’s parade.

Congratulations Anya Myers

Anya Myers will compete in the State swimming championships in backstroke and butterfly.

Instrumental Music Program

If any new students in Year 4 or above would like to be involved in the Instrumental Music Program please collect an Expression of Interest form from the school office. Lessons will commence on Friday 3 February so bring your instruments if you have your own. Looking forward to a good year of music making!

Penny Blythe

Every day counts at School

The Department of Education and Training has a range of free resources to promote the importance of going to school, every day.

Research shows that school attendance leads to positive student outcomes, and can help children to build social and emotional skills.

The Every day counts campaign, developed with the input of Solid Pathways students, features popular footy players, including Johnathan Thurston, Sam Thaiday and Greg Inglis. Resources include an animation, comic book, dedicated website and online posters of the footy players.

Check out the resources and see if you can spot some of your favourite NRL footy players — visit the Every day counts website.

everydaycounts.eq.edu.au
Administration of Medication during School hours

Does your child require medication during school hours?

If your child requires medication while at school, please ensure you request an Administration of medication record sheet from your school’s office.

You will also need to provide the school with the prescription-labelled medication in the original packaging with clear directions for its use.

For more information visit the Department of Education and Training website).


Middle Year Awards

Early Year Awards

Tuckshop News

The School Tuckshop is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for both breaks. A copy of the menu was sent home to each family. If you didn’t receive one please click on the link in this newsletter or see Stacey at the tuckshop.

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop
OPENED MONDAY—FRIDAY
8.30—9.30 AM

Absentee Line

Absentee Line
Ph: 54225 333

LATE ARRIVALS / ABSENTEES

Please phone the Absentee line by 9.00 am. Failure to advise the school of a late arrival by 9.20 am will result in a phone call home to parents/carers.

Alternatively, you can record your student absence on our School Website by clicking on the Student Absent tab.

P & C Report

The Woodford State School P-10 P & C Team would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our students and their families (both new and returning).

First of all we would like to provide a quick explanation of what a P & C is, does, or can do.
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