3 May 2016

Principal’s Report

Welcome to Week 3 Term 2.

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

Reading, Writing & Attendance: 2016 Improvement Agenda

Reading: 95% of Students will read at a C level or above. This will be a challenge, but with focus and commitment at school and at home we believe it is achievable. A C level means reading at age appropriate level.

Reading Strategy

**Predicting:** Predicting is a useful reading strategy as it helps us think about what to expect when we read. What we know already (our prior knowledge) helps us predict.

When we predict we can use the

- Title
- Front and back covers
- Blurb
- Pictures or diagrams
- Table of contents

We can think about the

- Topic
- Author
- Text form- is it a Narrative? Factual report? Recount?

Good readers keep making predictions and adjusting them all through their reading.

Writing:

In weeks 3 & 4 classroom teachers will be concentrating on revising all the steps to writing success:

- Plan for success
- Sizzling Starts
- Tightening Tension
- Dynamic Dialogue
- Show, Don’t Tell
- Ban the Boring
- Exciting Endings.

Children will complete their own piece of writing during this time.

**Top Tip:** Less is more. Take a tip from authors-slash and be ruthless to make your ideas stand out.

Attendance: Every day counts!

Congratulations our attendance remained above 90% for the whole of Term 1. Our challenge will be to beat the flu and cold season in Terms 2 and 3. School is a must unless students are ill. One or two days absent from school can be the difference of a student being confident in their work or a student feeling a little worried. If your child is absent please ensure you make contact with the classroom teacher to ensure smooth transition back into school. Returning to school can be stressful for students as they reconnect with their teacher and peers.

**NAPLAN**

Students from Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will sit the NAPLAN Test on Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May. Friday 13 is a day put aside for student catch up if tests have been missed. Every student in these cohorts are expected to participate in NAPLAN. If you have any concerns for your child/ren sitting the
test please do not hesitate to contact your classroom teacher or make an appointment at the office. Your child/ren’s wellbeing is paramount.

Our School Review

Please be informed that the Executive Summary from the School Review is now available on Woodford P-10 State School Website.

ANZAC Day

Once again I was truly touched by Woodford P-10 State School’s ANZAC Day commemoration service on Friday 22 April. Thank you students, staff and parents for supporting our ceremony and taking this time to reflect on defining moments in our history.

A big thank you to all who attended the Community ANZAC Day Parade on Monday 25 April. It is so lovely to see our students not only representing our school but also the other community clubs and organisations around town. ANZAC Day is well represented in Woodford and is following the national trend of growing crowds.

Cross Country

Congratulations to all participants in the Cross Country last Wednesday. Thank you to Mr Ricker who was able to step up and run the whole day while poor Mr Appelman was on the side of the road with his car that did not want to complete its journey to Woodford. It didn’t matter where you came on the day, the fact that you took part was a celebration. Congratulations Archer overall house winners on the day. Congratulations to all our champions from Prep to Year 10.

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

- Seeing Results – We participate and give our best
- Being Respectful – We speak kindly and politely to each other

School is a workplace for students and staff and as in any workplace we are expected to give our best and speak in an appropriate manner to each other. As one student informed me this week an oldie but a goodie “treat others how you would like to be treated yourself”

Edge Café and Construction for Students

Hospitality and Construction are two incredibly engaging courses running out of Woodford P-10 State School. Under the watchful eye of Mrs Just and Mr Woods our Year 10 students are working through their Certificates 1 in Construction and Hospitality. Lincoln from College Australia is providing the course for Hospitality and Barry from Axiom College is providing the course for Construction.

Good Behaviour and a Game of Basketball

Mr Murray has the secondary students jumping out of their skins with excitement with the introduction of basketball on Thursday afternoons after school. This is a behaviour reward for students who support our school requirements of Respectful, Responsible, Resilient, Results.

P&C News

Please be informed that from next week Wednesday 4 May the Tuckshop will only be providing a service until the end of first lunch break on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Thrifty Thursdays will also continue where you can purchase a pizza sub and milk or juice.

Cyber Safety

Children find it very hard to understand the boundaries of social media. They need you to keep them accountable for their online behaviour. Keep in touch with your child/ren’s online behaviour and keep them safe.

Ronnie

Student Led Conferences

We would like to thank all of the students and their adults who participated in the Student Led Conferences last week. It is an empowering experience for students to discuss their learning and their learning goals with their adults. It is important for students to feel in control of their future. The next Student Led Conference event will be held on Wednesday 20 July in our school hall. Invitations will be sent home in the first week of Term 3.

Study Session

Study Session runs from 3-4pm on Tuesdays. Students can access 1:1 support or just use the time to work independently in a quiet space with access to the internet and our school network. Please encourage your student to attend if you feel that they are not achieving to potential.

NAPLAN

Year 7 and 9 students have been preparing for NAPLAN through participation in curriculum learning and activities as well as through a preparatory program that teaches test taking strategies. NAPLAN tests will occur on 10-12 May. Please contact Karli Drzystek, HOD, through the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

The Robots have Risen!!!

Our Year 8 ICT students are busy learning about programming and coding through the use of Lego Robotics. Students are incredibly engaged in the topic and are currently investigation turning commands and designing and programming a robot to
drive in a square. We would like to thank David from QUT for supporting Mr Delacour and 8A in this initiative and QUT for loaning us extra robotics kits to ensure we could teach in small groups. Upon completion of the unit of work we will open up a Robotics Club for students from Years 5-10 who would like to learn about programming and coding from the Year 8 students. We are also registered for a robotics competition held at QUT Caboolture later this year as well as a joint project with the MBRC Woodford Library later this term.

Student Council

This week student council held two lunch time discos for Primary students. Woodford P-10 Student Council supports one global, one local and several school-based endeavours over the school year. We choose to run lunch time discos for our primary students twice a year to provide a special activity for these students. Our Student Council representatives need to be congratulated for the activities they ran to keep the P-2 and the 3-6 cohorts engaged.

From Year 9

First thing in the morning we go to our roll class to have our names marked off and get notices for the day. We receive any forms or paperwork needed and hand in notes for absences. All that housekeeping ‘stuff’, that needs to happen before we start our learning for the day. This year we have started our day with some sort of puzzle that ‘wakes the brain up’ and we would like to share some of the problems we have solved.

1. DITLOIDS. This is a puzzle that is a combination letters and numbers. The letters represent the start of the words and the number is also in the title. This is the clue to solve the puzzle.
   EG. 3BM = 3 Blind mice
   Your turn
   - 12 SOTZ
   - SWAT7D
   - 88KOAP

2. The second warm up we have been doing is like a word puzzle. 9 letter words are broken up into groupings of 3 and we have to work out what the words are.

   ABS EEL IDE CAL TRA
   CAR NTI BEA ODD CTS
   CHB NUM TWH OYS BER

   Good luck.

ANZAC Ceremony

2016 saw the introduction of Certificate 1 in Construction facilitate through Axiom College. The Year 10 students cover many aspects of the building industry through this 9 week course. Mr Barry Kennedy is the facilitator from Axiom College and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the students. Upon completion of the course students will receive a Certificate 1 in Construction and take home 2 quality made saw horses. Student participation, behaviour and attendance has been exceptional and I believe the students gained largely from the experience.

Damien Woods

Construction

NRL Gala Day

Our NRL Gala Day will be held on Wednesday 18 May at the Kilcoy Football Grounds.

Both rugby league and league tag will be played on the day encompassing Years 3 – 6. The Bus will depart at 8.50 am and return by 3.00 pm. Cost for the bus will be $7.00.

Sporting Update

This Term has been very hectic in the sporting arena. With our Inter-house Cross Country already run, Primary District Cross Country next Thursday and Athletics coming up in Week 10. WOW, competition will be fiery and fierce. It is just awesome to see our sporting houses so close in the house carnivals.

Archer took out the gold medal spot in the Cross Country this year on 1743 points, with Wood on 1623 points and Stanley on 1614 points. A margin of merely 9 points….INCREDIBLE. Across both Primary and Secondary sectors participation was brilliant. Under the cool hand of Mr Ricker, all events ran like a well-oiled machine. I’d like to extend a big thank you to Mr Ricker for stepping in during my untimely absence. Further, thanks to all the teachers, teacher aides and parents that rallied to create another fabulous carnival event here at Woodford P-10.
See you on athletics day . . .

Yours in sport
Brian Appelman

Cross Country

2016 Age Champions

Prep - Ruby Elsom and River Richards-Chrystal
Yr 1 - Emily Morris and Hayden Kelly
7 Yrs - Stephenie Creely and Harry Scuton
8 Yrs - Megan Klein and Cohen Cochran
9 Yrs - Bella Nichol and Craig Amos
10 Yrs - Chelsey Burgess and Lachlan Hill
11 Yrs - Mackenzie Gordon and Dusty Beyer
12 Yrs - Hayley Burgess and Sam Grice
13 Yrs - Ruojzarna Richardson and Brooklyn Patterson
14 Yrs - Jonica Morgenstern and Zion Collins
15/16 Yrs - Christine Marshall and Connor Sayers

Tuckshop

Unfortunately as from Monday 2 May the Tuckshop will be closed for 2nd break. The financial records show that it is not viable to open for two breaks.

Opening times are:-

Monday - 8.15 am - 12 n
Wednesday - 8.15 am – 12 n
Thursday – 8.15 am – 12 n (Thrifty Thursday meal deal - Ham & cheese pizza, juice/popper $5)
Friday - 8.15 am – 12 n

Mother’s Day Gift Stall

Tuesday 3 and Friday 6 May. Prep to Year 2
Undercover area in the hall.
Time: 8. 15 am – 8.55 am
Large range of gifts for Grandma and Nanna as well.
Prices range from $3 - $8.

P & C Meeting

Our next P & C Meeting will be held in the School Admin Building on Wednesday 11 May at 6.30 pm. All welcome.

Administration News

Money due by dates:-

District Cross Country - $7.00 paid to the office by 29 April 2016
Kilcoy NRL Gala Day - $7.00 paid to the office by 13 May 2016
Years 2 and 3 Australia Zoo Excursion - $32.50 paid to the office by 24 May 2016

Middle Year Awards

Early Year Awards

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