30 May 2016

Principal’s Report

‘For success attitude is equally as important as ability’.

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

Reading, Writing & Attendance: 2016 Improvement Agenda

Reading Strategy

Making Connections

Good readers ask questions before, during and after they have read a text.

Sometimes the question is answered in the text.

Sometimes you have to use your own prior knowledge and what’s in the text to help you come up with the answer.

Sometimes the question may not be answered by the text at all and you will have to find another source of information to help you.

Asking and answering questions helps you look for information, which builds understanding.

Writing:

- Modelled Writing: The teacher shows the students what goes on in the head of the writer by talking through the process of composing a section of text (think aloud). In modelled writing the teacher supports students to understand how to generate and organise ideas, compose writing, or review and edit their writing. The students’ role is to watch and notice what the teacher does.

Sounds to Letters Workshops

Mrs Dale Beecher has completed the Sounds to Letters Workshops on Friday 20 May and Friday 27 May. If you were unable to attend these workshops please make contact with Mrs Beecher or the school office so we can make plans to run another workshop in term 3. Mrs Beecher will also be running reading workshops in term 3 so watch this space.

Attendance: Every day counts!

Why it’s important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week is about reflecting on the past, present and the future.

To learn more about National Reconciliation Week, visit http://www.reconciliation.org.au/

Safe and Supportive School Environment

(PBL-Positive Behaviour for Learning)

- Seeing Results – We set goals
- Being Resilient – We are open to critical feedback
Critical feedback is about having the conversations that will support you to reflect and modify your own journey whether it be your academic achievements, behaviour or athletic ability. It should always be about encouraging positive outcomes.

Gala Day at Kilcoy

From all accounts the Woodford P-10 students had a great day participating in the Gala Events at Kilcoy last week. It is always rewarding to hear that students continued to display their best behaviour and sportsmanship throughout the day, making it very difficult for staff to choose ambassadors on the day.

Thankyou Staff for your dedication and care.

Under 8’s Day

Under 8’s Day is a wonderful way to celebrate our little ones and the way they light up our lives. Thankyou to Staff and Community for once again making the Woodford P-10 State School Under 8’s Day celebrations a resounding success. Pictures capture the true spirit.

Teachers v Students

Some intense touch footy has been happening with the year 10 students versusing the teachers and year 7 students in a game of touch footy last week. The year 9 and 8’s will take up the challenge this week

Hard at Art

Animals everywhere. Our art students are finding their creative talents as they construct animals large and small.

QUT Camp

Mrs Just and Mr Murray along with 20 year 10 students are off to QUT for a weekend excursion. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to engage with University and we particularly thank our staff for the giving of their time to allow this to happen.

Morning Tea for Cancer

Staff were treated to a fabulous all day “Morning Tea for Cancer”. Cancer is an illness that has touched us all at some time and we will continue to support this incredible initiative that Mrs Wolff has been running for many years first at Kilcoy State School and now here.

Volunteers are always welcome to support Stacey in the Tuckshop. You may have a half an hour spare, so come in and cut up some salad, wash up or serve at the front counter. It is all about what you are comfortable doing.

Volunteers will be required to support the P&C at the Woodford Show. This is an annual fund raising event that generates a larger amount of funding for the P&C and school. Please put your name down at the Tuckshop if you are available. We would love to finish air conditioning the school in 2016. Thanks to your efforts we have our Primary sector completed. Let’s pitch in and make school a comfortable place for our Secondary Students next summer.

Great Teachers in a Great School

Congratulations Mr Wallace and Miss Neumeier on being nominated for “A Made My Day Better Award.” We have amazing teachers at Woodford P-10 State School who only ever want the best for your child/ren. Make a teacher’s day and nominate a great teacher for this award at ADAYMADEBETTER.COM.AU before Friday 17 June.

Chappy Week

The Pancake Party was a resounding success. Chappy Nikki has done it once again roping in husband Scott, Margaret and Ashley to give the students and some staff at Woodford a lovely treat. The staff and students at Woodford P-10 truly appreciate Chappy Nikki’s care and kindness.

Reminder: Elvis/Beatles night in the school hall on Saturday 4 June. Dress up and remember the good old days of great music. Tickets available at Clews News or ring Helen direct on 0419837382.

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.ew.edu.au

P & C News

Tuckshop will be open all day on Fridays from Friday 20 May.
Athletics Carnival

Woodford P-10 State School Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday 15 June. If we have wet weather we will look to reschedule for the following week.

PE teachers will place date and time for the pre-events in the newsletters and publish them on our website.

- High school students will be completing pre-events every Wednesday in sport time at 12:10 pm. In week 9 only the pre-events will be held on Monday 6 June at 1:50 pm due to a school excursion. Timetable below:-
- Primary student’s pre-events day will be on Thursday 9 June all day. 12 year old secondary students compete on this day also. Timetable below:-

No to Leaving School Grounds

Please inform your children that no student is to leave the school grounds without permission. Food is available to purchase at the school on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from the tuckshop. Your child/ren’s safety comes first and foremost at Woodford P-10 State School. Consequences will be initiated for students who leave the grounds without permission.

Cyber Safety

Cyber safety is our business.

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

Ronnie.

Maths Teams Tournament

This year we entered two Year 7-8 teams and one Year 9-10 in the annual Murrumba District Maths Teams Tournament. Students work as a team to answer challenging mathematics problems in several different types of activities. Our students need to be congratulated on their effort and their ability to communicate their mathematical knowledge and strategies to their peers.

Tradie Talk

Please join us on Thursday 16 June for our inaugural Tradie Talk expo. We are in the process of inviting local Tradies to talk about their trades (job opportunities, training required and tools used, etc) with our students. This will be an after school event starting at 4:30 pm in the upper parking lot. All families attending the event are requested to park in the lower Peterson Rd car park and walk up to the event. This is a great opportunity for our students, who are interested in a trade as a career, and their families to gather information. This event is open to all year levels in the school.

PBL Rewards Excursion

This semester’s Positive Behaviour for Learning rewards excursion will be held on Thursday 23 June. The trip includes bowling and mini golf at Caboolture Bowl & Mini Golf as well as a movie at Birch, Carrol and Coyle in the Morayfield Shopping Centre. To receive an invitation, students need to exemplify our school requirements of Being Respectful, Being Responsible, Being Resilient and Seeing Results. We only have 50 spots available (due to space at the bowling alley) so the first 50 students who return their permission forms with payment will attend. It is a requirement that students attending must have their Student Resource Scheme and Elective Levies paid in full. Families with outstanding debt will be invoiced. Students who were invited but miss out on the chance to attend will participate in a half day reward incursion here at school. The incursion is free of cost. All other students are expected to attend their timetabled classes.

News from Student Council

Student council will be hosting a themed dress day on Friday 3 June. A gold coin donation is requested. Funds raised will be put towards Student Council’s school-based initiatives. The theme is … The 80’s! Student Council will be presenting different dress-up ideas to students on both whole school and year level parades over the next few weeks.

Secondary Art

Artists are always finding ways of repurposing materials, often taking everyday objects and creating them into something far removed from their original design and purpose.

In this unit the students have had the opportunity to make a statement about the wastefulness of modern society, by reusing materials which would normally be discarded, and the impact of consumerism upon the environment, by creating a junk animal sculpture. The end results were amazing and showcase the students’ ingenuity and creative ability.
Edge Cafe

Edge Cafe has started again this year, with a different twist. As we have been out of the kitchen because of the construction happening, we needed to think of some way to still have a café. So this year we are operating a BBQ Café. Steak burgers, hamburgers and chicken burgers are popular and we are also adding a few favourites from previous years such as stuffed potatoes and nachos.

We also have drinks on offer, milkshakes, hot chocolate and coffee [for teachers only] available for purchase. It has been well patronised by the high school students and all of the staff here at Woodford. The students running the café are also having fun preparing the food and serving their customers.

Edge café offers real life, hospitality experience. From planning and researching our menu recipes, to cooking and selling our ‘goodies’ on a Thursday, at 1st lunch. All profits made from the running of the café go back into the program to enhance the learning opportunities for the students. The new BBQ we are using was bought for the school from our Café profits last year.

QParents

QParents IS COMING

Great news; Woodford P-10 State School is proud to be one of the first schools in Queensland to offer QParents. Launched for Semester 1, 2016.

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 timetables (Secondary)
- Viewing unmarked/graded tests, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolments details

QParents will award 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 17/06/2016.

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 https://qparents.qld.edu.au/about

Teachers -V- Students Touch

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDOEuFRCR-Q

Immunisation

Please make note that the Years 7 and 8 Immunisation date has been changed from Wednesday 1 June to Friday 17 June.
Gala Day

3A Australia Zoo Recount Reflections

Yesterday 2A, 2\3c and 3A went to Australia Zoo for our first ever excursion for 2016.

We went to see some kangaroos first. They were in the Roo Heaven area. Jayden posed for a photo patting a resting kangaroo that was lying down.

Next we saw an Otter Show. These furry animals were very quick and clever. They loved doing tricks for us to watch.

At lunch time we ate in the Crocoseum. We were all starving by the time we got there! During the show we watched really big birds like the Wedge Tail Eagle and Condor.

After lunch we walked and walked to the African animals. The baby giraffe wasn’t on show though. It was only 3 days old and still away with its mother.

Our favourite part of the day was visiting Bindi’s Island. We waved to Year 2 from up on top of the fort. The cheeky lemurs were fun to see too.

Finally it was time to take the bus home. What a great day out! The bus twisted and turned. I felt sick. Then I remembered that I would be at Australia Zoo soon. I can’t wait the feed the kangaroos and see the crocodile show.

When we finally got to the zoo we went on the longest walk ever! I saw iguanas, giant tortoises, ring tailed lemurs, crocodiles, birds and African animals. I was glad to get back on the bus and when we arrived back at school it was time to go home. When I got home I went straight to bed and slept.

Preppies reading challenge

Year 7 and Prep classes have been meeting regularly to read to one another. It is a good way to give the younger students effective reading skills and also for them make new friends. This is good for the Year 7s to practise the leadership skills that they have been learning for the past few years. Reading together shows the Preps how we help children new to our wonderful school. It is part of our Explicit Improvement Agenda, which is to improve our reading, writing and attendance. It is helpful to our Preps to be shown how to read; it enhances their learning improvement. This activity is helpful in the years to come for both the Preps and Year 7s.

Edge Construction help out Preppies

Thanks to Mr Woods and the Edge Construction class for creating a paved table area for the Prep - 2 play ground. The students have enjoyed colouring and playing games in the shaded area.

School Photos

Queensland School Photography will be taking our school photos on Thursday 2nd June.

Students are to wear their correct school uniform. To ensure a smooth running day, please note that all orders are pre-paid and we would kindly ask that you hand your correct payment envelope to the Photographs on the day.

Farm

This year’s garden beds have been thriving with organic produce - prepared, grown, maintained and harvested by the Year 9 farm class. I just want to say how pleasing it is to see such enthusiasm and maturity shown by this class, as they have grown all the produce, by themselves, from seeds. Check out the pictures below for just some of the produce the class have produced!
Secondary District Cross Country

A big congratulations to all the participants in this year’s Secondary District Cross Country. All runners gave it their all, and despite being up against much larger schools and many other competitors - they showed true Woodford spirit, both in competing and supporting. A special shout out to Brooklyn Patterson who came 17th (out of around 40 competitors) and Connor Sayers who came 14th (out of about 50 competitors). Well done to all involved!

Footsteps Disco

Wednesday 8 June
5 pm – 7 pm
In the School Hall $3 per child
Pyjama Party Theme
Food and drinks available

Red Food Day

Our Red Food Day will be held on Friday 3 June. Order forms will be sent home prior with each child so you can pre-order. Hot dogs, cheerios, pizza, chocolate, mixed lollies,

Tuckshop

Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time to help with P & C events and in the Tuckshop. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated and benefits the children of our school. Come along to our next P & C Meeting on Wednesday 1 June at 6.30 pm in the School Admin Building

Celebrating Chappy Week

Thank you Chappy Nikki!

Under 8’s Day

This was my first under 8’s as there is nothing like this in England. The best part was all the different activities. I especially liked the treasure hunt and the apple slinky. By Lotty Kelly 2/3c

It’s under 8’s day and I’m so excited. I grabbed an apple slinky first and it was soooo yummy and found treasure in Mrs Henry’s treasure pit. I saw a science show that was AWESOME and finished by day at the petting zoo where I got to pat a guinea pig and a GOAT! By Elliott Horton 2/3c

Early Years Awards

Middle School Awards

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