31 October 2016

Principal’s Report

Welcome to Week 4 Term 4

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

Reading, Writing & Attendance: 2016 Improvement Agenda

We all have dreams. But in order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline, and effort. Jesse Owens

Awards Night

Please be reminded the Secondary Awards night will be held on Wednesday 2 November. We take this opportunity to reward students for their commitment in the various aspects of school life whether it be for their academic, sporting or citizenship achievements.

Reading/Comprehension -

Synthesising: Synthesising is putting together information from the text with your own prior knowledge to develop new ideas and understandings. It can mean using your new knowledge to create something like a model or a plan.

“My thinking has changed since I read this story. I used to think people in wheelchairs could go pretty much all of the places I can. Now I realise that is nowhere near the truth. After reading about Meg, I now understand some of the difficulties people with disabilities face when trying to get around in public places.”

Over the coming weeks we have Sue Murphy (Regional HOD Reading) working with staff at Woodford and supporting us to make any adjustments to our reading program.

Writing

If you can relate to the picture above then this strategy is for you. Over weeks 4 and 5 we are continuing to ban the boring. Asking the students to write a boring passage based on stimulus is the easiest way to achieve this. You could try this at home and then look at how to make the passage of writing more exciting to read.

Attendance

It is great to report our attendance rate is up. Please also be aware that there is a tummy bug in the school and community.

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

- Being Respectful: We speak kindly and politely to each other.
- Being Responsible: We are accountable for our actions, consequences and belongings.

Prep Transition

The Prep Transition program is running extremely well. It has been lovely to see our new little ones on Friday parades. If
you know of any students who may be attending Prep at Woodford next year please inform them the last two transition days are Friday 4 November 9:00-10:00 am and Friday 11 November 9:00-11:00 am. Friday 11 November is also a Parent Information morning.

Day for Daniel
It was wonderful to see so many students wearing red for “Day for Daniel.” Participating in these events brings the safety of our students to the forefront of our minds and reminds us to continue to talk to them about their wellbeing and safety and most importantly listen to their concerns.

RSL Community Links
Woodford RSL Sub-branch is supporting the students in our school to make Community Links with past service men and women. If you have a family member who has served in the Australian Defence Force and your child/ren would like to research them and have a Community Links Badge to wear on various commemorative parades please bring details of that service person to the school office for further follow up with the RSL.

Booklists
Reminder book lists orders are to be placed directly with Clews Newsagency by the 11 November if you wish to pick them up at the school tuckshop before the end of the year. If you have missed your book list they are available at the school office.

Parent Consideration Forms
2017 Parent consideration forms are now available at the school office. Please have these completed and placed at the office by Friday 11 November.

Josh Arnold
Josh Arnold will be back next Tuesday and Wednesday filming and recording. Please ensure you have completed your child/ren’s permission slip so they can be part of this great experience. Community filming will also take place on Tuesday 1 November at the Touch Footy Ovals so dress your students in their team colours if they are part of a club or just come down and join in the fun. This will be a school/community song so the more the merrier.

Lantern
It is that wonderful time of the year where your child/ren have the opportunity to participate in the Lantern Making/Decorating Workshops.

Children get to be in the street parade and have a beautiful keepsake to place out at Christmas time.

Please place money and forms in an envelope clearly stating it is Lantern Workshop and post in the box at the office.

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
http://www.lifeeducation.org.au/
Keep your children safe online. Use our resources to help teach to be cyber safe

Cyber Smart Kids Quiz
- Cached
- 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.
Sydney/Canberra/Snow Trip 2017

The 2017 Sydney/Canberra/Snow Trip EOI has been sent home, Friday 28/10/16 was the deadline, we have extended the deadline to Friday 4/11/16. The proposed dates are Saturday 12/08/17 to Thursday 17/08/17. Approx cost is $1380 which will include all meals (from dinner on day 1 until lunch on last day plus morning and afternoon teas on days 2 – 6). $100 non-refundable deposit is due with your EOI, this deposit covers the booking of airfares and is not refundable.

PROPOSED ITINERARY:

SATURDAY 12/08/17:

Catch a bus from Woodford to Brisbane Airport (this will incur an extra cost of $25 to be paid in cash as your board the bus)
Flight from Brisbane to Sydney Airport
Accommodation at Woolbrokers Hotel - 1 night
Possible excursions – depending on flight times

- Taronga Zoo
- Sydney Tower Eye & 4D Experience
- Explore Circular Quay & Opera House, The Rocks and Bennelong Point precincts
- Walk across Sydney Harbour Bridge
- Explore Darling Harbour
- General sightseeing on board coach e.g. Bondi Beach, Mrs Macquarie’s Chair, Dudley Page Lookout, Watson Bay & Vaucluse

SUNDAY 13/08/17 TO Flight from Sydney to Canberra Airport

THURSDAY 17/08/17:

Accommodation Eaglehawk Holiday Park – 4 nights

Possible excursions:

- Tours of Senate & House of Reps
- Parliamentary Education Office
- Meet your Local Member (if available)
- Australian War Memorial
- Museum of Australian Democracy
- National Electoral Education Centre
- National Capital Exhibition
- National Gallery of Australia
- Mount Ainslie Lookout
- Questacon
- Reconciliation Place
- Australian Institute of Sport
- Day tour to the Snowy Mountains including:
  - Hire of parka, pants, walk boots & toboggans

THURSDAY 17/08/17:

Flight from Canberra to Brisbane Airport
Bus from Brisbane Airport to Woodford

Year 6 News

Year 6 students have received their graduation shirts for 2016 and are eagerly looking forward to their Graduation Ceremony. SEP students will begin their transition towards high school next year with a program that will commence from next Tuesday.

On Tuesday 22 November our Year 6 students will travel to QUT at Caboolture where they will get a taste of what university is all about and hopefully inspire them to further study or careers.

Pre-Prep Transitioning morning

Invitation to Attend
Prep Transition Program 2017

Where: Woodford Prep Classrooms
Time: 9:00am to 10:00am
What to Bring: Hat, water, healthy snack (piece fruit/oatcakes & cheese)
Dates:
  - Friday 09 September: Outside Play
  - Friday 16 September: Outside Play
  - Friday 14 October: Outside Play
  - Friday 21 October: Literacy Rotations
  - Friday 28 October: Outside Play
  - Friday 4 November: Numeracy Rotations
  - Friday 11 November: Outside Play
(9:00-11:00 for Parent Information Morning)

Requirement: Parent/Carer to accompany their child/ren
You're welcome to attend as many mornings as you wish to ensure a smooth transition for your child into Prep 2017.

Reptile Visitors
Stanley River Cricket

Brisbane Convoy for Kids
5th November 2016
10.30am to 11pm

For More Info Call: 0422 104 744
or Email: info@bc4k.com.au

Convo leaves Heathwood 9am sharp
For gate and convoy prices go to www.brisbaneconvoyforkids.com.au

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Middle Year Awards

Early Year Awards