5 August 2016

Principal’s Report

Welcome to Week 4 Term 3.

Every Student Succeeding- Today’s Effort Tomorrow’s Success
Reading, Writing & Attendance: 2016 Improvement Agenda
Have purpose that will outlive you. Denis Waitley

NAPLAN Improvements

Woodford P-10 State School is proud to be celebrating the great improvements in our NAPALN results.

In Reading and Maths the Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 classes have achieved levels that are at and above National Minimum Standards (NMS).

In our Years 3 and 9 classes 100% of our students achieved at and above the NMS.

A big congratulations to Year 9 as they rated consistently above NMS in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation and numeracy.

We are also truly excited about the remarkable improvement of the number of our students who are now rating in the top 2 bands in the nation.

Give me a firm place to stand and I will move the earth.
Archimedes

QUT Potential Awards

Congratulations to our Year 10 students who were nominated for the Students with Potential Awards.

Scouts National Scarf Day

Thank you to our Scout community for the presentation of a very special Scout Scarf. The presentation was to reaffirm the scout law and promise and to promote scouting in our community and the world. It was incredible to be given the background of the scarf and it’s symbolism and versatility. Did you know the scarf can be used for sun protection, a sling, a tourniquet , to secure items and many more.
New Absence Reporting Requirements

Thank you all for your support and co-operation around our absence procedures. Our optimum goal is to keep children safe and to inform you as soon as possible if we are concerned.

Olympic Fever

A big thank you to Mr Ray Maddison for coming in and sharing his wealth of knowledge and incredible collection of Olympic memorabilia. Students were so excited to see and touch the Olympic torch, an Olympic blazer and so much more. As you watch the Olympics keep an eye out for Mrs Wendy Gassner in the stands as she will be in Rio supporting her sister who is number 7 in the Hockeyroos (Jodie Kenny).

Bush Dance

Another wonderful evening was had by all. The Rantan Bush Band is amazing as they are able to have people young and old enjoy an evening of dancing with lots of laughing and smiles in the house. A big thank you to the Chaplaincy Committee, Woodford Scouts and Woodford Lions for your ongoing support. Don’t be disappointed if you missed it as I believe it will be an annual event on our calendar.

Japanese KOBAN Visit

A good measure of how a visit with our KOBAN students is going is to not even notice they are in our school. The students from Japan and their teachers have become just part of the everyday routines at Woodford. Thank you Mrs Olive Jones for making this happen.

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

Can you remember when your grandmother used to say to you ‘if you can’t say something nice to someone don’t say anything at all’. I would think this is all about speaking kindly and politely to each other. Whilst we love and protect our children we are not doing them any favours if we do not continue them to be accountable for their actions, consequences and belongings. Remember the saying ‘honesty is the best policy.’

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

Shoe Requirement

Leather or vinyl joggers are a must when students are going to be cooking, experimenting and working in the gardens. The best way to explain the requirement is that substances will run off the shoe not soak through. Black leather or vinyl shoes are available everywhere and they are not expensive.

Cyber Safety

Cyber safety is our business.

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

Ronnie

Junior Secondary Information Night

An information night for parents of students entering Years 7-10 in 2017 will be held in the school library on Wednesday, August 17 at 5pm. This event will outline the programs, routines and expectations of Woodford P-10 Junior Secondary School. We strongly encourage the parents of students entering Year 7 in 2017 to attend and discover the advantages of Junior Secondary at Woodford.
2017 Year 7 Enrolment Interviews

Available from Thursday, August 18 until Thursday, September 15

Students entering Year 7 in 2017 are required to have an enrolment interview as this ensures a smoother transitioning into the Junior Secondary phase of schooling. Even if your child already attends Woodford School, you will need to have an interview. Interviews will involve the student, parent, Mrs Hill and Mr Pendergast and should last no longer than 30 minutes. Attending the Junior Secondary Information Night will reduce the amount of time required for your interview.

Appointment for interview can be made by contacting the office.

Secondary District Athletics

We are sending one of our biggest teams in recent times to the District Athletics Carnival being held on 15 and 16 August. Thanks Mr Ricker and Michelle for your organisation and coaching sessions. GOOD LUCK to our 25 students attending.

Year 7 & 8 History Excursion

Students in Year 7 and 8 will be visiting the Abbey Museum as part of their studies in History this term. The excursion is on Monday, 15 August. A reminder that payment and permission forms are due Tuesday, 9 August.

Koban Visit

Our visiting students from Koban have been attending many lessons with their school buddies. This week the Koban students taught origami to students studying LOTE.

Meanwhile they have undertaken trips to Australia Zoo, Sunshine Coast (we went to Sea Life Mooloolaba beach and Sunshine Plaza) and the Caboolture Historical Village.

Here they have been immersed in the Australian way of life, history and culture. All seem to have adapted well to what is a very vastly different lifestyle to what they live at home.

We are indebted to the homestay families that have taken these students into their homes and send a special thanks to the school buddies in Year 10 in particular who have taken care of them during the past 2 weeks. Friday we are off to the Ekka.

Olive Jones
Japanese Exchange Coordinator

Year 10 Work Experience

As part of our Careers Program, Year 10 students will be participating in Work Experience over the next 2 weeks. During this time, students will have the opportunity to:

- Demonstrate responsible work practices
- Complete allocated tasks to workplace standards
- Demonstrate positive working relationships with relevant people

We would like to thank all businesses who have accepted to take our students on.

Year 4A Paddock to Plate

This term we have been participating in the ‘Paddock to Plate’ program. This involves the class cooking basic dishes in the kitchen every week. Under the guidance of Mrs Just, the Home Economics teacher, we have been learning the values of cooking food ourselves and understanding how to use the kitchen effectively. We are absolutely loving this program and we are looking forward to cooking more dishes this term. A big than you to Mrs Just for teaching us and to Mrs Rampling, Mr Raaen, Mrs Klein, Miss Neumeier and Mrs Cantwell for helping us in this program.
Primary District Athletics

On Tuesday and Wednesday, August 2 and 3, some of our primary students represented our school in the District Athletics, held at Apex Park in Caboolture. The weather was a little chilly, but the behaviour, effort and team spirit that our students displayed was sizzling. To see our small team in such bright team coloured shirts with brimming smiles and oozing confidence warmed our hearts even further. They supported and competed like the champions we believe them to be.

A special thank you to all of the parents that came to support and make our team feel important, on and off the track. I would also like to thank Michelle Hewitt for her tenacity and dedication in organising the students on both days, and for all of the training she has been doing during school hours and beyond.

Our relay team pulled together to take out various ribbon positions in both the junior and senior sections of the relays. To watch them push each other all the way is always inspiring, and their joy at the finish, priceless.

A stand out was Sam Grice who has been selected to attend the Regional Carnival in the upcoming month. We all wish him the best of luck for the next level of competition.

Yours in Sport
Brian Appelman
HPE Specialist

displays, send a hero gram message to a current Olympian (including the sister of Mrs Gassner) and were able to create their own gold medals to celebrate with the athletes in Rio. Good luck to all of the athletes in Rio and a big thank you to Ray for allowing us to observe the many memories of the Olympic Games from the past.

Olympic Memorabilia Presentation

At the beginning of this week, the children from Prep to 6 had the opportunity to learn more about the upcoming Olympic Games. Ray Maddison came to visit Woodford State School to show the children the many different items of Olympic memorabilia that he has collected over many decades. Students had the opportunity to see the

XFactor Finalists

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QParent

QParents is coming

Great news. Woodford P-12 State School is proud to be one of the first schools in Queensland to offer QParents. Launch will be Semester 2, 2016.

The 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, anytime, anywhere, 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 and updating student details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Environment details

QParents will assist 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 30 September

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://parents.qld.edu.au/about](https://parents.qld.edu.au/about)
Fun Run

Please return completed sponsorship form and money to the Tuckshop (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) on or before Friday 12 August.

Please make sure your child’s details and prize selection sections are filled in.

Red Food Day

Flyers will be sent home shortly with our tuckshop menu for Red Food Day on Thursday 18 August.

P & C Meeting

Our next P & C Meeting is on Wednesday 17 August at 6.30 pm in the School Admin building. All welcome.

Middle School Awards

Early Year Awards

Trivia Night

Saturday 27th August 2016

Trivia Night

$10 per entry
Max 10 per table
$1.00 per table

Lucky Door Prize
Raffles/Games

Dress up in a theme
Prize for Best dressed table

Drinks available at the bar
BBQ Dinner from 5.30pm

Reservations recommended

Hosted by Woodford P & C
In School Hall
171 Archer St, Woodford
Call Lauren 0443739526
To reserve your table
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### Stanley River Cricket Club Sign on Day

*STANLEY RIVER CRICKET CLUB SIGN ON DAY*

Cricket season is fast approaching. The Stanley River Cricket Club (Woodford) is very keen to hear from players new and old who are enthusiastic about cricket. Players can start from 7 years, all age groups catered for (including Open/Senior), both boys and girls welcome. No experience necessary, come and join in the fun.

**Sign on day:** 10am-2pm, Saturday, 20th August, 2016

**Location:** Stanley River Cricket Club, 33 Beerum Road, Woodford 4510 (opposite the Woodford Showgrounds)

The season starts in October, 2016 and finishes March, 2017.

For further information please contact the President, Paul Boxall – Mob: 0499 600 691