Welcome to Week 5 Term 2.

For success attitude is equally as important as ability. Walter Scott

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

Reading, Writing & Attendance: 2016 Improvement Agenda

Reading Strategy
Questioning:
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:
Children must write every day. Whilst little/adolescent minds are filled with great ideas for writing (recounts, narratives, poems, essays) Children must write every day to develop their confidence in the mechanics of writing (developing the grip, forming the letters and links). Writing is a very complex task and research acknowledges writing is an important aspect of the brain development. When writing becomes an automatic procedure, imaginations are not stifled by the lack of technique.

At home write stories, shopping lists, write letters and cards to family and friends. Like all that we do, to improve we need to practice and more importantly we need a purpose.

Sounds to Letters Workshops
Mrs Dale Beecher will be running Sounds to Letters workshops over the next two weeks see below:

- Friday 20 May 9:15am in Library (Beginners)
- Friday 27 May 9:15am in Library (Workshop No.2)

Attendance: Every day counts!
Congratulations our attendance was 93% for the whole of Term One. At this point in time in Term 2 our school attendance is steady at 91.4%. Remember every minute of every day counts for your learning.

NAPLAN
Congratulations to Students, Staff and Parents for your support and participation in the NAPLAN process. The students from our Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 have been exceptional throughout the NAPLAN week giving their best effort at all times. Many staff spent the morning cutting up bananas and apples to support a healthy snack before sitting the test. Barley sugar was available to calm the nervous tummies and some arrowroot biscuits for something a little extra.

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

- Being Responsible- We are accountable for our actions, consequences and belongings
- Being Resilient - We choose our attitude
Choose your attitude - smile and say hello to someone as you walk past them. It is surprising how good you can feel when they smile and say hello back to you.

**Congratulations District and Regional Achievers**

Sam Grice and Taj McKay were successful in being selected in the Regional Rugby League team.

Lachlan Hill and Hugh Devlin went to District Touch Football trials and Lachlan was successful in being selected into the District team. Great work boys.

**District Cross Country**

Congratulations to all our primary students who participated in District Cross Country last week and our secondary students who have participated this week. You are legends. Thank you Mr Appelman and Mr Ricker for your support.

**Thank you from the Prep**

Thank you to Mr Woods and the construction students for the work they have done laying pavers for seating in Prep-2 play area.

**Home is Where Your Nest Is**

The students in the Prep-2 playground have certainly enjoyed the novelty of having a human size nest in their area. Lots of wonderful imaginative play has been occurring as children set up home in the nest that was kindly donated by Woodfordia Community Group.

**Teachers v Students**

Some intense touch footy has been happening with the Year 10 students versing 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.

**P & C News**

A new and final menu to be distributed next week

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

Margaret Twemlow is hosting a morning tea in the community room near the tuckshop on Thursday 19 May. All welcome

I would like to thank the P & C for all the great work they do in supporting Woodford P-10 State School.

**Chappy Week**

Chappy Nikki is an incredible asset to Woodford P-10 State School working with children, staff and community bringing genuine care and compassion wherever she goes. She will be celebrating Chappy week on Tuesday 24 May with a Pancake Party. Yum!!!

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 and ring Helen direct on 0419 837 382.

**Celebrating 135 years of Education in Woodford**

Woodford P-10 State School Primary 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 all invited. At this point we are looking to create a book of memoirs and would like for present and past students to share some of their memories and a photo or two. Watch this space.

**Athletics Carnival**

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

PE teachers will place pre-events in the newsletters and publish them on our website. Watch this space.

**Hard at Art**

Animals everywhere. Our art student are finding their creative talents as they construct animals large and small.
Footsteps Dance Group

Once again the Footsteps Dance instructors will teach dance to our students in Prep to Year 6. The students love this curriculum activity and it is an extra bonus that the wonderful P & C book the group for the school discos.

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. Cyber safety is your business.

Ronnie

Junior Secondary – Student Wellbeing

At Woodford P-10 SS we have a range of support personnel who are available to work with our Junior Secondary students. These people include the Guidance Officer, School-based Health Nurse, Chaplain as well classroom Teachers and Mrs Baxter, the Support Teacher Aide, at the HUB. Appointments can be made with any of the support personnel through the HUB.

At Woodford P-10 State School we are committed to providing:

- a supportive, caring and inclusive school community that fosters school connectedness
- pro-social values, such as respect, honesty and compassion
- physical and emotional safety, such as anti-bullying policies and programs
- social and emotional learning, such as interpersonal skills, goal-setting, self-awareness
- a strengths-based approach which identifies and builds on students’ intellectual strengths
- a sense of meaning and purpose, reflected in peer support, participation in school clubs and teams and collaborative group projects; and
- a healthy lifestyle, including good nutrition and exercise

Our PBL requirements of Being Respectful, Being Responsible, Being Resilient and Seeing Results fully reflect our vision of student wellbeing. The support your student receives at this school is second to none and this is why your student should be enrolled here until Year 10.

NAPLAN

A BIG congratulations to our Year 7 and 9 students who more than demonstrated our PBL requirements of Being Respectful, Being Responsible, Being Resilient and Seeing Results during their NAPLAN tests this week. We celebrated their achievement with a surprise sausage sizzle and activities on Wednesday. NAPLAN is a point in time assessment that provides teachers with valuable information to direct their planning and teaching of our students.

Student Council

Student Council will be hosting a themed dress day on Friday 3 June. A gold coin donation is requested. Funds raised will support the 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.

District Cross Country

Last Thursday our team of runners ran their hearts out at the Primary District Cross Country in Burpengary. I feel so lucky to be able to take our teams to these events to watch our students give their all, not only in the races, but also in their comradery towards each other. The encouragement was second to none. Some awesome results should also be mentioned with Hugh Devlin running 7th and Hayley Burgess 16th. I’m really looking forward to our athletics events that are just around the corner.

NRL Gala Day

Students will be travelling by bus for a day of league. This is a whole day event. At this stage there will be a Year 5 and Year 6 team of tackle for the boys. These teams will be playing tackle and league tag. All other students will be involved in league tag
Any students who have not returned their forms and money by Friday 13 May cannot participate.

Secondary Athletics Pre-Events

Pre-Events will be held on Wednesday 25 May, 1 June and 8 June. These events are part of the competition for our whole school athletics day to be held on Wednesday 15 June.

Events include Javelin, Triple Jump, High Jump, 200m, 400m and 800m.

Primary Athletics Pre-Events

Primary Pre-Events will be held on Thursday 9 June. Events include High Jump, Discus, 200m, 800m and some other event practice.

Mother’s Day Special

In Geography we are learning about places and their features. Thank you to Brenda Beaumont (Ephraim’s mum) who took us on a virtual trip to New Caledonia. We learned about Noumea and the money they use. We also pretended to travel via plane with captain Ephraim and spoke a little French. We really enjoyed performing a Malaysian dance. Thank you Brenda for teaching us about New Caledonia.

Prep B News

The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is an annual state-wide initiative for state and non-state schools and home-educated students up to Year 9. The challenge is not a competition but aims to improve literacy and encourage children to read widely for pleasure and learning. For a student to successfully complete the challenge they must read or experience the allocated number of books for their year level during the reading period. Students who complete the challenge have their efforts recognised through the receipt of a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier of Queensland.

Students will complete a School Reader Record Form showing all books that have been read. This will need to be returned to school at the end of the challenge. The school will mark off all books and submit students completing 100% of their challenge.

Starting Date: - Monday 16 May 2016
Ending Date: - Friday 26 August 2016.

Number of Books to read:

- Prep -Year 4, Read 20 books
- Year 5 – Year 9, Read 15 books

A letter explaining the challenge will go home soon.

P & C News

The general meeting was held on Wednesday 11 May. Parents were invited to offer suggestions and feedback. Changes to the Tuckshop accommodate these suggestions are:-

More burgers and snacks added to the menu and the re-opening of 2nd break on Friday.

A newsletter has been distributed to each class to be sent home to each family. It includes the revised menu and an invitation to a morning tea on Thursday 19 May in the Community Room. Volunteers are needed for the Tuckshop. Any amount of your time would be greatly appreciated. Come along and have a chat and find out how the Tuckshop operates.
Early Year Awards

Middle School Awards

Under 8’s Day

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