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# Principal's Report

Welcome to week 6 term 2

In the end, reconciliation is a spiritual process, which requires more than just a legal framework. It has to happen in the hearts and minds of people. Nelson Mandela

## **Explicit Improvement Agenda 2021**

Implement the Australian Curriculum with fidelity - BAAE Moderation

Every Student Succeeding- "C" Standard or above in English, Maths and Specialised Secondary Subjects Every Student Succeeding- Attending school 90% of the school year or above

## **Under 8's Day**

A fantastic morning was had by all students, families and staff who attended our Under 8's Day celebrations. Kids, games, animals, and the local emergency services makes for lots of fun. Children dug for treasure in the sandpit, enjoyed having their faces transformed with the artistic talents of our staff and secondary students. Children enjoyed apple slinkies and ate bananas thanks to the wonderful donations from Woolies and Local Farmers. It is so lovely to celebrate being a child as we know all too soon they grow and have amazing dreams to explore.

## Cyber Safety Sessions

Last week our students in upper primary and secondary sat through a very informative session of Cyber Safety. This is always a concern at school and particularly in the wider community. The biggest takeaway from the session was that cyber space is a very complex domain and parents need to

be vigilant around what and how their children/Adolescents are accessing technology.

#### Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week

In 2021 we unpack and reflect on Reconciliation "more than a word". We encourage our students, staff and wider community to engage in conversations around reconciliation and to actively listen to each other. What is Australia's story?

## Cameron Stelzer Writing Workshop

Primary students from years 3 to 6 had the unique opportunity of working with well known writer/illustrator of children's books Cameron Stelzer this term. He was able to motivate their imaginations and help them to understand the art of drawing motivated characters. His multi-award winning book include the Pie Rats Series.

## **Mothers Day Pamper**

It was so lovely to see our mother's, aunts, and grandmothers being pampered by their beautiful little ones in years 1 and 2. New hair styles, massages, painted nails and cups of tea/coffee were just a few of the relaxing activities on offer. If that wasn't enough the student's special person left feeling like a queen with their glorious crowns adorning their heads.

#### Murphy's Pigs

Woodford P-10 State School Junior Choir had an awesome performance at the Murphy's Pigs Celtic Concert on May 22. A big thankyou to Mrs Kruger for all her dedicated work with the choir and Mr Stuckey for instrumental support. Watch this space as our School Instrumental Band and School Choir will be performing at the Woodford Show in June.

#### **Sporting Success**

1. Congratulations to all our students who participated in the District Cross Country. Ruby and Isola from the



- primary school have qualified for the Region and wish them both the best of luck in their endeavours.
- 2. Congratulations to Emmelyn, Jess and Ivy on their selection into the District NRL team for Glasshouse.

If you have any success stories you would like to share please let us know as we know our students are involved in so many outside activities.

## **NRL Gala Day**

A wonderful action packed day was had by all our students who attended the NRL Gala Day in Kilcoy. It is always an added bonus to hear that the students of Woodford were well behaved and demonstrated great sportsman/sportswoman ship.

#### **Athletics Carnival**

Athletics Carnival is fast approaching in Week 9 this Term. Primary carnival will run on Tuesday 15 June and Secondary will be on Wednesday 16 June. In the spirit of our school being P-10 we will begin Tuesday with a March Pass including all students from Prep-year 10 and then on the Wednesday afternoon our students from years 3 to 10 will finish the day with the excitement of relays followed by announcement of age champions and overall house winner. Look forward to seeing you there.

#### **NAPLAN**

I am pleased to inform that NAPLAN online was successful at Woodford considering our internet service in the area can be quite challenging.

## Positive Attendance for Learning (PAL)

Each week we celebrate student attendance on parade with all students who have attended school for the 90% or above for the term going into a super draw to pick from the special prizes on offer as we do with the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). To date our attendance register is sitting on 89%. Let's continue to work together and achieve the magic 90% before the end of term.

Please be reminded that whilst we encourage children to attend school and that every day counts we do ask that you keep your child/ren home if they are unwell to avoid the spread of illness, especially as we enter the cold and flu season.

## Safe and Supportive School Environment

#### PBL- Positive Behaviour for Learning

Week 7. Being Respectful - Care for each other, our school and environment

Week 8. Seeing Results: We are organised and prepared

Week 9. Being Resilient - We are open to critical feedback

Week 10. Being Responsible – We make decisions that help us be successful and happy

#### **Chaplaincy News**

Last week we celebrated Chappy Week by dressing in our country gear and having a great day!!!

A big thankyou to Chappy Amy for organising the many activities (Chappy brekky, art club, support groups) she does to support our children, staff and families at Woodford.

#### School Uniform

Winter is here!!! Secondary may purchase our new jumpers from the uniform shop or continue to wear their plain black jumpers and black long pants. Primary jumpers and long pants are royal blue and may be purchased from retail outlets.

## **News from Junior Secondary**

#### **NAPLAN**

Congratulations to our students in year 7 and 9 who completed the NAPLAN assessments in week 4. This was our first year of running NAPLAN as an online activity and thanks to the efforts of the students, it went off without a hitch. All staff commented on the commendable behaviour of those who participated. It was great to see everyone putting in effort to the tasks. It was also very heartening to see how cooperative all students were with following the online protocols and test conditions.

## **QUT Careers Expo**

On Friday 21 May, the Year 10's took the opportunity to take a look into possible future pathways by attending the Careers Expo at the Brisbane Convention Centre, followed by a brief tour of QUT's Kelvin Grove campus. The convention centre was a hive of activity as thousands of school students investigated the many booths to look into career options, as diverse as beautician, plumber and PGA golf professional. It was an opportunity for students to look into industries that they were interested in, and to find ones that may have not ever been on their radar. For some, it provided new information into industries they were already interested, while for others, it opened new avenues to investigate in the future.

Our time at QUT was only brief and while the highlight for most of us was the subway lunch provided, it was a great opportunity for those who are considering university in the future to get a feel for what campus life is like. Students toured the campus with our tour guide, Sarah, who provided valuable information to those keen students who were inquisitive enough, and brave enough, to ask questions.





## Year 10 Work Experience

To build on all the information gathered at the Careers Expo, and to continue planning for the future, Year 10 students will be canvassing the local community looking for employers to take them on for one week of shadowed work placement between 21-25 June.

Students are required to source their own work experience placement. While this may seem a daunting prospect, it is a

very important employability skill and provides an opportunity for our students to become better prepared for the adult world. Students have received a letter to community/employers to assist them in finding a placement. Students will need to have their placements finalised by the end of Week 7 (June 4). If you have any questions please email Mr Aldis: taldi3@eq.edu.au

## Year 7 Geography

Year 7 Geography students designed liveable housing developments, taking into consideration environmental, social and economic factors.





## Japanese Festival

Year 8 Japanese classes have been busy this term working towards activities for our Japanese festival that will be held on the 11th June. Students have been involved in creating signs for their Japanese stall and our primary students will participate in many fun activities they have planned. Here are a few pictures from the beginning stages of our signs. The year 8s are looking forward to this event.





## **News from Primary**

## **District Cross Country**

On Friday 21 May, a cross country team, 15 strong, made us all proud running their hearts out at the district cross country event at St Michael's. Congratulations to all and we wish Isola (4th) and Ruby (6th) the best at regional level very soon. Run for us all girls!!

#### Mr A



## WRITING WORKSHOPS

The students from grades three, four and five were treated to a writing workshop with Author and Illustrator Dr Cameron Stelzer. The students wrote, illustrated and were taken behind the scene to see how books are published and printed. Students shared their stories and were given a step by step 'how to draw' class. The students were inspired and

participated enthusiastically. The school will be purchasing some of Cameron's book as students fell in love with the zany characters and the intriguing storylines.





## **CROSS COUNTRY**

The cross country was run under sunny skies this year even though there was a threat of rain. The students donned their red, yellow and blue sports colours and hit the course with excitement.





## Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday 19 May, 1A, 1/2C and 2A ventured off to the Memorial Hall to join National Simultaneous Storytime held by the wonderful staff from Woodford Library. This year the story was "Give me some space!" written by Philip Bunting and was read by NASA Astronaut Shannon Walker live from the International Space Station!





## **CHAPPY WEEK**

Students celebrated Chappy Week by dressing up country and making a gold coin donation to support our school chaplain Amy. Amy can be seen around the school wearing her trademark cowboy hat so the theme was appropriate to mark the special week. Visitors to the school would have thought they were at rodeo school.







## **Cyber-Bullying Workshop**

Woodford P-10 State School was visited this week by Brodie from Education Queensland's Cyber-safety and Reputation Management Team. As a senior adviser, Brodie was able to direct students on the best ways to deal with inappropriate online behaviours. Brodie's presentation was interesting and

informative. Everyone came away with some appreciation of the complexities we face in a digital world.





## **Under 8s Day**

This year's Under 8's day was spectacular! The day was made great by the inclusion of the children from C & K and the families that joined us to celebrate the week. Students participated in fun activities and visited the petting zoo and emergency services teams. Faces were painted, slinky apples were consumed as the sound of laughter and delight rang out over the school. Thanks to the dedicated work of our P-2 teachers who put so much into the planning and delivery of a special day on our school calendar.





# **Tuckshop News**







# **Dates to Remember**

W	8	07-June Dance	08-June Chappy Support Student Led Conferences	09-June Tuckshop	10-June Early Bird Breakfast Tuckshop S/6 Science Incursion	11-June Chappy Support Tuckshop Japanese Drumming Yr 4- 10
W	9	14-June Dance	15-June Chappy Support Athletics Carnival Secondary Study Session	16-June Athletics Carnival Tuckshop	17-June Chappy Support Early Bird Breakfast Tuckshop	18-June Woodford Show Tuckshop P-2 Academic Awards
w	10	21-June Year 10 Work Experience Dance	22-June Year 10 Work Experience Chappy Support	23-June Year 10 Work Experience 3-6 Academic Awards	24-June Year 10 Work Experience Chappy Support Year 7,8,9 PBL Excursion Tuckshop	25-June Year 10 Work Experience Tuckshop Last Day of Term 2
			Secondary Study Session	Tuckshop		