

WWW. WoodLinks Wednesday Weekly

From the Principal's Desk

01 February 2017



WOODLINKS

STATE SCHOOL

Only Our Best,
Everyone,
Everyday

DATE CLAIMERS:

01 February

P&C Meeting in Staffroom
6.30pm

03 February

Opening of Reading Club
8.30am

06 February

Breakfast Club 8:30am every
Mon, Wed and Thurs
Student Leadership Badge
Presentation Parade 2:00pm

07 February

Meet our music teachers in
the Music Room 6.30pm

01 March & 02 March

Prep Hearing Screening

08 March

Open classrooms for guided
reading

10 March

Final day for camp payment

If you read, you will succeed!

Guided Reading began this week for students in years 2-6. Next week we will commence Guided Reading in year 1. Over the term students in Prep to year 3 will be developing or consolidating their phonics knowledge. It is important that children read every day especially at home. Talking about books, characters, settings helps develop students understanding of text and how to interpret what the author is telling us. Please take the time to read to your child every day!

Reader of the Week will start next week and during this celebration students who are showing improvements in their reading are invited to come along and receive a certificate, bookmark and book for their wonderful efforts. Watch out for an invitation to come along and help celebrate this amazing event.



The triangle above shows our annual implementation plan for the explicit teaching of reading at WoodLinks. We look forward to working with our school community. (If you have trouble reading the above diagram please see our website for a clearer version.)

P&C Meeting

We look forward to seeing you all at our first P&C meeting for 2017 at 6:30pm in the staffroom.

If you read, you will succeed!cont.

WoodLinks Strategic Agenda

Last year our school engaged the WoodLinks Community in a quadrennial school review. Students, parents and teachers were provided many opportunities to drive the next WoodLinks for four years. Students come to school to their best every day. Our vision for the next 4 years is outlined below.

Vision

WoodLinks is a community hub that provides a safe, supportive environment where staff, parents and community groups collaborate to empower students to become successful today and for the future.

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If you can Read, you will succeed!

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ATTENDANCE

At WoodLinks SS we believe that attendance matters! By attending school everyday students have the very best opportunity to achieve success. Each week we monitor individual and class student attendance. We celebrate attendance every Monday at Assembly with the announcement of the previous weeks winners. In Prep-Year 2, classes are involved in a weekly horse race and in Years 3-6, students are involved in a superhero race (located outside the library). The WoodLinks Attendance Policy can be found on our website.

'Every day counts' is a state wide initiative that aims to assist in improving student attendance at school through a shared commitment by students, parents, caregivers, schools and the community.

To do this, Every day counts promotes four key messages:

- all children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day
- schools should monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve regular school attendance
- truanting can place a student in unsafe situations and impact on their future employability and life choices
- attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community.

Please watch the following videos which aim to explain the importance of coming to school every day.
Jonathan Thurston 'Attendance Counts'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9ilBeJ5CUs&list=PLgJv5epyrnQDLNMTmhLA6z-cssQylcsvN&index=5>

Attendance adds up

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VniGVhJb-SM&index=3&list=PLgJv5epyrnQDLNMTmhLA6z-cssQylcsvN>

Attendance animation ' Every day counts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=libK7b-IDgA&feature=youtu.be>

Attendance target is 95%

Recent WoodLinks data shows that the days with the lowest attendance rate are

Mondays and Fridays.

At WoodLinks we believe that 'Every Day Counts'.

BOOK FAIR



Book Fair is on its way to
WoodLinks in 2017.

Wednesday 15th March to
Tuesday 21st March

Keep a look out for more
information as we get closer to
the date.



Admin News

SMS Notification

If your child is away from school for an unexplained reason, you will receive an SMS notifying you. Please ensure you reply back (before 3pm) to the message with a reason for the students absence do not include any emoji's or pictures as these cannot be read. Do not reply to the sms after 3pm, you will be required to contact the school the next day or send in a note about the absence. If you cant return the SMS you must phone the school with a valid reason. Remember that if your child is not in class by 9am when the rolls are marked, they are required to obtain a late slip from the office. **Without this they will be marked as absent and you will receive an SMS.**

**Please only reply to sms that are sent to you.
DO NOT use this number for any other messages or to put in
future absences.**

QParents NEWS

If you have registered for QParents but do not have the required 100 points then YOU need to come into the office with the required documents before we can approve your application. Staff must sight the **original** of these documents (no photocopies will be accepted).

Everyone who has a email registered with the school should have a received an invitation for QParents. If you haven't received one please contact the office.

School Banking

Don't Forget Banking is every Wednesday.

For anyone who has reached their 10 Tokens – don't forget to let us know which reward item you would like from the list below!! It's never too late to bring your books along & for anyone who has lost their books, we can issue you a new one.

2017 Future Savers Rewards

We're excited to launch the new reward items for 2017 from our Future Savers range.

- Cyber Handball and Colour Change Markers, released Term 1
- 3D Chalk Set and Tablet Case, released Term 2
- Smiley Emoji Keyring and Volt Handball, released Term 3
- Pencil + Tech Case and Epic Earphones, released Term 4



Preps

Welcome to Prep at WoodLinks State School.

The Preps have begun to settle into school life at WoodLinks, and we have many Superheros already.

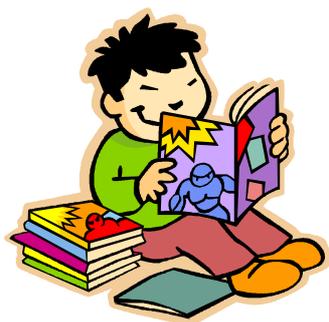
This week in Prep we are reading familiar stories, talking about characters, and discussing our likes and dislikes about the books.

During maths, we will be learning about counting, sequencing events, and days of the week. In science we are going to be exploring the needs of living things.

Just a reminder that classrooms open at 8:45am; have your fruit break snack, water bottle, and lunch box ready to go.

Reading Club starts on Friday. We will be encouraging all of our prep students and parents to attend. **If you read, you will succeed!**

Cheers,



Miss Ward
Prep A Teacher

Year 1's

Week One has come and gone and our Year One cohort have settled in well. We are currently targeting the WoodLinks behaviour expectations (Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner) and Year One routines.

We have a very busy year ahead with lots to focus on in the Curriculum. In English we are exploring picture books and students are identifying the various parts of a story and using their own experiences to expand on characters and events. Simple sentences are a huge aspect of Year One and we strongly encourage you to practise these regularly at home.

In Maths, students are continuing to investigate number and place value, units of measurement and data representation and interpretation. Further details of these aspects have provided in class Day One letters and will be included in future newsletter articles.

Reading Club and Tuckshop commence this Friday – orders must be placed via FlexiSchools by 3pm Thursday not with cash Friday morning.

PE, Music and History remain on Tuesday in the middle session for Year Ones this year – students may wear their coloured shirts on this day only.

Please check with your classroom teacher regarding Library days if you are unsure.

Each class have a fruit snack of a morning – fruit and vegetables are the only foods that are permitted in this time. Water bottles may be bought into the classroom each day as the weather is still very warm.

Have a wonderful week!

Miss Mathiesen
IA Teacher

Year 2's

Wow, our new year 2's are off to a PAW-some start to 2017! It has been wonderful to see all of our new students settling into their classrooms so well. It definitely looks like it is going to be a fantastic year!

With the beginning of a new year and a new class, some routines have changed:

As the 8:30am bell rings, students are allowed to play in the Central Covered Area, on the Oval and Reading Club (from week 3) as these areas are supervised to ensure your child's safety. It is important that your child remains in these areas until classrooms open at 8:50. There has been an additional bell placed at 8:45 to remind your child to go to the toilet and get a drink before class starts so that there will be less interruptions during their learning time.

Home readers will commence in week 2 and will be changed on Wednesdays (Optional) and Fridays. Homework begins in week 3 and will cover English, Maths and Spelling to reinforce what your child is learning in class. This will be due back each Friday. If there are any parents/ carers that are willing to come along and help change over our books on those mornings, it would be greatly appreciated.

General Reminders:

If you have any spare equipment at home please bring it in to school, as we can store this in our storerooms and use it as your child needs.

Our "Meet the Teacher" information evening is on Tuesday the 7th of February. It would be great to see as many parents/carers as possible to ensure everyone understands our expectations for our students in year. It is also beneficial as we are able to answer any questions you may have on the evening.

Don't forget our Reading Club Launch is on this Friday! So make sure you come along!

Hope you have a PAW-fect week!



Miss Bonett
2A Teacher

Year 3's

A big welcome to the Year 3 students and families! The Year 3 teachers are looking forward to a fantastic year!

We are learning:

English: In Unit One, the students will be learning about the use of persuasive language. We will read and analyse a variety of texts and use persuasive devices to write their own texts.

Guided reading began this week and students are already working towards their goals. If you read, you will succeed!

Maths: The students will cover the following concepts: Number and place value, Chance and Data, Measurement and Geometry and Using units of measurement.

Science: Students will investigate the living and non-living things in their local environment and recognise the use of this science knowledge in their lives.

General notices:

Homework will be sent home on Monday of Week 3. It includes some spelling, reading and number fact practice and will be returned each Friday for marking.

Library: 3A&B visit the Library on Tuesday and 3C borrow on Thursday each week.

PE, Music and History are on Monday morning each week. Please remind your child to bring and wear their hat, everyday to play, but especially on Monday for PE.

All year 3 classes are looking for Parent Representatives, this role includes communicating with other parents and the class teacher. If you are interested in this role please see your child's teacher.

Parent help would be greatly appreciated by all teachers. Again, please see your child's teacher if you are interested in and able to help out.

Our Meet the Teacher afternoon is this Thursday the 2nd of February, we look forward to seeing you in the 3A classroom at 3.15pm.

Have a great week.

Miss Kimlin
3A Teacher

Year 4's

Welcome back to a wonderful start of Year 4.

It was so lovely to see the parents who were able to make it to the Parent info session on Monday afternoon.

We have been working hard over the past week to establish classroom routines and expectations and so far the students overall are doing really well.

We have started off this week with a BANG in guided reading groups and overall the students have transitioned well into the upper school routines.

Please remember if you have any more books etc. from the school booklist can you please make sure your children bring them to school as soon as possible. We have noticed that there are a few outstanding things on the school booklist which are still required, especially the reams of paper and the tissues. If they could be purchased and brought in as soon as possible your child's teacher would really appreciate it.

Just a reminder that there are quite a few students who don't have a hat or don't have a school/navy hat. Please go and see the ladies in the office as there are loads of unclaimed lost property, so if your child has lost a hat, it may be there. On that note, **PLEASE** ensure all items are clearly labelled including school bags and hats to ensure it can be returned to the rightful owner.

It will be an exciting year and we as the Year 4 teachers are especially excited to see how much your children can achieve and grow throughout the year. Please remember to have your child read every night so that they can continue to improve. We have already had some amazing results in our reading so far.

Thank you so much for all your support and please make sure you pop in and see us if you have any problems or even just to say hi.

Kind regards,

Ms Reck
4A Teacher

Year 5's

Only our Best.... Everyone, Everyday.

Welcome back to all of year 5's and all the students of WoodLinks!! We are in full swing during our second week back and super excited to tackle our first term together! We have had the fun of getting to know each other and we have worked together to set our expectations of what we want to achieve this year.

We have begun our curriculum units.

In our English unit, students will listen to, read and interpret the novel, 'Deltora Quest' from the fantasy genre showing understanding of character development in relation to its plot and setting. They will demonstrate the ability to analyse the development of a main character through a written response.

In Mathematics we have started on our continual work with number and place value. Throughout the term we will be practising on providing lots of support and lessons based around NAPLAN in order for our students to achieve the best results possible.

Year 5 are looking for parents, carers or grandparents to help us with either reading groups, small group or class activities throughout the year. Reading groups will occur four mornings a week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12:30pm. If you think you may be able to help us, please notify Miss Wilson, Mr Woolacott or myself. Our year 5 classrooms are also in need of parents to help contact the books we use during our silent sustained reading time each day.

Just a reminder that our year 5 cohort will be issued homework each week, students are required to complete their set homework. This will be handed out every **Wednesday** and due back the following **Tuesday**. Homework will not commence until the 8th of February, week three of this term.

We hope you have a wonderful week!

Mr Fletcher
5A Teacher
If you read, you will succeed!

Year 6's

Welcome back WoodLinksians!

What a fantastic start to 2017. Mr Crichton, Ms Brady, Mr Vayo and myself would like to commend the year 6 cohort on returning to school as exemplary seniors. They have set the tone for the rest of the school. With high expectations of behaviour and work ethic, year six is sure to be a spectacular time for your children.

In English, students are to listen and read short stories by different authors. Investigate the ways authors use text structure, language features and strategies to create humorous effects.

In Mathematics, we are working on number and place value, fractions and decimals, chance, data representation and interpretation.

In Science and Technology, students will investigate changes that can be made to materials and how these changes are classified as reversible or irreversible.

In History, we will examine the key figures, events and ideas that led to Australia's Federation and Constitution. Recognise the contribution of individuals and groups to the development of Australian society since Federation. Investigate the key institutions, people and processes of Australia's democratic and legal system. Locate, collect and interpret information from primary sources. Sequence information about events and the lives of individuals in chronological order and present ideas, findings, viewpoints and conclusions in a range of communication forms that incorporate source materials.

Come along and meet us on Thursday the 9th of February at 3:10pm in 6A classroom.

Mrs Van Vuuren
6A Teacher

Coaching/Intervention News

Well I guess this is the perfect place to say, "Welcome back to what looks like another exciting year at WoodLinks State School." You may have noticed that Class 6A is shared between myself and Mrs Van Vuuren. In my time out of class I will wear a number of different hats.

Like the two years preceding this, I will continue to run an Intervention program that fits beautifully into our school's explicit focus around Reading. Along with our Master Teacher and classroom teachers, we select students to participate in this program based on data. We try to capture those students who we feel will gain maximum progress over a short period of time with a burst of explicit teaching focused on reading comprehension strategies. These sessions are also a perfect place to build confidence, build ability and to explore NAPLAN preparedness skills.

I am fortunate enough to also wear another two hats as Coach and Mentor. Although sounding similar they are two distinctly different roles. We are fortunate enough to have a number of Coaches in our school: Shannon O'Donoghue, Clint Gallagher, Jennifer Seib, Lesley Gollan and myself. Like students, our teachers are continually learning and are progressive in wanting to make sure that, we at WoodLinks, educate and provide for our students to build capacity and empower students to give of their best. We set goals, engage in implementing plans of action to achieve these goals.

Through the coming issues we will celebrate some of the learnings of our "Coaches." My Mentoring role involves coordinating the mentor program across schools. We have a number of trained mentors in the school; Danielle Brady, Nicola Chapman, Lesley Gollan, Corinne Roberts, Jennifer Seib, Linda Stemp and myself.

As Mentors we strive to uplift, empower and support those new to the profession and sometimes to those new to the school. We aim to share the wonders of our profession and try to offer guidance and direction to those new to the profession and to WoodLinks State School. We use this time to also look at the Professional Development needs of our new staff.

Until next time, be kind to each other!

Mr Crichton
Coach/Teacher

Uniform Shop

Monday 8.30 - 9.30am and Wednesday 2.30 - 3.30pm

Please remember that there are **NO EFTPOS facilities** in the Uniform shop.

CASH ONLY

Can you help out in the uniform shop? If so, please see **Melissa** in the uniform shop.

A reminder that all Yr 6 Senior shirts need to be ordered and paid for by Friday, 10th February. Sample sizes are available in the shop, see Mrs McWhirter during shop hours for assistance.

Absence Line

Remember if your child is going to be away please call the

Absence Line: 3381 4688

and leave a message stating child's name / class / and brief reason.
(ie—sick/doctors appointment etc)

a reason MUST be left or the absence will be recorded as UNEXPLAINED

Finance

Banking days are Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 8:30am - 1:00pm.

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME FEE (SRS)

Reminder that all Student Resource Scheme fees must be paid this term.

Payments for SRS and excursions can be paid the following ways:

Online via BPoint

In person via Credit Card or cash

S.A.K.G.F.



Welcome back to Woodlinks, and welcome back to your kitchen garden.

The schedule for cooking and gardening classes for Semester 1:

- Term 1, weeks 6 to 10 – Year 4
- Term 2, weeks 1 to 5 – Year 6
- Term 2, weeks 6 to 10 – Year 5

Cooking is from 9 to 11am and gardening is 130pm to 3pm, including our exciting Garden Club in second break.

For the safety of our students we need at least 3, preferably 5 adult helpers in each session. Cooking and gardening classes are a lot of fun and very informative for students and helpers alike. Please consider volunteering your time to help out. Expression of interest forms are on their way to each student. Alternatively, contact the school to let us know you are keen. A volunteer induction and morning tea will be held in the SAKG dining room and kitchen on February 17th at 9am. You do not need to have a child in the class to participate; all parents, adult siblings and community members are welcome. If you do not have a child enrolled in the school, our admin team can help you organise a volunteer blue card.

Where are all the garden beds going? Is the programme closing down? Rumours fly, but nothing could be further from the truth. This year we have bold new plans for our tired, messy garden. With help from the community, we aim to redesign the gardens to become a safe, efficient, attractive, veggie-growing paradise. The first working bee will be on March 25th, a day for the whole family with activities for the children, a picnic lunch as well as lots of hard yakka! Please mark it in your diary and come along.

There are interesting new activities for the community in the kitchen too. Do you have children or family members with food allergies or sensitivities? Struggle to fill lunchboxes and snack tins with tasty treats? Enrol in our first series of adult cooking classes in our beautiful school kitchen. This term we will focus on gluten, egg, dairy, and/or nut-free baking. Sponsored by The Source Bulk Foods Springfield, the classes will be held on the 25th of February, and the 4th and 11th of March, 10am to 1pm. Tickets for all three sessions are only \$60, and spaces are limited to 15. Book your ticket at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/baking-for-kids-with-allergies-and-sensitivities-tickets-31527938914>

Stay tuned for a full timetable for the term in next week's newsletter. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Deborah Farrell
SAKG Kitchen Garden Specialist.



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- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Playing with friends
- ★ Great Educators
- ★ Food and Cooking
- ★ Indoor Activities



Service Name: WOODLINKS

Date: 24/01/2017

Service mobile: 0431 774 205

OSHC Information.

Are you looking for before or after school care? Our friendly staff at Camp Australia opens from 8am-8:45am every morning and 3:00pm- 6:00pm every afternoon.

Before school care, we have a range of activities and games for the children to participate in. We also offer breakfast which includes cereal, toast, fruit and milo for breakfast. Children who are in Prep will be walked to class each morning.

Afterschool care offers a range of different outdoor and inside activities to suit every child's interest and needs. We also offer a yummy afternoon tea which includes fresh fruit and vegetables each day with a selection of other afternoon snacks. The preps will be picked up from class by a staff member and walked to afterschool care.

If you need any help or question answered please contact the service on ph. 0431 774 205

Alternatively you can call Camp Australia head office on 1300 106 343

Program Details This fortnight at OSHC –

We're working on our prolife maps; this is a tool that staff uses to help plan activities and fun games for children to play.

Become a Better Buddies; are you kind, friendly, helpful and caring? We are looking for our term 1 Better Buddies that show all the above.

We are starting our brand new hanging garden in the outside OSHC area come along and help us create this beautiful and sustainable masterpiece. We will be talking about the environment and how you can help to create a sustainable future.

Don't forget –

- Please make sure your child brings a hat to OSHC to participate in any outside play.
- Children attending OSHC with medical conditions need all medical forms signed and medication if required at the service before attending OSHC (please see staff for forms)
- Please ensure all children's clothing and belongings are named to ensure it gets returned, if lost.

What to do if your child is absent from After School Care: please remember parents if your child/ren are going to be absent from the service or have gone home sick, please call customer service on 1300 106 343

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to ask.

We value parent feedback and ideas for the program if you have any questions or inquiries please do not hesitate to come and see us. We also have a communication book located on the sign in table, feel free to write down any feedback for the service.

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