



WOODLINKS

STATE SCHOOL

Only Our Best,
Everyone,
Everyday

DATE CLAIMERS:

15 August

Yr 3 WoodLinks Village
Parade 2:30pm

10-17 August

Book Fair

19 August

National Science Week
Celebrations

22 August

Parade 2:30pm

26 August

Book Week Celebrations
Come dressed as your
favourite book character day.

29 August

Parade 2:30pm

1 September

Yr 2 Excursion—Lone Pine

9 September

Poetry winners—State Library

24 October

Yr 4,5,6 Colonial incursion

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If you read, you will succeed!

WoodLinks Book Fair

This week students are invited to come along and view our book fair and make a list of their book wishes to show mum and dad. Our Book Fair is open for business at the following dates and times.

Reading Success

Student reading success is catching and it is great to hear every day that students in our school are learning to read. Reading is used in every subject and our teachers are using our teaching and learning strategy, 'I do', 'we do', 'you do' in all subject areas. We set high expectations for our students and our teachers in all aspects of schooling at WoodLinks.

If you Read, you will Succeed in Science at WoodLinks

Next week our school will celebrate National Science Week. Our teachers are working hard to plan some fantastic events during this week. Here are a few experiments you might want to try at home with your family.

Floating M&M's

What you need:

- A small jug of water
- A glass bowl
- Some M&Ms

What to do:

Place a few M&M's in the bottom of a bowl, with the 'M' facing up. Pour in about 4 cm of water, trying not to disturb the M&Ms. Now, don't take your eyes off the M&Ms, it should take between 5 and 10 minutes for the letter 'M' to peel away from the shell and float to the surface. The letter 'M' on the M&Ms is edible white ink, but it doesn't dissolve in water, unlike the shell of the M&Ms. Crazy stuff!

Blowing up a Balloon

What you need:

- 1 balloon
- Water
- Measuring spoon
- Soft drink bottle
- 1 straw
- Juice from 1 lemon
- 1 teaspoon baking soda

What to do:

Give the balloon a good stretch, it will make it easier for it to inflate. Pour about 40 ml of water into the soft drink bottle. Add the baking soda and give it a stir with a straw, until dissolved. Now, pour in the lemon juice and quickly put the end of the balloon over the mouth of the bottle. Is your balloon filling with air? Wow! The combination of the lemon juice and baking soda creates carbon dioxide (CO₂) and the gas rises up into the balloon. Hint: You can substitute lemon juice for vinegar.

Regional winner

Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools

Showcase2016
Awards for Excellence in Schools



Queensland
Government



From the Principal's Desk continued.....

Student Wellbeing at WoodLinks

We would like to thank Centro Church members for their support and contribution to our student wellbeing programs. Centro Church is sponsoring the Strength and Shine program, Kid's Hope Program and our breakfast club. Volunteers from Centro Church are committed to working with the WoodLinks community to ensure wellbeing of staff, students and our community. We also thank Centro Church for their kind donations of books to our library. Selected students in year 6 are participating in the 10 week Strength and Shine Program. At the end of the program students invite their parents to a graduation.

Thanks again Centro Church members for your amazing support of our community.

STRENGTH HILLSONG YOUTH SERVICES

Modern society has an alarming increase in family breakdown which has now reached epidemic proportions with more than 50% of marriages ending in divorce. Statistics show that 56% of young men grow up with no strong male role model as a result of this family unit breakdown. Without these role models young men are increasingly turning to violence, crime and other anti-social behaviour. The 'Strength' program aims to equip teenage boys to better navigate adolescence. This is achieved through providing positive role models who discuss everyday issues such as peer pressure, relationships, anger and identity. Through this process, participants build resilience and a capacity to negotiate life with the 'strength' needed to overcome everyday challenges. Strength is a seven week personal development program that assists adolescent males to reach their full potential. This program is based on the three core principles of 'significance, strength and purpose'.

Shine[™]

Adolescence is a difficult stage in life to negotiate. Teenage girls are surrounded by a range of issues including; self esteem, body image, identity and confidence. Often the perception of "the perfect women" does not line up with the reality of a healthy successful woman. Shine is a program that has a holistic approach in practically addressing the issues facing teenage girls today. The intent of Shine is to create an environment where girls discover they are valuable, one-of-a-kind, self determining, possessing purpose and significance. Once this environment is established our facilitators aim to address the individual issues young women face in a positive and safe environment. The Shine program is developed to communicate the values of "worth, strength and purpose" to help teenage girls successfully navigate adolescence. Shine consists of a foundational personal development program, integrating a practical and inspirational approach.

Super Readers of the Week

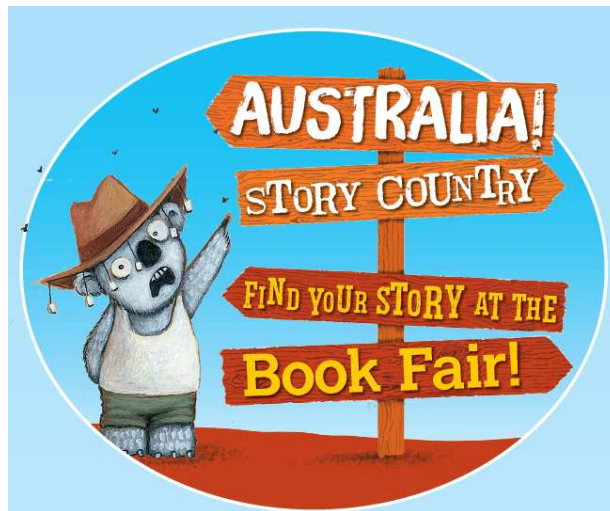


Vicki Caldwell

Principal

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BOOK FAIR



Wednesday 10/08/16 – Tuesday 16/08/16

Parents can purchase items at the following times

8:30-9:00am—Library

3:00-3:30pm—Library

Students can purchase items during second break.

Payments can be made with cash or EFTPOS





Term 3: WoodLinks Parent Workshops

This term we will be running some parent workshops on a variety of topics that may be of interest to you. These sessions will be run by us and are designed to be practical and informative.

Sessions will be held in the Library.

- **Week 6: Literacy Pro (parents of students in Years 3-6) Online reading programme with Miss Wilson**

Wednesday 17th August @ 2:30pm

- **Week 7: Speech and Language with our Speechie 'Chelsea'**

Tuesday 23rd August @ 2:30pm

- **Week 8: Positive Behaviour for Learning with Miss Hiley**

Friday 2nd September @ 2:30pm

- **Week 9: Support a reader - A guide for the parent of a struggling reader – Ms Seib**

Thursday 8th September @ 2:30pm

- **Week 10: Parenting Support with Mercy Family Services and Sarah our Guidance Officer**

Tuesday 13th September @ 2:00pm

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=b9iilBeJ5CUs&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%

01/08/2016

Prep- Yr 2

2B- 94.23%

1D- 91.3%

1C- 91.3%

1A- 90.91%

Prep E- 90.91%

1B- 90.48%

Prep C- 89.13%

Prep B- 86.36%

2A- 84%

Prep D- 83.33%

Prep A- 81.25%

2C- 79.17%

01/08/2016

Year 3-6

6B- 100%

3C- 91.67%

3A-90%

6A- 85.42%

5/6- 85.19%

3B- 83.33%

4B-82%

5B- 78.57%

4A- 77.08%

5A- 73.91%

4C-73.91%

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

Mondays and Fridays.

At WoodLinks we believe that 'Every Day Counts'.

P&C News

Happy Hump Day from the P&C.

We hope everyone is enjoying their classroom calendars. Every family should have received their WoodLinks classroom calendars, if not please collect yours from the office.

On behalf of our school P&C, I would like to thank the following businesses for advertising their business on our 2016 Event Planner. Without the support of our local businesses this wonderful time management tool along with the sponsorship we receive would not be available to our staff and school families. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to support each other and develop relationships with our local businesses. We look forward to future opportunities to connect and support each other.

Cr Kerry Silver-Councillor for
Division 3 Ipswich City Council
MPM Property
Redbank Plains Dental
WoodLinks Village –Collingwood Park

Domino's Pizza Goodna
Jo-Ann Miller MP Member for Bundamba
Online Direct Group Pty Ltd
Rising Stars –Redbank

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Everyone needs to return money for their chocolates to the office by Friday 19th August if you have unsold chocolate you will need to return that along with any money from chocolates sold, if you don't return the money or the chocolates you will receive a bill for them as the P and C have had to pay for them upfront. For all people that have the **GOODY BOX** please take note there is 55 chocolates in this box not 50 as there is 5 bonus chocolates included so \$55.00 need to be returned sorry for any confusion with this. Thank you to everyone that has already sold and brought their chocolates back in it is great to see such a big response to our first ever chocolate drive.

TERM 3 DISCO

On Friday the 26th August we will be holding our Term 3 disco the entry is \$2 (under 5 free), we also have light and glow products available but there is only limited numbers so get in early. The gates will open at 4:30pm (front gate near the hall) and the disco goes from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. There is food and drinks also available for purchase. Sausage sandwich \$2, Cans soft drink \$2, Poppers \$1, water \$1 and zooper doopers 50c and also some \$1 and \$2 chocolate bars.

So come along and enjoy the night.

FATHERS DAY STALL

Our Father's day stall will be held all day on the Thursday 1st of September and also on first and second break on 2nd September there is a variety of gifts available for purchase ranging up to \$5.00.



ART SHOW

Please note that the last day for pre payment of your child/ren's art work is on the 07th September. Remember you can still purchase their art work at the Art Show.

Prep's

Well done to all of our Preps who have been working so hard in class on their rhymes! We have heard some fantastic rhymes.

In English, the Preps will now be looking at funny characters and rhyming stories. The Preps will be responding to the rhyme by talking about what they like and do not like. It is important the Preps are able to express their opinion and tell us why they do or do not like the story. Practise at home will make perfect! It will be extra helpful if you keep practising rhyming with the Preps at home.

It has been great to see all the progress the Preps have been making in their sounds and sight words, keep practising!!

In Science this week, we are observing weather and using our five senses to talk about weather. Preps have been looking at the weather every day and beginning a weather journal using weather symbols.

Please remember to label all of your child's things as we still have jumpers and lunch containers in lost property!

Congratulations to all the Preps who have been working hard on their behaviour and learning for this term!

**Miss Tukuafa
Prep A Teacher**

Year 1's

Welcome to Week 5 of Term 3.

In English, the students have been very busy finishing their 'create a character' assessment and have started their retell unit. Our phonics focus this week is silent letters. It is important that students continue to complete their spelling homework as this will assist them in preparing them for their spelling post-tests on Fridays.

Students have continued working well in Reading Groups, using and understanding the WoodLinks Decoding and Comprehension Strategies and trying their best to practise and reach their reading goals.

In Maths, we have been exploring addition using the part-part- whole and part-part-part whole models. We have been discussing which appropriate mental computation strategies to use when solving addition problems. These strategies include Rainbow Facts, the Count On strategy and Double Facts.

In Science, the students have been continuing their learning about day and night. Most recently, we have been learning about activities people do during the day and night and diurnal and nocturnal animals.

The year one teachers would like to thank you for your ongoing commitment to your child's learning journey.

**Miss Valiantis
Yr 1D Teacher**

Year 2's

This week Year 2 are learning to...

ENGLISH

This week we are using our knowledge of Procedures to write our own recipe or set of instructions for assessment. We will be creating something to give to the awful character 'Grandma' from our focus text *George's Marvellous Medicine* by Roald Dahl.



MATHS

We are continuing our learning of measurement this week. We will compare the length of everyday items, the capacity of different containers and the area of flat surfaces. We are using the language 'longer than', 'shorter than', 'more than', 'less than' and 'the same as'.

SCIENCE

We are continuing our learning of life-cycles. This week we are looking at the life-cycle of plants. We will compare plant life-cycles to animal life-cycles and look at what is the same and different.

Reminders...

No TOYS are allowed at school.

There are many Year 2 students bringing a range of items each day. Toys will stay on the teacher's desk until the end of the day if found.

Excursion payment and forms are due 30 August.

If paying online please bring the forms to school the following day.

**Ms Rankin
Yr 2B Teacher**

Year 3's

Week five of Term 3 already!

The Year 3 students have been busy writing their individual retells of *The Lorax* by Dr Seuss in English which they will be presenting to their classmates later in the week. In spelling they are learning past tense words and rules. In Maths this week we are looking at symmetry in 2D shapes and the environment. In Science we are continuing to experiment with heat specifically looking at the transfer of heat, insulating and how to raise the temperature of ice and other items.

Thank you again to all of those students who have been diligently working on their **homework** and having a go. You are excellent learner superheroes even outside the school gates! It's great to see so many bringing their **library bags** so that they can choose a good fit book for their enjoyment and to support their goals in Literacy Pro.

We are still looking for more **recycled items** and **socks** for our Technology assessment. This week we are beginning to plan our puppets so it would be great to have a good supply of materials to plan around. **Please send in** any items you have been collecting. We would really appreciate it.

Just a friendly reminder that some students are low on glue, pencils and exercise books. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please check in with your child to see if they require any equipment.

Have an excellent week.
Thanks,

**Miss Kimlin
Yr 3B Teacher**

Year 4's

Well we are now into the hump of the term at week 5 and completing assessments to check on our understanding from the units we have completed so far.

In **Maths** we have completed a fraction assessment and also have a symmetry assessment coming up.

In **English** we are completing our historical narratives and busy rehearsing them, ready to perform to the class. The students have been very engaged in the history of the First Fleet. Hopefully by now you have received a letter about our **History Incursion**. This is a very valuable opportunity for your child to consolidate and extend the content that we have studied in both History and English and we are hoping that all students will get involved.

In 4B, starting next week, we will have a student teacher joining us. Miss Windsor is from QUT and in her fourth year of study. She is really looking forward to working with us and getting to know all about the WoodLinks Way and how we **Read to Succeed!**

Our **SAKG** cooking and gardening classes will be starting next week, so don't forget to get in touch if you are available to help us out in the morning or afternoon.

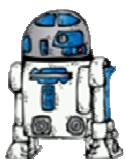
Talent Show Update

We have had some amazing talent come along and audition for this year's talent show. All acts were given two stars and a wish and a second audition time to come back and perform again. Please help your child to remember when their second audition is by checking their letter. If they are unsure, please send them to me to check. It is important that acts turn up to the hall on time as we only have a limited time to see all acts before school. After the second round of auditions we will announce those acts that have made it through to the next round.

Well, that's all for now.

May the force be with you!

**Yr 4B Teacher
Mrs Chapwars**



Year 5 and 6's

It is week 5 and we are almost half way through term three already!

Year 6 students are busily working on their English assessment, writing letters to a student in the future. They are also starting to draft a letter to a student in East Timor. We are hoping to make contact with a school in East Timor and become pen pals.

The students have started to embrace the Literacy Pro program as well. Students can read a book and either do a quiz on line, or present a book talk to the class, to earn points towards a certificate. We have already had some wonderful book talks and look forward to more.

In Math this term, we are learning about positive and negative whole numbers as well as plotting points on the Cartesian plane. We will also be looking at symmetry, transformation and translation in Geometry.

Your budding scientists are learning all about natural disasters. We are learning how indigenous groups have prepared for them in the past and how we can best prepare for them in 2016.

In 6B, the students are getting ready for the WoodLinks Art Show that is fast approaching. They are making sure that they have 2 high quality pieces of art for display and for sale on the day. Our class canvas is sure to be fabulous as well.

**Miss Brady
Yr 6B Teacher**



HPE News

2016 District Athletics, Limestone Park, Ipswich 8-9 August 10, 2016

33 students represent WoodLinks at District Athletics. They competed against other schools in 100m, 200m, 800m, High Jump, Long jump and Shot Put.

One student Garang made a new record in the 11 year old boys in the high jump of 1.40m. Well done Garang.

All the students were well behaved over the two days. Thank you to all the parents who took their children and stayed to cheer us all on. Thank you also to the following staff, Mr Colston and Mrs Tucker for looking after the students for the 2 days and Mr Gallagher for helping transport students to and from Ipswich.





Welcome to Bundamba State Secondary College

Principal Led School Tour

Tuesday 6th September 2016 commencing at 3:15pm

Wednesday 12th October 2016 commencing at 3:15pm

Tuesday 8th November 2016 commencing at 3:15pm

Year 7 Enrolment Days for 2017

29th July 2016

8th September 2016

17th October 2016

Please call the School on 3816 6333 to make an appointment

Year 7 Transition Day

Will be held in Term 4 Week 9 on a day yet to be finalised.

Notification will be by text message

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.

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

School Banking

BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY

Remember to fill out your deposit slip. Give your bank book to your teacher to be placed into the silver satchel. Every time you bank you will receive a silver token, once you have 10 tokens you can claim for one of the reward prizes available in each term.

If you haven't opened up your CBA school banking account yet, please head to your closest CBA branch with your child's birth certificate and get started.

Finance

Banking days have been changed to Wednesday & Thursdays - 8:30am - 1:00pm.

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME FEE

If you haven't returned your Student Resource Scheme form, please check your child's bag as they should have been given another form (not green) for completion. If you **DO NOT** wish to participate you still need to return the form so we know. If you agree to participate, please complete the form and return it to the office ASAP and a invoice will be created and sent home.

Any problems please contact the office on 3381 4666.

OUR ANNUAL WALL PLANNERS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED

Your child received our Annual Wall Planner recently to take home! If you did not receive one please contact our Administration Staff.

These planners are a fantastic communication tool letting you know all our important School dates over the next 12 months.

If you would like the opportunity to showcase your business on our next planner please do not hesitate to contact

 **classroom calendars**
on 1300 987 650

Please support the community that supports your school.
It's easy to find local business & services to give 'Back to School'!



GREAT FUN

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



OSHC NEWS

OSHC Information.

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

At before school care we have a range of light activities and games for the children to participate in. We also offer 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. We also offer a yummy afternoon tea. 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 105 343

Program Details

This month at OSHC –

Come along and have some fun, every afternoon we have a range of different activities to get excited about!!

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.

Don't forget –

- All new students need to be enrolled online prior to starting.
- All children need to remember a hat for outside play at OSHC.
- Term 1 medication forms need to be signed and any new contact information updated. (please go to the camp Australia website)
- Also don't forget if your child attends any outside sports/activities they will need to have a permission slip to allow us to walk them to and from OSHC (Please see staff)

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit www.campastralia.com.au