



WOODLINKS

STATE SCHOOL

Only Our Best,  
Everyone,  
Everyday

## DATE CLAIMERS:

### 19 August

National Science Week  
Celebrations

### 22 August

Assembly 2:30pm

### 26 August

Book Week Celebrations

Come dressed as your  
favourite book character day.

### 29 August

Assembly 2:30pm

### 1 September

Yr 2 Excursion—Lone Pine

### 8 September

Wine & Cheese—Art Show  
preview.

### 9 September

Art Show

Poetry winners—State Library

### 24 October

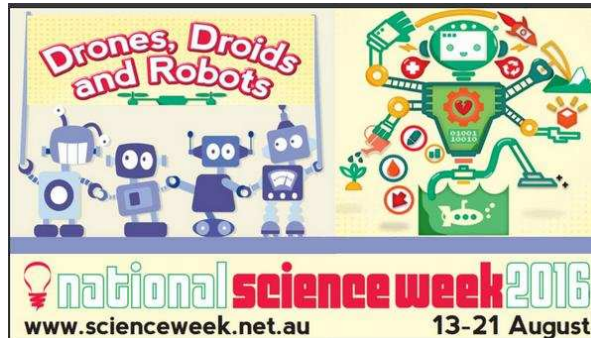
Yr 4,5,6 Colonial incursion

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[www.woodlinksss.eq.edu.au](http://www.woodlinksss.eq.edu.au)

## If you read, you will succeed in Science!

As part of Science Week, WoodLinks will be hosting workshops for students. Please see the timetable attached for your information. We invite you come to school and engage in these exciting Science events.



### Years 1-3

Year 1, 2 & 3 workshop introducing Beebot's Ozobots and/or Edison robots.

Each workshop would be 1 hour each with two groups. Each group will spend ½ hour with a piece of equipment, then swap.

9:00-10:00 1A & 1B  
10:00 – 11:00 1C & 1D  
11:00-11:30 Morning Tea  
11:30 – 12:30 2A & 3A  
12:30 – 1:30 2B & 3B  
1:30 – 2:00 Lunch  
2:00 – 3:00 2C & 3C  
3:00 Finish

### Years 4-6

4 x 1-hour workshops for years 4-6 with each workshop consisting of 30 minutes with Ozobots and 30 minutes with Lego Mindstorms running at the same time. Sessions will run in the library and computer lab as follows:

9:00 – 10:00 4A & 6A  
10:00 – 11:00 4B & 6B  
11:00 – 11:30 Morning Tea  
11:30 – 12:30 5A & 5B  
12:30 – 1:30 4C & 5/6A  
1:30 – Finish

We would like to thank Mrs V, Mrs Chapman and Mrs Gollan for coordinating this exciting opportunity for our students.

### Super Heroes at WoodLinks fly through Literacy Pro

Wow! Excitement has been building since Ms Wilson launched WoodLinks Literacy Pro. Recently I heard that one of our parents is purchasing the literacy pro books so that their child can read them and answer the questions to be a Super Reader and earn points.

Thank you to our amazing teachers for supporting our quest to read to succeed.

## ATTENDANCE

### WoodLinks visit by the Director General

We will be hosting a visit from the Director General for Education, Dr Jim Watterson, next Friday morning. We are excited to show him the great things at WoodLinks that focus on our students success and our amazing work from our teachers and support staff.

### Links to the Future

We want to hear from you about what WoodLinks should be like in the future. In week 8 we are inviting parents and community members to link with us to develop our strategic agenda for 2017-2020. Invitations will be coming home to invite you to our open classrooms on Wednesday 31 August and Thursday 1 September.

### Parent community Partnerships

Assembly is held every Monday afternoon from 2:15pm. We would love to see parents come along to help celebrate student success. You could even be the winner of the lucky door prize!

### Congratulations

Well done Caleb Murphy who made the Central Districts 12 Years Boys Cricket Team to compete at the Met West Cricket trials on 14 & 15 September.

### Gala Day

Reminder to Parents/Caregivers that Gala day runs from 9.30 to 12.30pm on Friday 19/8 and Friday 26/8. Mr Artates would like everyone to meet a Central Covered area at 8.30am.

## Super Readers



## of the Week

**Vicki Caldwell**

**Principal**

**Only Our Best, Everyday, Everyone**

**Regional winner**

Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools

Showcase2016  
Awards for Excellence in Schools



Queensland  
Government





## 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 17<sup>th</sup> August @ 2:30pm

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

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August @ 2:30pm

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

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September @ 2:30pm

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

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September @ 2:30pm

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

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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=PLgfv5epyrnQDLNMTmhLA6z-cssQylcsvN&index=5>

Attendance adds up

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VniGVhJb-SM&index=3&list=PLgfv5epyrnQDLNMTmhLA6z-cssQylcsvN>

Attendance animation ' Every day counts

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

Attendance target is 95%

12/08/2016

**Prep- Yr 2**

**1D- 100%**

2B- 98%

Prep B- 95.45%

Prep D- 93.75%

2A- 92%

Prep E- 90.91%

1B- 88.64%

1C- 86.96%

Prep C- 86.96%

2C- 85.42%

1A- 84.09%

Prep A- 75%

12/08/2016

**Year 3-6**

**4B- 100%**

5/6- 98.15%

4A- 95.83%

6A- 95.83%

5A- 93.1%

5B- 92.86%

3C- 91.67%

4C- 91.3%

3A- 88%

6B- 87.5%

3B- 80.43%

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*

### **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&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 are 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 of 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.

### **FATHER'S DAY STALL**

Our Father's day stall will be held all day on the Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> September. Remember you can still purchase their art work at the Art Show.

## STLaN News

Recently we welcomed the team from the Audiology Clinic at the University of Queensland to conduct Hearing Screening with our Prep students. For those students that participated in the screening, parents should now have received a report outlining the results of this screening. This report included **recommendations** based on your child's hearing screening results. We strongly encourage families to follow up any **recommendations** as outlined in the report particularly if this includes making an appointment with your GP.



It is widely understood that hearing impairments can have an impact on a child's learning and participation in the classroom. Children with a hearing loss may experience speech and language delays, educational difficulties and behavioural problems.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's report, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself via the office.

**Mrs Seib**  
**STLaN**

## Thank You

Thank you to the following families for donating books for our Reader of the Week program.

**The Langford Family**  
**The Dean Family**

If any one else would like to donate books that are primary school age appropriate and in good condition please drop them into the office.



## *Prep's*

In phonics this week we are revising and consolidating the following sounds: ai, oa, ie, ee and or. The letters we will be practicing in handwriting are Ll and Zz. Each day we have a new word that we learn for this week those words are: father, baby, wake, mother and bed.

In English this week we are reading '*Mr McGee and the Biting Flea*'. We will be using the story to introduce and discuss:

1. Appearance—e.g. bowler hat
2. Action words—e.g. jumped
3. Characteristics—e.g. friendly

You can help consolidate their learning by discussing these types of words when reading with your child. We also be have a special visitor on Friday. I wonder if you can guess who it is?

Next Friday 26 August the school is celebrating Book Week by holding a "come dressed as your favourite book character" day. Remember it still needs to sun safe and with closed in shoes.

In Maths this week we are introducing the concept of parts of a whole. We will be doing this through activities such as: counting songs like 10 in the Bed, making different combinations to 10, making groups with concrete materials and cutting up an apple to count and discuss the parts.

Don't forget to read and to practice sight words you're your child/children every night.

**Miss Nan  
Prep B Teacher**

## *Year 1's*

We are officially half way through Term Three. It is important that the children get a good night's rest so they are ready for a full day of learning.

### **Reading**

We have completed the first cycle of reading tests for the term. We have been so pleased with the children's results. The development we are seeing is amazing and it is evident that the children are starting to use the strategies we focus on in reading groups and are reaching their goals. Keep home reading up and remember to check for understanding after reading.

### **English**

In our next English Unit the children have been learning how to construct a written retell. We have been enjoying retelling different cultural stories. We have been learning how to correctly use time connectives and how to add adjectives in our writing to make our writing descriptive.

### **Maths**

This week we are learning about time. The children are learning to describe the duration of time as minutes, hours, days, weeks, months or years. This is quite a complex concept for the children to grasp so any extra conversations at home will benefit them greatly! We are also learning to tell time to the hour and half hour.

Warm regards,

**Miss Hiley  
Yr 1A Teacher**



## Year 2's

In English we have begun our new unit for term 3. We will be exploring the features found in a range of information texts. Students will be applying their knowledge of QAR to answer and investigate questions based on a variety of non-fiction texts. Students will have to apply strategies to look for key information which they will need to include in their answers. After this, we will be comparing the similarities of non-fiction and fiction styled writing and finding real information within narratives.

Book Fair has been up and running nicely! It is fantastic to see so many students excited about purchasing and reading new books. A reminder that students are able to purchase books during second lunch in the library. I look forward to seeing all the amazing costumes on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of August to celebrate all our favourite story characters.

A reminder that our excursion to Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary is coming up in week eight. Please make sure your child has returned their permission form and payment slip by the 30<sup>th</sup> of August so that we are able to finalize our numbers for the day. If you would like to come along on the day, you are more than welcome to join us. However, you will have to pay for your own admission into the sanctuary. All students must be present at school in the morning to be marked off the roll. What an amazing day it will be for our year twos!

Art show is coming up in week nine. If you would like to purchase your child's work in advance, please make sure you fill out the purchase form and return it to the office accompanied by your payment. Otherwise you are more than welcome to come and look at your child's art work on the day and purchase it then. Please be aware that art work will not be going home unless it has been purchased. I am excited to see all the class canvases on display around the school!

Have a Woof-derful week!

**Miss Bonett**  
**Yr 2C Teacher**



## Year 3's

Week Six – more than half way through the term!

In English we begin exploring the book Kumiko and the dragon and continue to build our understanding of narratives. In spelling, Year Three students are learning words that end with a soft J sound that are spelt 'ge' and the associated rule. In Math this week, we are practicing measuring with metres, centimetres, kilograms and grams. In Science we continue to experiment with heat.

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.

Please check in with your child in case they are low on glue, pens or pencils. More tissues are always greatly appreciated.

Well done to our homework superheroes who continue to do their best at home and at school.

Don't forget, you can use literacy pro at home for any books you may have read.

On Monday, our Year Three's walked over to the new Woodlinks Village site where they met with Ipswich Councillor Silver and Aleisha from Woodlinks Village. We learnt about the Pioneering Verrel family who originally settled the area and about how this area has changed over time and will continue to change in the future. Thank you to the parents that accompanied us on this excursion to support our learning in History.



**Mrs Stemp**  
**Yr 3C Teacher**



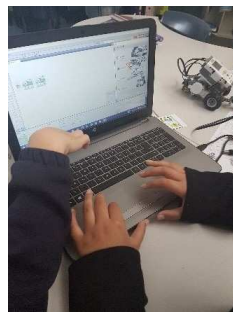
## Year 4's

A special thank you must first be extended to Mrs Chapman and Mrs Van Vuuren for accommodating the spectacular 4C on Fridays whilst Mrs V coaches the Year 5-6 girls basketball team for Gala days. We especially enjoy Jump Jam and look forward to unwinding at the end of the week through dancing. This Friday the whole school will be engaging with Dream Factory-a team of educators with a passion for exploring and supporting educational innovation who will be hosting our Science Week.

<http://www.education.qld.gov.au/smartclassrooms/working-digitally/dream-factory.html>

The theme for this year is Drones, Droids and Robots. We have already read about robots during guided reading in Week 3 which has set the ground work for our understanding why and how robots are becoming a greater part of our everyday lives. We also discussed how with great technological advances, the types of jobs our Year 4's might have in the future have most likely not even been created yet! <http://advancingeducation.qld.gov.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/Coding-and-robotics-booklet.pdf>

We must also thank QUT CUBE for having loaned 6 NXT Mindstorms for us to use through to the end of the year, so we might get started with scaffolding our knowledge about programming. We have been remodifying our robots to look like dragons and programming them to stalk through an enlarged map of the village of Rin to complement our studies in English for Emily Rodda's book, "Rowan of Rin". It has be great to see how quickly the students can problem solve.



**Ms VanSchaemelhout  
Year 4C Teacher**

## Year 5 and 6's

We are already over half way through Term 3 and the senior school area is as busy as ever. The Year 5's have just finished our Poetry unit where we have spent 5 weeks looking at a range of poems. We have studied anthems, ballads, songs, free verse and odes and we have even created some of our own poems. Haikus, which originated in Japan, are short three-lined poems with a 5-7-5 syllable structure. They are usually inspired by elements of nature and use sensory language to capture a feeling or emotion. Some of the most creative Haikus in 5A were:

Beautiful flowers  
Bright and vibrant pink flowers  
Delicate petals  
**By Georgia McWhirter**

Fly bird through the trees  
Reach your nest up so high  
Please of please be happy  
**By Liam Yarrow**

The leaf floated down  
Down towards the solid floor  
It hit with no sound  
**By Bradley Whelan**

Big tall green fresh trees  
Swooshing through the clear fresh air  
Soft lovely green grass  
**By Korenza Tupuanai**

I would like to publically thank all the wonderful Year 5 parents who have helped both Ms Wilson and myself cover books so they can continue to be used by our students. We greatly appreciate both your time and willingness to take books home and help us by contacting them. Both 5A and 5B classrooms will be open from 3:00pm - 4:30pm this Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August for the continued working bee. Our goal is to finish covering all the books with contact. If you have a spare half an hour, we would love your help.

### **A few date reminders:**

**Wine and Cheese Night- 8<sup>th</sup> September 6:00pm- 7:30pm**

**Art Show- 9<sup>th</sup> September 5:00- 8:00pm**

(Pre-paid artwork orders are now being taken- please see the notes that was sent home)

**Colonial Show Incursion- 24<sup>th</sup> October- \$10 to be paid at the office**

**Miss Roberts  
Yr 5A Teacher**

## Library News

Last Friday we welcomed Michelle and Adrian from Bunnings at Springfield to WoodLinks.

Bunnings have kindly donated their time and resources to work with small groups of students to help make the Library Annex a useable space for us all to relax and read.

We now have scented plants and planters. These include Lavender, Gardenia's and Pansies.

A huge thanks to Bunnings for this wonderful donation.



## Book Fair

Book Fair has ended for another year with a great response. Thank you to everyone who purchased books. The reward points that the school earns from Scholastic will be used to purchase more books for our wonderful Library.

**Miss Vickery**  
**Library Co-ordinator**

## SEP News

### Special Education Program

#### Parent Student Activity Afternoons

The Special Education Program (SEP) is running 2 Activity Afternoons this Term, for the parents of our SEP students to enjoy some creative time with their children.

We are delivering these over 2 afternoons, one for Years 4-6 and one for Preps- Year 3. The Years 4-6 students will host their parents on the afternoon of Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August for a bake up followed by a delicious afternoon tea.

The Preps-Year 3 students will create some beautiful potted plants to take home on the afternoon of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August. These afternoons will begin at 2:15pm.

If these activities apply to you, please mark these dates on your calendar. Further information will be sent to SEP Parents closer to the dates.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Redgen or Mrs Ward.



**Mrs Redgen & Mrs Ward**



## **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.



# Scouts Redbank Plains

Would like to invite you to come join the mob!  
We are located within the local community.  
Starts from ages 6 and up. Come and join in and ...  
Be prepared ... For a new adventure!

All leaders have been through strict working with  
children checks and have blue cards.

Get your child into the great outdoors...  
For further details please contact  
Greg on 0414 494 389

We meet at:  
86 Jones rd, Bellbird Park.  
Joey scouts 6-7.5 yrs. Tuesday's 6pm- 7:15.  
Cubs 7.5yrs - 10 Wednesday 6-8pm.  
Scouts 10-14.5 yrs Thursday 6:30-8:30



## 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](http://www.campastralia.com.au)



## Father's Day Family Night

FREE



**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 6:00–8:00pm**

Join us for a great night of fun!

- Make a gift for dad
- D.I.Y. workshops
- Light refreshments
- Free gift wrapping



Give the gift of choice with a Bunnings Gift Card



## Ipswich and Lockyer Aboriginal and



## Torres Strait Islander Roadshow

Providing local information for you and your child aged 0-5 years old

10:00 am to 12:00pm each day

**Gatton State School**  
William Street, Gatton  
Friday 26 August

**Redbank Plains State School**  
School Road, Redbank Plains  
Monday 29 August

**Riverview State School**  
Old Ipswich Road, Riverview  
Wednesday 31 August

**Leichhardt State School**  
Samford Road, Leichardt  
Friday 2 September

**Laidley State School**  
Patrick Street, Laidley  
Monday 5 September

**Goodna State School**  
Albert Street, Goodna  
Wednesday 7 September

**Lowood State School**  
Brisbane Valley Rail Trail  
Lowood  
Friday 9 September

**Brassall State School**  
Pine Mountain Road, Brassall  
Monday 12 September

If you require transport to attend the event closest to you, please contact Pam & Sarina at Kambu Health Children Family Centre on 3820 3000

Free sausage sizzle

Centrelink advice

Activities

Playgroup

Face painting

Family support

Information about daycare, kindy and Prep

Early childhood education and care info

