



WOODLINKS

STATE SCHOOL

Only Our Best,
Everyone,
Everyday

DATE CLAIMERS:

Tues 25 Oct & 1 Nov

Pre Prep Program 2-3pm

Thurs 20,27 Oct & 3 Nov

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Thurs 20,27 Oct 3&10 Nov

Playgroup 9-10.30

28 October

P&C Disco

Jacaranda Festival

Choir Performance—Goodna

29 October

Jacaranda Festival

Instrumental Performance

2 November

P&C Meeting 3.30pm Library

Parent & Community

Engagement Committee 4pm

11 November

Remembrance Day

30 November

Volunteer Morning Tea

2 December

WoodLinks Festival

6 December

Prep 2017 interviews

7 December

Yr 6 Graduation

P&C Meeting

If you read, you will succeed!

Pre Prep at WoodLinks

It has been very exciting to see our 2017 prep students engaging in learning in our pre prep program. This program has provided our new students with 8 sessions of learning and getting ready for prep. Our pre prep program is an important start for students to transition into school. We are also excited by the supportive parents who come along each session to hear about important aspects of students starting school and being a part of WoodLinks State School. At this stage we have 90 students enrolled in our 2017 prep program. Limited in catchment places are still available. If you haven't enrolled for 2017 please make sure you do so as soon as possible.

Independent Public School

A community meeting is being held tonight at 5:30pm in the library for any parents who want to find out more about WoodLinks becoming an independent public school.

A new myth:

We will be changing the uniform when we become an Independent Public School.

Fact:

No the uniform policy will stay the same and the uniforms will not be changing.

If you do have any questions but are unable to attend the meeting you can email us at principal@woodlinksss.eq.edu or come along to the P&C Meeting on Wednesday, 2nd November when we will be voting.

What age can a child start Prep?

Queensland children are eligible to attend Prep in the year that they turn five by 30 June. There have been no changes to the eligibility age for Prep since it began in 2007

As a parent, you may choose to delay your child's entry to Prep. This does not require any formal documentation, assessment or approval by a principal. However, your child must be enrolled when they are six years and six months of age.

Occasionally, schools are asked to consider allowing a child to begin Prep early. To allow this to occur, there are legal requirements which must be met.

Being born in July is *not* a guarantee that a child will be given approval to enter Prep early, or that they are ready for school.

Starting school early does not necessarily give a child a head start to schooling. For the best start to schooling, attending a quality kindergarten program remains the best educational option for all children in the year before they start Prep.

As of September 2016, a new, more rigorous and consistent *Early Entry to Prep Framework* is being implemented.

It helps the school and the parent to determine if the child has the social, emotional, physical and cognitive attributes required by law. It aims to ensure that children who are younger than Prep age are ready to begin school.

If you are considering applying for early entry for your child in 2017, please ensure that you organise an appointment with the school office.

Further information regarding Prep options is available at [Early and Delayed Entry to Prep \(www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-operations/early-delayed-entry-prep.html\)](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-operations/early-delayed-entry-prep.html)

From the Principal continued.....

Every day counts at WoodLinks

There's only one more term to go until the end of the year, so it's important students turn up every day. That means we only have 38 school days left for the year. Make sure you are sending your child/children to school every day to ensure they are getting the education they need for the future.

Tips for turning up

Don't think about it.

Just do it, go to school. Sounds simple, because it is. School attendance should become a habit.

Get to bed early.

Yeah, we know it sounds preachy, but it's important. Go to bed late on weekends, that's what they're for. During the week, though, be sensible: hit the hay early. It's a sure way to make the most of your school day.

Dream big.

What's this about? It's thinking possibilities, more importantly your career and work possibilities. Whatever your dream is, school is important in making sure you achieve it.

Teamwork.

Check in with your friends to make sure they're turning up, and hopefully they'll do the same for you.

QParents

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

Vicki Caldw

Principal

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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=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%

14/10/2016

Prep-2

1B- 100%
Prep A- 100%
Prep C- 95.65%
Prep B- 95.45%
1D- 93.48%
2C-92.31%
Prep E- 90.91%
Prep D- 87.5%
1A- 86.36%
2A- 84.62%
2B- 83.33%
1C- 82.61%

14/10/2016

Year 3-6

4C- 100%
5A- 96.43%
5/6- 96.3%
6B- 95.83%
6A- 95.65%
4A- 95.65%
3A- 92%
4B- 92%
3B- 91.67%
3C- 91.3%
5B- 86.21%

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

Mondays and Fridays.

At WoodLinks we believe that 'Every Day Counts'.

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 DO NOT use this number for any other messages or to put in future absences.

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Additional Identity Documents

List 1 Documents

- Learner's Licence
- Adult Proof of Age Card
- Working With Children Check Card (Blue Card)
- Queensland Weapons Licence
- Industry Authority Cards issued by TMR

List 2 Documents

- Qld or Aust Government Staff Identity Card
- Pension Concession Card
- DVA Entitlement Card
- Seniors Health Card
- Health Care Card
- Other Dept Human Services Financial Entitlement Card
- Student Identity Card issued by an Australian Education institution
- Current Bank Statement showing address
- Current Utilities Notice showing address

1 document
from List 1

Or

2 documents
from List 2



TRANSITION DAY – YEAR 6 to 7 in 2017

Tuesday 29 November 2016 (Week 9)

8:45 – 2:55pm

Student must be enrolled at BSSC

Wear Uniform, BYO Water Bottle & Hat

Lunch Provided

For enrolment appointments call 38166333

Contact: Kathy Ona (Dean Junior Secondary)

Preps

This week in Prep we will be continuing to explore the journey of letters and letter types. We will look at Postcards this week and be sending Postcards to our friends so keep an eye out for a Preppie Postcard!

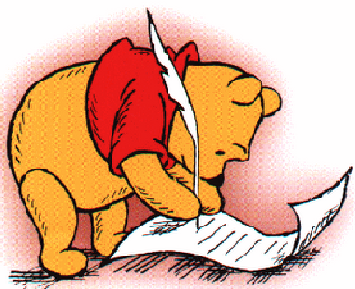
See if you can help your child at home by writing a letter to a Grandparent or a family member with them. Remembering to put in your letter greeting, the body of your letter and a signoff with your name! Post your letter at the Post Office or Post box.

In Maths we have been learning about different ways to represent numbers. See if your child can show you the four ways we have been showing our numbers! Our Preps have been continuing their hard work on number recognition and counting objects daily. Our Preps will be moving onto measurement next week and working with capacity and mass.

In Science, Preps have been exploring their body movements through dance and actions. We have been discussing our favourite movements and what parts of our body move. We will be looking at how objects move and how we can get our toys to move.

Our behaviour lesson this week is working on completing our tasks within the classroom. We are always encouraging our Preps to be have-a-go students and it has been a pleasure to see their confidence in their own abilities grow.

**Ms Tukuafu
Prep A Teacher**



Year 1's

Welcome back to week three after another enjoyable long weekend.

This week, year one are working very hard to squish all their regular learning consumption into a four day week. Thankfully our special bunch have been making this easy with their tremendous effort in following routines and listening to instructions.

Maths:

During maths this week we are looking at the topic chance. Within our chance lessons we are focusing on the language 'will happen', 'might happen', 'won't happen', 'likely', 'unlikely' and 'impossible'. Try and test your child's knowledge by giving them scenarios and getting them to answer the chance of the event occurring.

English:

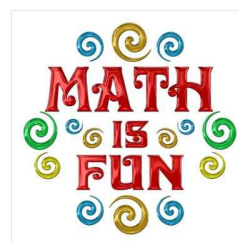
We have been having so much fun in English this term. Making milkshakes, wombat stews and beginning to write our very own procedures! This week we have started reading the story 'Lighthouse Keepers Lunch'. From this book we are creating procedures to make our own disgusting sandwiches.

Science:

This unit for science we have been investigating light sources. This week we explore this topic further by examining dim and bright lights.

Thanks for a fabulous start to term 4 everyone!

**Miss Daley
Year 1B Teacher**



Year 2's

This week we are leaning about the 'long i' sound with the letter pattern 'igh'. If you spot any words in magazines, catalogues or the newspaper this week, cut them out and bring them in to class and we will add them to our 'igh' spelling posters!

Well done to all our Year 2 students who are consistently completing homework, spelling and reading tasks at home – these tasks support the work being completed in class and can be used as a great conversation about learning at home.

Year 2 are enjoying reading and learning about SAVING PLANET EARTH in Science. We have searched for lots of books from our Library about the many ways to reduce, reuse and recycle to help conserve the Earth's precious resources!

In Literacy this week we are reading 'Piggybook' by Anthony Browne. This story has amazing illustrations that tell us more about the story than the words do! See if you can spot it at Reading Club this week and take a closer look. Don't forget the message of the story: help out Mum and Dad at home! Don't be lazy like the Piggot Dad and children did!



Have a wonderful week 3!

Miss Rankin
Year 2B Teacher

Year 3's

How the term is flying already! There is so much on this term so please look out for notes and newsletters to remind you of all the great things WoodLinks does.

In English this week, we are continuing to examine poetry and the language used in poems such as rhyme, alliteration, onomatopoeia and imagery. Our super students will then use this knowledge to plan and create a poem and practise proudly presenting it to the class. The spelling rule for the week is closed syllables (syllables that end in a consonant) and lists are provided in the homework.

In Maths, we are continuing to develop our counting and place value skills beyond the thousands and into the ten thousands. This week we are working on addition and subtraction problem solving.

Science sees us investigating how different solids and liquids change forms with different temperatures and the students will again be practising how to write up their observations including annotated (labelled) diagrams.

Homework was sent home on Monday last week and again this week. A quick reminder that homework is due back on Fridays. Please take a few minutes to listen to your child read each day. Every page counts towards their personal reading goal.

Music, PE and Geography continue to be on Monday for all three classes. Library is still on Tuesday for both 3A and 3B and Friday for 3C. Please remind your child to pack their Library bags on the relevant day.

Have a fantastic week.

Ms Kimlin
Year 3B Teacher

Why do
people
read
poetry?



Year 4's

This term in Year 4 students have been asked to engage in a S.W.I.M. program, which stands for See What I Made. Even though we are only a few weeks into it, the quality and thought that has gone into the items that have been presented so far have really impressed both myself and the rest of the class. So much so that at the end of this term, the Year 4 teachers would like to organise a small learning fair one lunch time to allow the students to showcase their wonderful ideas to other teachers and students. More information about this will follow later in the term.

All students should now know which week their presentation will take place in order to have enough time to prepare. Remember it doesn't need to be something costly or complicated, it is all about the students' ideas and creativity, and their ability to express this to the rest of their peers.

We can't wait to see what the rest of the Year 4 students will come up with!



May the force be with you!

**Mrs Chapwars
Yr 4B Teacher**

Year 5 & 6

Welcome to week 3! This term, for the year 5's is packed with lots of learning, activities, and forward planning. Over the next few weeks, the 2017 student leadership process will continue. Eligible students will be required to complete a speech in Week 5. More information regarding this will be sent home with those students.

Last week, in technology, Ms Zygmunt taught us about the aerodynamics of a plane and we investigated what it took for a plane to stay in the air and fly. We then followed a simple procedure and designed and created an aerodynamic paper airplane. In order for our design to be tested and in order to work out who had the best designed plane, we then had to throw the homemade planes three times and measure how far the plane went each time. We had some fly as far as 20 meters, while other planes flew 2 centimetres! We then had a competition to see who's plane flew the furthest- but I'm pretty sure there was some cheating involved in that race!

Cooking for 5A, 5B and 5/6 starts next week. If you are able to volunteer your time, please see your student's teacher as soon as possible.

Date reminder- Next Monday (24th October 2016) is the History incursion to the years 4, 5, and 6's. It is a whole day activity, and it will be held in the hall.



**Ms Roberts
Yr 5A Teacher**

Early Years News

Pre Prep Program

Last week our pre prep program began, we welcomed 80 new pre preps into our school family. The children have been participating in classroom activities including writing their name with different media (chalk, paint, sand), painting, and reading and watching some great stories on the interactive whiteboards. They also visited different areas around the school and met some very important staff members and earned themselves some 'brag tags'.

While children are actively participating in the pre prep program their parents and caregivers have been attending workshops learning about WoodLinks, Positive Behaviour for Learning and Reading.

We thank you for your patience especially with parking at this time of the year.

WoodLinks Playgroup

Last Thursday, WoodLinks along with the early childhood students from Bundamba State Secondary College held our very first playgroup. Parents and children were welcomed with lots of fun activities including playdough, water play, blocks, dancing, pasta necklaces and an obstacle course. I would like to thank Mel Worstencroft for bringing her students over to WoodLinks so we are able to provide this service to our community.

We would love to have you there – if you have a child aged 0-school age please come along and meet some new people and play and learn with your child.

To register please contact the school office on 33814666 or admin@woodlinksss.eq.edu.au.

Playgroup will run for the next 4 weeks in the Camp Australia Building on a Thursday 9:00 to 10:30am. Please share with friends, family and neighbours.

Mrs Lesley Gollan
Head of Curriculum

Music News

We are just about to embark on a musically exciting term! We have two major events coming up. WoodLinks choir and band will be participating in competitions this month and we also have the big sing that we do here at school next month.

Rehearsals this term:

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| Monday | Recorder practice 'music count us in day' |
| Tuesday | Band rehearsal |
| Wednesday | Ukulele club |
| Thursday | Choir rehearsal |

The Jacaranda Festival is fast approaching so all choir members must be diligent in attending rehearsals ready for the big competition. Choir practice is every Thursday morning at first break.

The day for the competition is Friday 28th October from 5pm to 7pm. Choir members are to meet me at the back of the main stage at the festival and then parents are to collect you when we get off the stage. All very exciting. Keep a look out for a letter outlining all the necessary information you need to know.

WoodLinks Instrumental band will also be taking part in the Jacaranda Festival when they take to the stage the following day on the Saturday morning between 8.00 am and midday participating in the 2016 School Band Competition.

Lets give all choir members and band members a hearty cheer and wish them the best of luck!

'Music Count us In' is coming soon. This is the day when hundreds of schools across Australia sing the same song at the same time. The song this year is called 'Let it Play'. The date is the **3rd of November** and the time scheduled to start is **11.00 am** with actual performance time scheduled for 11.30 in the assembly hall at school with live streaming from the Opera House.

All parents/caregivers are invited to attend all the above events and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this year in the music department.

Cheers

Mrs Genova
Music 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.

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 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

2016 WoodLinks Sponsors

On behalf of WoodLinks State School I would like to thank the following sponsors.

The WoodLinks Art Expo would not have been a success without the generous support and donations that you have provided us.

Please support the following sponsors that supported our 2016 Art Expo.

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| Councillor Kerry Silver - Ipswich City Council |
| The Honourable Shayne Neumann - Federal Member of Parliament |
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| Goodna Services Club |
| Six Mile Creek |
| Ipswich Jets - Ipswich |
| The Railway Workshop Museum – Ipswich |
| Lifestyle Health Clubs – Redbank Plains |
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| Coles |
| Amart Allsports – Redbank Plaza |
| Woolworths – Collingwood Park |
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or call 1300 105 343

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