



WOODLINKS

STATE SCHOOL

**Only Our Best,
Everyone,
Everyday**

DATE CLAIMERS:

2 November

Parent & Community
Engagement Committee 4pm
P&C Meeting 6.30pm
Admin Building

3 Nov

Pre Prep Program 2-3pm

10 Nov

Playgroup 9-10.30

11 November

Remembrance Day

30 November

Volunteer Morning Tea

2 December

WoodLinks Festival

6 December

Prep 2017 interviews

7 December

Yr 6 Graduation 10am Hall
P&C Meeting

WoodLinks excels at the Jacaranda Festival

P&C Meeting

We hope to see you all at the P&C Meeting tonight at 6:30pm in the Administration Building. Tonight's meeting will include discussion about IPS (Independent Public School), strings Program 2017, strategic planning 2017.

If you Read, You will Succeed!

This year we have been working hard as a school community to ensure students are improving their knowledge and skill in reading. We are excited by the amazing improvements shown by all our students. Super Reader of the Week has continued to celebrate student's achievement and growth in reading with their parents and grandparents.

Over the holiday break we encourage you all to keep reading, join the local library and enjoy the great things books and reading can offer.

Learning Walks

Today we opened our classrooms to 27 visiting teachers and school leaders to share our explicit reading program, reading data analysis, reading goal setting and celebrations of success in reading. Our amazing teachers and students demonstrated their reading skills and welcomed our guests with respect. Well done teachers and students.

Goodna Services Club

We would like to thank the Goodna Services Club for their kind donation of money to our breakfast club each term. In addition to this generous donation they have also donated a lone pine tree, memorial stone and plaque for our ANZAC memorial. Thank you from the WoodLinks community.

Student safety around our school.

We have been noticing students leaving our school being unsafe. Please remind your child/ren that they need to be careful, when walking home, riding or using their scooter, of the traffic around our school. When driving around our school please remember that the traffic zone is **40 km** and that children are crossing roads especially on Tone Drive. Thank you WoodLinks community for your support.

School Community Consultation

Last term we held a 3 day community consultation. Some parents indicated they would support a strings program for our instrumental music program. At this stage we have 22 students interested in years 3 - 6. If your child is in year 3 next year and you would like them to be part of this program, please contact the school office. We will be holding a meeting for parents in the next few weeks to discuss this program.

Jacaranda Festival

Well done to our students who performed in the choir on Friday night and band on Saturday at the Jacaranda Festival on the weekend.

The choir sounded great and looked amazing. The choir received first place with a gold trophy. Well done students and thank you Mrs Genova for your support and commitment.

From the Principal continued.....

The band had its first public performance and they wowed the crowd. The band were placed second and awarded silver. Thank you to Mr Humphry, who has been working with our band and for coordinating the Festival. Thank you all for your support and role modelling for our students. It was great to have Ms Stemp, Mrs Wenzel and Ms Genova play with our students. Well done!

Both groups were supported by amazing and proud parents. Well done WoodLinks!

Well done WoodLinks students, parents and Teachers.



Super Readers of the Week



Vicki Caldwell

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%

28/10/2016

Prep-2

Prep C- 100%

Prep E- 97.73%

1A- 97.73%

1D- 97.83%

2B- 96%

Prep A- 95.83%

1B- 95.65%

2C- 92.31%

Prep D- 91.67%

Prep B- 88.64%

1C- 86.96%

2A- 80.77%

28/10/2016

Year 3-6

5/6 -100%

4C - 96%

3A - 96%

4A -95.83%

5A -94.64%

5B -93.1%

4B -92%

3B -91.67%

6A -91.3%

6B -89.53%

3C -83.33%

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.

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 following documents before we can approve your application. Staff need to sight the **original** of these documents (no photocopies will be accepted).

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

P&C News

Next meeting is tonight :
Wednesday 2nd November
6:30pm Administration Building
Brainstorming meeting for ideas for 2017
EVERYONE WELCOME

Preps

How quickly is this term going? Six weeks to go and your child has finished Prep.

We are having a wonderful time in prep learning how to write letters using a date, greeting, body of the letter, signoff and signature. The students are having a great time writing and receiving letters in the classroom mailboxes and post offices. We have even received some special mail from a mystery teacher which the children had a great time trying to figure out who it was.

In English we are making connections between a text and ourselves. The students are looking at a text and asking themselves, "This reminds me of....." an experience, another book they have read or something they have seen. This really helps the children engage with the text when they reflect on their own experiences.

Measurement has been out topic this week in Maths and we have been creating our own Guided Inquiry Questions where the children are able to investigate capacity and measurement through hands on activities. The students have loved guessing how much water a lunch box might hold and being able to test their guess.

Science has been all about movement and how things move. Do they roll, spin, jump, hop, slide etc. The students have been making their bodies and other objects move and have been describing how they move.

As the end of the term approaches please continue to encourage your child to keep practicing their sight words and nightly reading. The more practice they have the more growth you will see... If you can Read you will SUCCEED!!!

Have a wonderful week

Mrs Ostrofski
Prep C Teacher

Year 1's

Welcome to Week 5 of Term 4.

In English, the students have been very busy writing a range of procedures in preparation for their upcoming English assessment. Our phonics focus this week is the three sounds of 'ch'. It is very important that students continue to complete their spelling homework, as this will assist them in preparing for their spelling post-tests on Fridays.

During Reading Groups, students have been trying their best to reach their reading goals. Students should practise reading fluently and with expression when reading their home readers to you this week.

In Maths, we have been exploring addition and subtraction word problems and the strategies used to solve them. These include the part-part whole model, number sentences and drawing pictures to represent these problems. It is vital that students do not miss any Maths lessons, as they will be doing their addition and subtraction problems assessment next Tuesday.

In Science, the students have been learning about natural and artificial light sources as part of our light and sound unit. This week, we will be learning how to sort different types of sounds into categories.

The year one teachers would like to thank you for your ongoing commitment to your child's learning. Thank you to the students who have been attending school each day. Every Minute Counts.

Miss Valiantis
Year 1D Teacher

Year 2's

Unbelievable! We are now into week 5, halfway through the term! It was lovely to see the Woodlinks Teachers celebrated on World Teachers Day, we are feeling very spoilt.

Reading groups are continuing every morning. Students have been reading fluently and using their QAR knowledge to answer questions about different types of texts. I am so impressed with the students of 2A who are working hard on achieving their reading goals by the end of year 2! Congratulations to all of the year 2 students who have achieved their reading goals this term. Keep up the great reading.

Our students have been recreating their own "complication" event that occurs in the story Spirit of Hope, for their English assessment. We are seeing some very creative ideas and students will begin to create their images that match their new event. Ask your child to share their new event with you.

In Mathematics, we are continuing to learn about 2D and 3D shapes. We have been learning about a range of 2D shapes including pentagons, rhombus, kites and hexagons. We have also learning about 3D shapes including cubes, spheres and rectangular prisms. Students have been practicing drawing these shapes and creating their own "guess what shape I am" clues.

We are continuing to be Saving Earth super heroes in science, as we learn about the importance of water, soil and air.

A BIG thank you for the random act of kindness to the lovely person who kindly donated glues to the year 2's.

Ms Dickson
Year 2A Teacher

Year 3's

I cannot believe we almost at the half way point for term 4. The students have been working very hard to complete assessment in quite a few subjects.

In English the students are busily writing a poem to present to the class as part of their assessment. They also have to complete a reading comprehension activity which involves them to read a poem called 'Desert Community' and be able to answer a range of questions about the text. The students have enjoyed writing their poems and learning about the sort of language features that a poem has.

In Maths the students have been exploring and interpreting data as well as conducting chance experiments which requires the students to describe the likelihood of an event happening.

In Science the students are conducting a range of experiments in preparation for their assessment which requires them to conduct an investigation and look at whether or not chocolate and ice melt in the same way. In Dance the students have been creating their own dance in small groups to match a song of their choice. The students will begin to present these dances to their class.

In Health the students are looking at the concept of sustainability and creating healthy classroom practices. Just a few friendly reminders that homework should be completed each night and returned on a Friday.

Have a wonderful week.

Miss McKenna
Year 3A Teacher

Year 4's

4A, 4B and 4C have been focussing on expanding their knowledge of different genres and reading a variety of texts in their Modelled, Shared, Guided and Independent reading time. Some of the different genres of text include songs, poems, newspaper articles, websites, folktales, persuasive posters, informative papers and many more!

Our students have been given the opportunity to use their new knowledge and understanding of these genres across curriculums. For example, two weeks before the History Incursion, students began learning the words to 'Botany Bay' and 'The Girl with the Black Velvet Band.' This was in preparation for the big day when they would belt out the song accompanied by live music. Not only did the students get to learn the words but they were exposed to the meaning and history of the songs. This knowledge and understanding created a more authentic experience for the students.

A big thankyou to Ms VanSchaemelhout and Ms Farrell for your dedication to the SAKG program. Although there is no cooking this term, our gardens require constant watering and pruning, so these green thumbs and a group of students have been buzzing around the gardens at lunch time to maintain our beautiful space in front of year 4.

SWIM stands for – See What I Made. At the end of term 3, you would have received a letter regarding the S.W.I.M program that would be implemented in year 4 this term. It detailed some examples of homemade projects that students could make on their own or with a helper. Well, the year 4 teachers have been overwhelmed and never could have imagined the super, magnificent, innovative and outstanding creations that your children and their helpers have presented to their peers. It is fair to say that the program is running superbly and will continue until the end of term. We look forward to seeing more of what your children can make with a little inspiration and a bucket of determination!



**Mrs Van Vuuren
Yr 4A Teacher**

Year 5 & 6

As usually, life is busy in the upper school, as we madly make our way through the curriculum in preparation for High School. Our Year Sixes only have a matter of weeks before they commence the journey that is called High School. Many of our students are making the most of their valuable learning time to assist in a smooth transition to the next chapter of their educational journey.

In Science, some of our senior classes experimented with globes, batteries and wires in order to build circuits. It was wonderful to hear the conversations had by our budding electricians and engineers. Fingers crossed that this knowledge is carried across to their assessment tasks.

You may have noticed, upon walking through the main gates and down the main walkway, that there is a Mosaic representation of the school logo. I would like to thank the contingency of students in my class for giving up their breaks, and hours outside of school hours, to assist with this art piece. I am an advocate for giving back to those who have supported you. Through the construction of the mosaic many a discussion was had about the world, the role we play and the importance of taking the time to say thank you. I know the students involved in this project will carry pride about their contribution and will be able to visit us in years to come and say, "I did that!" I was very proud of the commitment made by some of the students and I have great faith in their ability to pay it forward.

**Mr Crichton
Yr 5/6 Teacher**

Instrumental & Choir

Well what great results for WoodLinks this year! On the Friday evening choir sang up a storm and were given the highest award for their great effort and proudly took a gold trophy back to school.

WoodLinks Band played their best on the Saturday morning and performed their pieces with confidence and they were awarded a silver trophy. **FANTASTIC EFFORT FOR WOODLINKS!!**

It was so lovely to see so many staff members there to support both these events at Jacaranda and I would like to extend a big thank you for being there and also to our fearless leader Ms Caldwell who was there both Friday and Saturday lending us her full support.

Mrs Genova & Mr Humphry

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

Camp Australia



QLD WoodLinks State School

WoodLinks Way Collingwood Park QLD 4301
0431 774 205 (06:45 -18:00)

club based	<p>Monday, 12 December \$53.88</p> <p>Treasure Trove Cove</p> <p>Does 'X' still mark the spot? We might need a map! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</p>	club based	<p>Monday, 19 December \$53.88</p> <p>Creativity and Beyond!</p> <p>Today our creativity has no boundaries! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</p>
excursion	<p>Tuesday, 13 December \$86.88</p> <p>Bouncing Around - Bounce Inc</p> <p>Bounce Inc. - Today we're bouncing into fun and putting gravity to the test!</p> <p>Note: Please arrive by 8:45am.</p>	incursion	<p>Tuesday, 20 December \$63.88</p> <p>Cards with Character</p> <p>Audio Card Making - Build a personalised card and RECORD your own audio message to take home and give to someone special.</p>
club based	<p>Wednesday, 14 December \$53.88</p> <p>Holiday Heroes</p> <p>Today our heroes celebrate sensational summer! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</p>	club based	<p>Wednesday, 21 December \$53.88</p> <p>Groove is in the Art</p> <p>Music with Art, now that's a show! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</p>
incursion	<p>Thursday, 15 December \$63.88</p> <p>Inside Out!</p> <p>Nesting Dolls - Design and take-home your masterpieces. Will it be a footy team? A music band? Or a traditional family design? Design and take-home your</p>	incursion	<p>Thursday, 22 December \$70.88</p> <p>Music for The Ears</p> <p>Hip Hop Dance Moves - Sssshh, it's an even hipper version of the Silent disco! Today we are dancing up a storm learning cool Hip Hop dance moves!</p>
club based	<p>Friday, 16 December \$53.88</p> <p>Spectrum of Sound</p> <p>Can you hear that? Where did it come from? Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</p>	club based	<p>Friday, 23 December \$53.88</p> <p>Amazing Aromas</p> <p>Is it coming from the kitchen or outside? Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</p>



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no program	<p>Monday, 26 December No Program</p>	no program	<p>Monday, 02 January No Program</p>
no program	<p>Tuesday, 27 December No Program</p>	club based	<p>Tuesday, 03 January \$53.88 Imagination Stations Choose your favourite activity station. Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</p>
club based	<p>Wednesday, 28 December \$53.88 One Summer This is it! One glorious summer of all things wonderful. Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</p>	incursion	<p>Wednesday, 04 January \$68.88 Games Galore Sensational Summer Games Challenge - Special guests join the team to host some awesome Summer-inspired games and activities.</p>
club based	<p>Thursday, 29 December \$53.88 Around the World in a Day Get your imaginary passport ready, we're visting Summers from around the globe! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a</p>	excursion	<p>Thursday, 05 January \$81.88 STRIKE-ing Fun - AMF AMF Bowling - Today we'll be keeping the fun ROLLING, leaving nothing to SPARE! Note: Please arrive by 8:45am.</p>
club based	<p>Friday, 30 December \$53.88 Bright Lights There's big bright lights all around us powered in so many different ways...Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed</p>	incursion	<p>Friday, 06 January \$68.88 The Science Spectacular Interactive Science Session - Bubble, Bubble, POPI Mini Scientists get ready, it's time to experiment!</p>



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club based	<p>Monday, 09 January \$53.88</p> <p>Summer Spirit</p> <p>Come along and celebrate all things Summer! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</p>	club based	<p>Monday, 16 January \$53.88</p> <p>What's that sound?</p> <p>Let the guessing begin! How does sound work? Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</p>
excursion	<p>Tuesday, 10 January \$77.88</p> <p>SINGsational</p> <p>At The Movies: SING (PG) The movie event of the Summer is here. We're off to meet Dapper Koala Buster Moon and see the world's greatest singing competition! Note: Please arrive by 8:45am.</p>	excursion	<p>Tuesday, 17 January \$68.88</p> <p>Flying Hole in One</p> <p>Frisbee Golf Course - Will you be first to score a flying hole in one? A colourful and wildly fun indoor obstacle course awaits and we're ready to score!!</p>
excursion	<p>Wednesday, 11 January \$68.88</p> <p>Go for GOAL</p> <p>Soccer Skills Clinic with take home scarf - Skills, drills and thrills await! We'll be bending it like Beckham and cheering that's great!</p>	excursion	<p>Wednesday, 18 January \$86.88</p> <p>Time to go WILD! - Lone Pine...</p> <p>Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary - Today our senses will be going totally wild meeting some of our fluffy favourites!</p> <p>Note: Please arrive by 8:45am.</p>
club based	<p>Thursday, 12 January \$53.88</p> <p>Amazing Adventures</p> <p>Today we are the adventure writers and illustrators from start to finish. Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed</p>	excursion	<p>Thursday, 19 January \$68.88</p> <p>Block-Building Beats</p> <p>Build and take home your own music themed Lego compatible kit - Getting into some Block-Building Beats!</p>
excursion	<p>Friday, 13 January \$68.88</p> <p>We've Got the X Factor!</p> <p>The Ultimate Talent Show - Today we'll all take the centre stage, and become the stars of the show! With loads of drama filled games and activities that showcase</p>	club based	<p>Friday, 20 January \$53.88</p> <p>Summer Dreaming</p> <p>These are a few of our favourite things....Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</p>