



**WOODLINKS**

**STATE SCHOOL**

**Only Our Best,  
Everyone,  
Everyday**

## DATE CLAIMERS:

### 26 August

Book Week Celebrations  
2:15pm in Hall. Come dressed  
as a book character day.  
P&C Disco

### 29 August

Parade 2:30pm

### 31 August

P-2 Open Classrooms

### 1 September

Yr 2 Excursion—Lone Pine  
Yr3-6 Open Classrooms

### 2 September

WoodLinks Has Talent  
Top 12

2:10-3:00pm—Hall

### 7 September

P&C meeting 3.30pm Library

### 9 September

Poetry winners—State Library

### 11 September

Parent/Teacher interview in  
Hall

### 24 October

Yr 4,5,6 Colonial incursion

## If you read, you will succeed!

Last week WoodLinks held a successful Book Fair. Students and parents supported our school by purchasing a great range of books. Thank you to Mrs Vickery for taking the time to support our students in achieving success in reading. We now have \$1900 to spend on lots of books for our library.

This week we celebrate Book Week, students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. We hope you can join us for our Book Parade on Friday at 2:15pm.

### Links to the Future

During this term, our teachers have been working towards developing our school vision for the next 4 years. In the next few weeks we will be encouraging you to come along and join in with us to develop the WoodLinks vision. More information regarding how you can participate will be coming your way soon.

Our senior students have been busy writing their vision for the future as part of their English assessment. We will publish some of these in future newsletters.



### P&C Meeting

The P&C have decided to provide an opportunity for more parents to attend meetings by having the next meeting 7 September at 3:30pm in the school library. Babysitting will be provided for those parents who need this.

We hope to see lots of new people come along to support our P&C.

We thank our fundraising coordinator, Kimberley Wrigley for her support in all fundraising events. Please be reminded to return money or chocolates as soon as possible. We need your support for the BBQ at the disco on Friday and at the Father's Day stall next Thursday. Please email [P&CExecutive@woodlinksss.eq.edu.au](mailto:P&CExecutive@woodlinksss.eq.edu.au)

### Gallery of WoodLinks Art

Parents and community members are invited to attend our art preview, Wine and Cheese Night on Thursday September. Tickets are on sale for \$15 per person and can be purchased from the school office.

Just a reminder to get in early for pre-paid student art work! Please be aware that any unsold student art work will not be sent home at the end of the year. This art work will be given to our new prep students as a welcome gift.

### Sports Gala Day Success

WoodLinks students have been showing great talent and sportsmanship in the district basketball and touch football. Finals are on this Friday and we wish all our students and coaches good luck. Thank you to our teachers who have given up their time to coach and our parents for providing transport and a cheering squad. Go WoodLinks!!

### WoodLinks Has Talent

On Friday 2 September at 2:10-3:00pm in the WoodLinks Hall there will be a special assembly showcasing the Top 12. The winners will be invited to perform the following week Friday 9 September at our annual Art Show. Parents are invited to come along to watch these two performances.

## From the Principal's desk continued

### Thank You

A big Thank You goes out to the Goodna RSL for their continual support of our Breakfast Club.

### Quadrennial School Review

This year WoodLinks State School is completing a Quadrennial School Review. It is a requirement for all Queensland schools to implement state and national reforms, and to meet the objective of the DETE Strategic Plan to drive improved learning outcomes for all students.

The review is conducted with a view to being collaborative, consultative and data-informed in reviewing performance; planning for improvement; and being accountable for outcomes. At the end of the year the completed four year School Plan is utilised to inform Annual Implementation Plans (AIP).

To ensure our process is collaborative and content aligns agendas to our school context it is very important to engage the community. To do this we will be setting up an interactive space for you to engage with during week 9, starting September 5. Our theme is *Links to the Future* and we believe the space will grab your attention. Be on the look out for the *Links to the Future Feedback Zone* popping up some time during week 9. Be sure to engage as it is open for a limited time.

## Super Readers of the Week



**Vicki Caldwell**

**Principal**

***Only Our Best, Everyday, Everyone***



## 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=b9ilBeJ5CUs&list=PLgJv5epyrnQDLNMTmhLA6z-cssQylcsvN&index=5>

Attendance adds up

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

Attendance animation ' Every day counts

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

Attendance target is 95%

19/08/2016

### **Prep-2**

Prep E- 100%  
Prep A- 100%  
Prep D- 95.83%  
2B- 94%  
1B- 91.3%  
Prep C- 89.13%  
1D- 86.96%  
Prep B- 86.96%  
1C- 86.96%  
2A- 86%  
1A- 84.09%  
2C- 84%

19/08/2016

### **Year 3-6**

3A- 98%  
5B- 96.43%  
5/6- 96.15%  
4A- 95.83%  
3C- 95.83%  
6B- 95.83%  
6A- 95.13%  
4B- 92%  
4C- 92%  
3B- 91.67%  
5A- 89.66%

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

### **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 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 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.



## HPE News

### **Gala Day Sport**

This Friday is the last week of our term 3 Gala Day competition. It will again begin at 9:30 am. I have heard nothing but great things from the coaches in regards to their team's behaviour and effort during event. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and teachers for taking the students to and from the games each week. Without your help our students would not have been able to participate. Thank you very much.

### **Swimming**

We are still in the process of sorting the swimming program for the junior students for next term. The lessons will cost \$2.20 per lesson for 8 lessons. Swimming teachers will cost \$40 an hour and the bus cost is still being processed. We will require at least 90% of students from Year 1-3 to be involved in this program for it to go ahead. I will keep you posted as we continue to plan for the program. Notes to parents will be sent home shortly.

*"What makes something special is not just what you have to gain, but what you feel there is to lose."*

Andre Aggasi

**Mr Artates**  
**HPE Teacher**



## WOODLINKS

September 8 & 9

# ART SHOW

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Wine & Cheese  
Night

September 8

Auction  
Night

September 9

Inaugural Wine and  
Cheese night

Adults only event

\$15 entry fee

Includes a glass  
of wine & cheese

Music & entertainment

Art for purchase  
from local Artists

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Silent and Live Auction

Class Art, Staff Art &  
Donated Art for Auction

Viewing of Student  
and Class Art 5pm - 6pm

Art from local Artist  
on display

Beverages for sale & Blog

5pm - 8pm

Bidding for Silent Auction  
starts at 5pm

Entertainment and Live Auction  
starting 6:30pm in the Hall

All money raised goes toward resources for the school.  
For inquiries call 3381 4666 or email [pandc@woodlinks.qld.edu.au](mailto:pandc@woodlinks.qld.edu.au)

WoodLinks State School  
WoodLinks Way, Collingwood Park, QLD 4301

## Prep's

Wow, we are already half way through Week 7 – only 3 more to go! Prep students have been very busy reinforcing their learning, especially within our rhyme unit. We even had a very special visitor to act out a story we read in class!



### English

This week the Prep cohort are responding to two books – Mr McGee and The Very Noisy Bear. They are preparing to write responses to these books to share with the class including the things they did and didn't like as well as describing the character and events. It is very important that they are beginning to explain why they like particular characters and events, this could be included in nightly home reading.

### Maths

Prep students have been learning all about parts within a whole. We have been busy practising sharing collections into different groups. Some students indulged in part-part-whole pancakes or sliced up playdough sausages! Next week, we are going to be investigating questions and data.

### Science

Students are continuing to investigate the effects of the weather and seasons on people, places and things. This week we are looking at the considerations of animals, next week we will explore plants.

**Don't forget we are celebrating Book Week this week. All students are invited to dress up as a book character on Friday. Parents are invited to attend our special parade that afternoon in the hall.**

Have a wonderful week!

**Ms Mathiesen  
Prep E Teacher**

## Year 1's

Welcome to week seven! I want to start by saying a big thank you for the extraordinary job the year ones have been undertaking with their writing and reading. We are over half way through the term and the progression since the beginning of the year is inspiring.

### English

In English this week we are continuing with our retell unit. We are reading a cultural story from India called 'How Sun, Moon and Wind went to Dinner'. We will be creating another booklet, writing about the beginning, middle and end of the story working on our sentence structure and editing skills.

### Maths

Last week we began the concept of time and looked at 'duration words' such as minutes, half-hour, hours, days, months and years. This is quite a tricky concept so we will continue to practice this topic in warm ups throughout the week. You can assist your child's learning by pointing out how long particular activities go for (eg. It took 6 minutes to drive to school today). We are also continuing to look at o'clock and half-past time in analogue and digital clocks.

### Science

Last Friday year ones participated in two science incursions in celebration of science week. Everyone had smiles on their faces as they programmed and instructed real robots to follow their directions. This week we will continue with our C2C unit on day and night, looking at different landscapes and their features.

Thanks for another great week and I look forward to seeing some amazing costumes for book week this Friday.

**Miss Daley  
Yr 1B Teacher**

## *Year 2's*

It was wonderful to see so many students dressed up last week in their best Olympic costume, we saw lots of green and gold! We all get to dress up again this week for Book Week as character from a book, so make sure you get creative!

In English, students have started learning the process for creating an informative text from a narrative story. We have been reading *Stellaluna* and *Turtle's Song* and then retrieving factual information from these stories and re-writing into an informative text. We have been writing factual information about the animal's appearance, diet, habitat and interesting facts. Ask your child to share these facts with you.

In Math, students have been enjoying learning about the four seasons and calendars. We have been using calendars to track the days in the month and any important events. Students have also been learning songs to remind them of how many days there are in each month. You should ask your child to share these songs with you.

A reminder that excursion forms and payment must be received by the 31<sup>st</sup> of August to ensure that your child can participate on the day. It has been great to see so many forms returned and we are very excited for the upcoming excursion to the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary. Students will be able to make connections with what they have been learning in class.

We are looking forward to seeing students at the Disco this Friday night. Please remember that the cost is \$2 for students aged 5 and over.

**Ms Dickson**  
**Yr 2A Teacher**

## *Year 3's*

Welcome to week seven. As we start to approach the end of Term 3 the students are working hard. Thanks again to the students completing homework each week. It is showing in their spelling and maths results inside the classroom.

In English the students are continuing to look at 'Kumiko and the Dragon' and looking at the topic of fear and creating a narrative based on a character overcoming a fear.

In Maths the students are looking at capacity and measuring a range of liquids using standard and non-standard units of measurement.

In Science the students continue to look at heat and conduct a range of experiments. The students will also be starting their science assessment which involves them completing an experiment and answering a range of inquiry questions. On Friday the students had a wonderful time at the Science workshops and learnt a lot about robots. It was great to see the students so engaged.

In Technology the students have started to create their puppets based on a character from 'The Lorax'. If you have any crafty supplies or recycling goods. We are still in need of them.

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

Lastly attendance in grade three has been quite low, with quite a few students having days off regularly. We understand the weather has been cold and students have been sick. However a few are just taking days off, which impacts their learning and causes them to miss quite a lot of content being taught as well as assessment. It's important for your child to be at school each day to ensure they are reaching their full potential.

Have a wonderful week  
Thanks,

**Miss McKenna**  
**Yr 3A Teacher**



## Year 4's

The year fours have been very busy this week. The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Gardening program has begun again for us and we are so excited to have this wonderful opportunity. Last week we had an Olympic themed dining room that some students cleverly named the World Health Centre. They named it after all the scrumptious food we got to cook in the kitchen. From Australia we had an Aussie Mess which involved smashed up pavlova, passionfruit, kiwi fruit and bananas. From Russia we had Pirozhki made with fresh cabbage from our garden. From China we had Chicken and Ginger Wontons that required a fun and fiddly wrapping technique. USA brought us sticky, delicious and slightly spicy Buffalo Wings. Finally, from the host country of Brazil came a Pamonha. Pamonha was on many students favourites list for its cheesy corn flavour.

The cooking program is a fantastic way for students to use their reading to succeed skills in a practical setting. They must be able to understand the recipe to be able to follow the correct procedure. Students are also exposed to cooking terminology and learn the difference between simmering and boiling.

There is even mathematics in the kitchen! Students have to work out problems like this one in the kitchen too. How many times will I have to fill up the 500mL jug with water so that I have 3 ½ L altogether? We enjoy engaging in these learning conversations in the kitchen and in the garden. We have seen students cementing their classroom knowledge in a productive manner and it is fantastic.

Happy cooking, baking, roasting, frying, sizzling and steaming everyone.

**Ms VanVuuren**  
**Year 4A Teacher**

## Year 5 and 6's

Welcome to week 7! Cannot believe we are already this far through the term!

### **Book week**

This Friday WoodLinks is celebrating book week. Come along as your favourite character from a book and get involved in the fun.

### **Literacy Pro**

Thank you to those parents who came along to my parent session for Literacy Pro last week, it is lovely to see parents getting excited too! If your child is reading at home, check in with them to see if they have completed the Literacy Pro quiz for the book. Prizes will be up for grabs at the end of the term for students who have been completing Literacy Pro quizzes and being actively involved.

### **Parent teacher interviews**

I've already had a lot of forms returned. If you want to make a time with us, please make sure you return your form as soon as possible. Popular time slots are already taken.

### **Gala**

This Friday marks our final Gala Day for this rotation. It has been amazing to see how our students have represented WoodLinks. Well done to all students involved.

### **WoodLinks has got talent**

From singers to tap dancers, dance duets to acrobatics! WoodLinks certainly has talent! I have loved being part of the audition process and cannot wait to see our top 12 perform next week.

### **Buddy Bench**

Over the next few weeks I will be working closely with some year 5s to decorate some 'Buddy Benches' for our school grounds. These benches will be put in designated areas that allow students to go and sit on them when they cannot find anyone to play with. Students are then able to see that there are others who have no one to play with and invite them to play. I am calling on donations of OUTDOOR paint, if you have any you no longer use, please drop it to the office.

### **History Incursion**

Next term years 4-6 will be participating in the History incursion. Please make sure the payment of \$10 and permission note is returned to the office. This is an amazing opportunity for students to attend as it will assist in our understanding of History and how it shaped Australia.

**Ms Wilson**  
**Yr 5B Teacher**

## SEP News

You're invited to....

### The Senior SEP Activity Day 2016

Date: Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August

Time: 2:15-3pm

Place: Woodlinks SS Kitchen

For SEP students in Years 4-6 and their parents to enjoy some creative time together, making afternoon tea and eating together. There will be opportunity to meet other parents, as well as listen to some SEP news.



RSVP: Mrs Evelyn Redgen- [eredg2@eq.edu.au](mailto:eredg2@eq.edu.au)  
Mrs Sharon Ward- [sward9@eq.edu.au](mailto:sward9@eq.edu.au)

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## Foster Care Information night

Come along to our Foster Care Information Night and learn more about Foster Care and how to get involved, see if it's right for you!

**Where:** Humanities Building, 56 South Street, Ipswich

**When:** 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**Time:** 6.30pm

### Ipswich and Lockyer Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Roadshow

www.ang.gov.au/aboriginal for you and your 15-18 year olds aged 0-17 years old  
9.00 am - 12.00 pm each day

<b>Hutton State School</b> William Street, Loxton Friday 24 August	<b>Greenhills State School</b> Lambert Road, Lockyer Friday 2 September	<b>Lambert State School</b> Endsley Valley Rd Tox Lockyer Friday 2 September
<b>Redbank Plains State School</b> School Road, Redbank Plains Monday 29 August	<b>Leefling State School</b> Rough Street, Leefling Monday 5 September	<b>Broomfield State School</b> Pine Mountain Road, Broomfield Monday 12 September
<b>Bevan State School</b> Old Ipswich Road, Bevan Wednesday 31 August	<b>Shedden State School</b> William Street, Shedden Wednesday 7 September	

If you require transport to attend the roadshow please contact the School or State's Health Children Family Centre on 07 552 2000

**Free services onsite:**  
 Carelink's Atchilea Playgroup  
 Face painting  
 Family support  
 Information about day care, kindy and Prep  
 Early childhood education and care info

Mayor Paul Pisafale,  
 Cr Paul Tully and Council Members of the City of Ipswich invite you to attend

## Pasifika Spring Festival

Celebrating Cultural Diversity

**Saturday, 3 September 2016**  
 Evan Marginson Park, Woogaroo Street, Goodna  
 1.00 pm - 8.00 pm

A showcase of multicultural performances and food stalls, including adults' murgas, children's activities, free rides and sports clinics.  
 Parking is limited please consider taking public transport.

For more information:  
 Phone (07) 556 7188 or  
 email [cew@ang-@ipswich.qld.gov.au](mailto:cew@ang-@ipswich.qld.gov.au)  
[ipswich.qld.gov.au](http://ipswich.qld.gov.au)



**Welcome to Bundamba State  
Secondary College  
New Second Phase EALD Unit  
(English as an Additional Language/Dialect)  
opening in 2017**

**Year 7 Enrolment Days for 2017**

8th September 2016

17th October 2016

Please call the School on 3816 6333 to make an appointment

*There is no trust more sacred than the one the world holds with children. There is no duty more important than ensuring that their rights are respected, that their welfare is protected, that their lives are free from fear and want and that they grow up in peace.*

— Kofi Annan

## *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



## 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)



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- school uniforms and text books
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- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Michelle Trevino your local Saver Plus Coordinator:  
(07) 3282 0571 / 0466 474 584  
or [michelle.trevino@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:michelle.trevino@thesmithfamily.com.au)

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