

WWW. WoodLinks Wednesday Weekly

From the Principal's Desk

25 January 2017



WOODLINKS

STATE SCHOOL

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DATE CLAIMERS:

26 January

Australia Day Public Holiday

30 January

Parade 2:30pm

01 February

P&C Meeting in Staffroom

6.30pm

03 February

Opening of Reading Club

8.30am

06 February

Breakfast Club 8:30am

Student Leadership Badge

Presentation Parade 2:30pm

07 February

Meet our music teachers

6.30pm

10 March

Final day for camp payment

If you can read, you will succeed!

Welcome back to our 2016 families as well as to our new families who have come to our school in 2017. As of today we have 599 students enrolled at WoodLinks. It was an exciting first day for our prep students who settled in very well. It was also great to see everyone come to school dressed in their uniform ready to be a learner. Thank you parents for getting your children ready to be a WoodLinks Superhero.

Our first parade will be held on Monday 30th January for Yr 1 to Yr 6, only. Prep parents will be notified of the first parade they will attend.

Our teachers spent last week getting to know the data of the students in their class and planning the curriculum for our students. We spent 5 days of professional learning to ensure that we have set a strategic direction focused on each individual student.

The positive behaviour for learning approach (Superheros are Safe, Respectful Learners) supports our students for success in their learning as well as their well-being.

We invite you all to come along to the **Meet the Teachers Afternoons** starting next week. This is a great time to find out what expectations we have for learning and how you can help with the academic journey of your child.

Dates and times for the meetings are as follows:

	Day & Date	Time	Meeting Place	Supervision
Prep	Wednesday 8 February 2017	3:10pm-4:00pm	Prep A Classroom	Library
Year 1	Tuesday 31 January 2017	3:10 pm-4:00pm	Year 1A classroom	Library
Year 2	Tuesday 7 February 2017	3:10 pm-4:00pm	Year 2A Classroom	Library
Year 3	Thursday 2 February 2017	3:10 pm-4:00pm	Year 3A Classroom	Library
Year 4	Monday 30 January 2017	3:10 pm-4:00pm	Year 4A Classroom	Library
Year 5	Wednesday 1 February 2017	3:10 pm-4:00pm	Year 5B Classroom	Library
Year 6	Thursday 9 February 2017	3:10 pm-4:00pm	Year 6A Classroom	Library

New Staff

We welcome our new teachers, Mr Fletcher to year 5, Mrs Holdcroft and Ms Ward to Prep A, Mr Vayo to year 6 and Mrs Mitty to support our teachers with their non-contact time our school. Our new staff are excited to be part of the WoodLinks community.

Welfare Officer

This year we are excited to have a Welfare Officer who is sponsored by Centro Church. Mrs Elisha Rashleigh has already come to our school and started to get our community together. Our first event was the morning tea for prep and new parents. Elisha will be working with our school community on Wednesday and Thursday each week. Please make Elisha feel welcome in the WoodLinks community.

Our new parents
enjoying the
"Welcome to
WoodLinks morning
tea".



If you can read, you will succeed! ...cont.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will be open again in week 3. Our Breakfast club is sponsored by the Goodna RSL and YMCA. Our amazing, hardworking teachers volunteer to assist with Breakfast club on Monday and Wednesday and amazing Centro church volunteers assist with Breakfast club on Thursday. Breakfast club is available for all students.

The Arts at WoodLinks

We welcome our new Strings teacher to our school. Ms Bronte Hopstick. Next Monday afternoon she will be talking to those students who have signed up for our strings program and sizing them up for their appropriate instrument. If you are interested in having your child in the strings program. Please contact the school. Mr Humphrey will be continuing as our band teacher in 2017. If you want to meet our music teachers they will be holding a meeting on Tuesday 7 February at 6:30pm in our music room.

Ipswich Australia Day Award

On Saturday our school was recognised for the great work we are doing to improve student outcomes in reading. Our reading superheros initiative was recognised by Kerrie Silver in the Ipswich Australia Day Awards. Our school community are very proud of our achievement. Well done WoodLinks.

Enjoy the Australia Day holiday. We look forward to seeing you all on Friday.
Have a great week WoodLinks.

Vicki Caldow

Principal

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Some of our new Preps 2017



Better Buddies

This year, WoodLinks is excited to become a part of the Alannah & Madeline Foundation's Better Buddies Program. This program will involve our **Prep** and **Year 5** students and will include opportunities for students to work together on cooperative tasks and participate in joint activities weekly.

Benefits to your child

The Alannah and Madeline Foundation's Better Buddies Framework is based on several years of research into buddy programs in schools. Buddy systems play an important role in helping to create safe school environments.

Buddy systems teach, and give children the opportunity to practise, the important values of respect, care, valuing difference, responsibility, friendship and including others. Through looking after and caring for smaller, vulnerable children who are just starting school, older children learn the skills associated with empathy and compassion through activities in the classroom and in the playground. This helps combat bullying and other forms of antisocial behaviour such as harassment and teasing. Teaching pro-social values and skills can also contribute to the development of resilience, a protective factor for children if they experience hardship or loss.

Better Buddies enables younger children to feel safe and cared for while older children feel valued and respected. A buddy program can strengthen the school community and help to challenge stereotypes, misconceptions or fears that students hold about younger or older age groups. It can also help students to feel valued and supported, teach important social skills and create a caring ethos in the school. They can create connectedness that enables both older and younger buddies to bond more closely with their school, thereby increasing the likelihood of more positive social behaviour. Buddy systems help reduce negative behaviours such as bullying.

What does the Better Buddies Framework do?

- assists with student transition to primary school
- develops positive cross-age relationships
- develops pro-social values and skills
- develops responsibility
- builds self confidence
- contributes to a positive and caring school culture
- develops empathy
- promotes inclusion
- discourages bullying
- contributes to more positive behaviour by providing positive role models

Miss Kimlin

Better Buddies Coordinator



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 only reply to sms that are sent to you.
DO NOT use this number for any other messages or to put in
future absences.**

QParents NEWS

Have you registered for QParents? Are you a new parent and would like to register send us an email or come and see us in Admin.

Download the QSchools app for smart phones



School Banking

A school banking representative from the Commonwealth Bank will be presenting at our first parade 30th January. They will be available after parade to assist with new account opening or general enquiries.

Don't Forget Banking is every Wednesday and commences on the 1st February. Don't forget to hand you banking books and cash into your class teacher on Wednesday morning.

2017 Future Savers Rewards

We're excited to launch the new reward items for 2017 from our Future Savers range.

- Cyber Handball and Colour Change Markers, released Term 1
- 3D Chalk Set and Tablet Case, released Term 2
- Smiley Emoji Keyring and Volt Handball, released Term 3
- Pencil + Tech Case and Epic Earphones, released Term 4



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.

A reminder that all Yr 6 Senior shirts need to be ordered and paid for by Friday, 10th February. Sample sizes are available in the shop, see Mrs McWhirter during shop hours for assistance.

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

Finance

Banking days are Monday to Friday - 8:30am - 1:00pm.

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME FEE (SRS)

An email was recently sent out with the details, and students will be bringing home a paper copy shortly.

Payments for SRS and excursions can be paid the following ways:

Online via BPoint or QParents (once you have received an invoice)

In person via Eftpos or cash

HPE NEWS

Welcome back to another year of HPE!

Hope you have had a relaxing break and are ready for a fun filled busy term of HPE. This term we have the Central District Swimming Carnival. We are in the process of identifying possible representatives for this event. Later in the term we will be having our annual Cross Country Carnival. Students will be preparing for this event in the coming weeks during their HPE lessons.

Just a reminder that students need to have their hats and drink bottles with them for their HPE lessons. Students are welcome to wear their sports shirts on these days. If your child cannot participate in a lesson, you must provide a note stating this.

Camp

Students in Year 6 will be attending a Leadership Camp in week 9 of this term. Your child should have received a note in regards to this as planning was started last year in term 4. If you have any questions in regards to camp please don't hesitate to contact me through the school.

***"Set your goals high, and don't stop till you get there."
Bo Jackson.***

**Mr Artates
HPE Teacher**

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=b9iIBeJ5CUs&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>

WoodLinks Yr 6 Senior Camp



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19 January 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This is a note to inform you that we will be going ahead with the Leadership Camp for the Year 6 students. The camp will be in week 9 of this term (**Wednesday 22nd- Friday 24th March 2017**). The cost will be **\$253** less the **\$20** deposit that you have made to secure your child's spot (**\$232**). This cost covers the Bus, Accommodation and main meals (except for lunch on the first day). Students will be required to bring a packed lunch on the first day.

Full payment (minus the deposit) needs to be received by **Friday 10th March 2017**. This gives you 6 weeks to finalise the payment. Final payments need to be made in order for your child to attend camp. All children in Years 6 are invited to attend the camp, subject to ongoing acceptable behaviour.

We understand that personal situations may dictate the need to arrange another suitable payment plan. Please contact our BSM Leah Van Der Werf A.S.A.P to discuss your situation.

So that we may continue the planning process please complete the attached form. This form is the confirmation of your child's attendance. Please return this to the office with your payment before or on **Friday 10th March 2017**. Dietary and Medical forms will be sent out in the lead up to the school camp. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours Sincerely

Christian Artates
Camp Coordinator

Vicki Caldwell
Principal

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Expression of Interest Canberra Trip 2017—CWPSS



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Expression of Interest: Year 6 Canberra Trip 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Each year, Collingwood Park offers their Year 6 students the chance to attend a school camp to Canberra. Next year they are inviting Year 6 students from WoodLinks. This is a fabulous opportunity to extend learning about our nation's history and government. The camp will be held Week 7 (12-18th November) in Term 4 2017. The 2017 itinerary has not yet been finalised but is likely to include at least some of the following:

Old Parliament House, New Parliament House, The Australian War Memorial, The Royal Australian Mint, The Australian Institute of Sport, The National Archives, The National Library, The High Court, The National Gallery of Australia, Mount Ainslie Lookout, National Museum of Australia, National Capital Exhibition, Cockington Green, Electoral Education Centre, Senate Gardens, National Carillion, Canberra Deep Space Communications Complex, the Parliamentary Triangle, Questacon Science and Technology Centre, National Dinosaur Museum and the CSIRO Discovery Centre.

In previous years, Collingwood Park has taken approximately 60 students by coach to Canberra. As their Year 6 cohort is small they have invited WoodLinks Students to attend the camp with them. Costs will depend on numbers as they could be travelling via bus or flying. Students will be accompanied by two members of Collingwood Park staff and a staff member from WoodLinks.

Bus Cost: Approximately \$550

Flight Cost: Approximately \$700-\$800 (This will include all flights and transfers, accommodation and all meals)

Date: Term 4: 12th – 18th November 2017 (to be confirmed)

We do not require any payment yet. Once expressions of interest are returned, a final cost will be determined. Invitations will then be sent home along with details of a payment plan over three or four smaller payments. Parents can either choose to make one payment or pay off the trip using the payment plan. Either way, a deposit will be required so that we know parents are making a definite commitment for their children to attend.

If you are interested in your child attending the 2017 Canberra Camp, please complete and return the tear off slip below ASAP as numbers need to be given to Collingwood Park by Friday 10 February 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Vicki Caldwell
Principal

Collingwood Park State School/ WoodLinks State School
2017 Year 6 Canberra Camp

I wish to express interest in my child attending the 2017 Canberra Camp. I understand that the approximate cost could be anywhere between \$550 - \$800 and that the camp will only go ahead if there is sufficient interest.

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

Parent / Carer Name: _____ Signed: _____

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www.campastralia.com.au
or call 1300 106 343.

Service Name: WOODLINKS

Date: 24/01/2017

Service mobile: 0431 774 205

OSHC Information.

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

Before school care, we have a range of activities and games for the children to participate in. We also offer breakfast which includes 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 and needs. We also offer a yummy afternoon tea which includes fresh fruit and vegetables each day with a selection of other afternoon snacks. 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 106 343

Program Details This fortnight at OSHC –

We're working on our prolife maps; this is a tool that staff uses to help plan activities and fun games for children to play.

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.

We are starting our band new hanging garden in the outside OSHC area come along and help us create this beautiful and sustainable master piece. We will be talking about the environment and how you can help to create a sustainable future.

Don't forget –

- Please make sure your child brings a hat to OSHC to participate in any outside play.
- Children attending OSHC with medical conditions need all medical forms signed and medication if required at the service before attending OSHC (please see staff for forms)
- Please ensure all children's clothing and belongings are named to ensure it gets returned, if lost.

What to do if your child is absent from After School Care: please remember parents if your child/ren are going to be absent from the service or have gone home sick, please call customer service on 1300 106 343

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to ask.

We value parent feedback and ideas for the program if you have any questions or inquiries please do not hesitate to come and see us. We also have a communication book located on the sign in table, feel free to write down any feedback for the service.

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Parent Information

The Recky Program Launch and Market day.

Saturday 28th January 6.00am - 4.00pm

Redbank Plains Recreation Reserve

Bouncy Castle, Face painting, Food stalls including hangi food, dance performance and junior dragster.

Recky Program information.

The Recky Program is a registered not for profit organisation and to promote our launch day we are having a market day on Saturday 28th January at Redbank Plains Recreation Reserve. You can check us out on Facebook and the Internet or contact us if you have any questions. Our program is aimed at veterans and first responders who suffer from physical and/or mental injury.

The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) is a **FREE** two-year school readiness program operating in the following areas:

- Bundama
- Dinmore
- Riverview
- Goodna
- RedBank
- RedBank Plains
- Collingwood Park
- Gailies
- Bellbird Park.



We provide activity packs, storybooks and support to families to build confidence in learning, and help children make a successful transition to school. A home tutor works with the parent to practice the activities in the pack and this assists the parent to confidently do the HIPPY activities with their child. If your child is turning 4 in 2017, and you would like the opportunity to have fun learning together, please contact Mary 0428672956, myaxley@playgroupqld.com.au