



WOODLINKS

STATE SCHOOL

**Only Our Best,
Everyone,
Everyday**

DATE CLAIMERS:

Tues 1 Nov

Pre Prep Program 2-3pm

Thurs 27 Oct & 3 Nov

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Thurs 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 10am Hall

P&C Meeting

If you read, you will succeed!



Every day, Queensland teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young people across our state.

World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and communities.

Celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide, World Teachers' Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to recognise the role of teachers in society.

World Teachers' Day is held internationally on 5 October. As the day usually falls during school holidays, Queensland celebrates on the last Friday of October each year.

In 2016, World Teachers' Day will be celebrated in Queensland on Friday 28 October. WoodLinks teachers are amazing, they would love to get a card or a thank you from you for all the hard work they do every day to make sure our students are learning in a safe, supportive environment. We would like to thank the P&C for purchasing educational diaries for our teachers as a way of saying thank you.

Day for Daniel — 28 October

Day for Daniel is coming up this Friday 28 October. 'Wear Red and Educate' is the theme for Day for Daniel.

How will you celebrate Grandparents Day?

Celebrate Grandparents Day this Sunday to thank grandparents for their love and support.

This year, Grandparents Day will be celebrated in Queensland with the theme 'Discover your grandparents' stories — their history is your history'.

The theme aims to highlight the important role that grandparents play in our society through sharing their wisdom, skills and experience.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could support Grandparents Day by encouraging children to get involved in the celebrations.

There are many ways that children and families can celebrate the special connection grandchildren share with their grandparents. Here are a few ideas: send grandparents a card or make a card to thank them for their love and support take grandparents out to morning tea or lunch or catch up and spend time together. connect virtually with grandparents that are far away and share the love using #GPDday16.

To all grandparents across Queensland — we hope you have a happy Grandparents Day this Sunday!

From the Principal continued.....

Year 6 Graduation

A couple of parents have been asking about the Year 6 Graduation. It will be held on Wednesday 7 December in the Hall @ 10am followed by a morning tea. Parents of Year 6 will receive an invitation closer to the event.

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).

Super Readers of the Week



Vicki Caldow

Principal

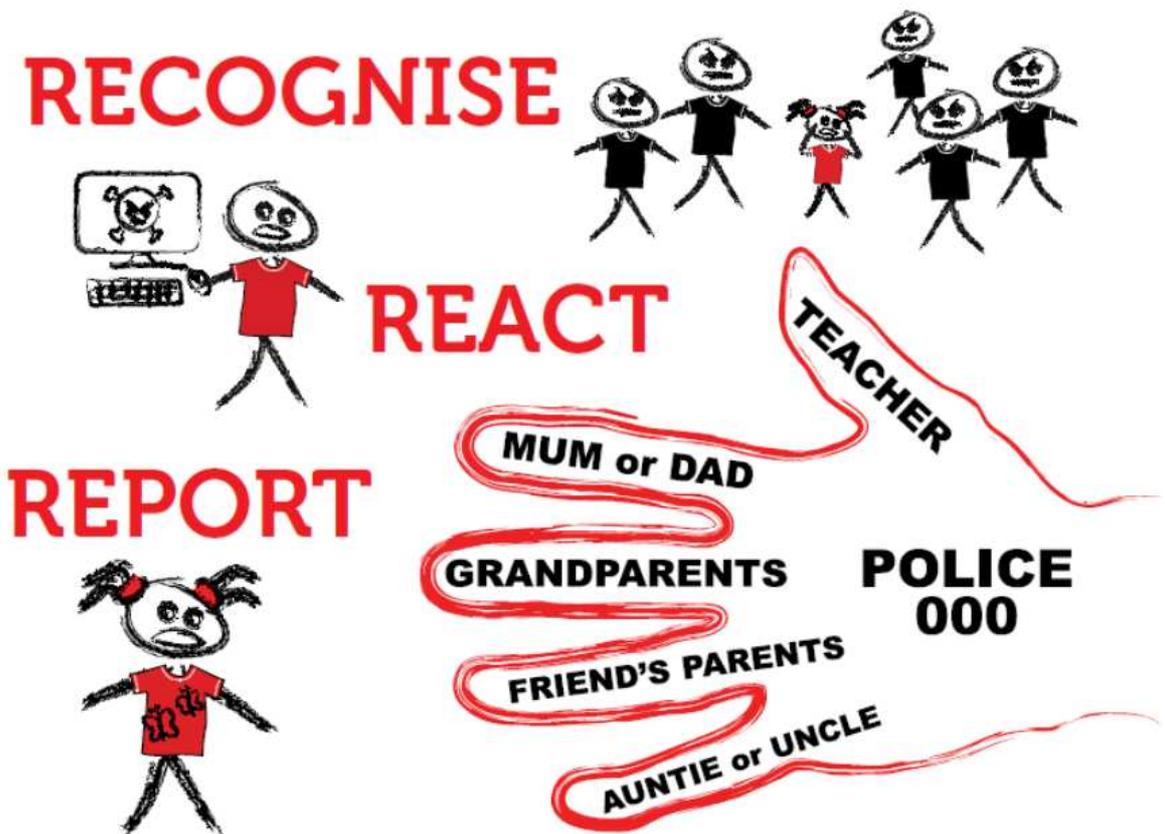
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This Friday (28/10/2016) is the Day for Daniel. The Day for Daniel is a national day of action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention.

It is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to Recognise, React and Report if they feel something is not right.

At WoodLinks, we are encouraging students to wear a red shirt in support of this day, along with a gold coin donation which will be sent to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Please help us support this important day of awareness.



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%

20/10/2016

Prep-2

Prep E- 100%
1A- 97.73%
2B- 96.15%
2C- 96.15%
1B- 95.65%
1D- 95.65%
Prep B- 95.45%
2A- 94.23%
Prep A- 93.75%
Prep D- 93.75%
Prep C- 91.3%
1C- 91.3%

20/10/2016

Year 3-6

4B- 100% *****
4A- 100%
5/6- 100%
6A- 100%
3C- 97.83%
3B- 95.83%
6B- 95.83%
5A- 92.86%
4C- 92%
3A- 92%
5B- 91.38%

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



1 document
from List 1

Or

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



2 documents
from List 2



P&C News



Next meeting 6:30pm Wednesday 2nd November—Library -Brainstorming meeting for ideas for 2017

Halloween Disco this Friday 28th October 6pm-8pm—Come dressed in spooktacular fashion! (optional)

\$2 entry for school aged children. Children under 5 free. **NO High School age children allowed.**



\$2 Sausage sizzle \$1 & \$2 Chocolates
\$2 Soft Drinks \$0.50c Zooper Doopers
\$1 Water / Poppers
Glow products will also be for sale—various prices



Preps

In phonics this week we are learning about the 'magic e' where the e at the end of the word makes a long vowel sound instead of a short vowel sound. We are continuing to sound out words to identify the sounds and write words together.

In English this week we are reading 'Pirate Post'. We have already received a letter from Captain Bounty and written one back. We will be using the letter structure of the date, greeting, body, closing and signature to write more letters to Captain Bounty and other characters aboard the pirate ship.

The prep classes are in the process of making post offices in their class rooms so don't forget to ask your teacher if they need any boxes.

Our focus for Maths this week is using hands on materials to learn about capacity, weight and length. We will also be doing some 5 step guided inquiries to find to answer questions. The steps are:

1. Question
2. Plan
3. Do
4. Discuss and explain why
5. What next?

Don't forget to bring back library books and bags on your child's borrowing day.

Miss Nan
Prep B Teacher

Year 1's

Welcome to week 4 of our final term of the year! It has been great to see so many children displaying the ability to be safe, respectful and learners through the first few weeks back. We continue to encourage all children to try their best and enjoy our exciting and interesting units this term!

English

Our English unit this term has allowed us to have some fun with our writing as the children have been learning about procedural texts. We have been making many of our procedures in class (like cheese and tomato sandwiches!) in order to support the children's writing of procedure and to keep them engaged and enjoying their learning! We finished up the week with writing a procedure for a disgusting sandwich before making these sandwiches during art which the children very much enjoyed! This week we will be beginning looking at a new text, How to Heal a Broken Wing.

Maths

Last week we had fun learning about chance and the probability of events occurring using language such as likely, unlikely, certain and impossible. The children used spinners to discover the likelihood of something happening and ended up making their own spinners. In the coming week, we will start to look at numbers to 120 and place value.

Thank you all for a fantastic week 3 and we are looking forward to seeing all of the children attending and enjoying school in the weeks to come.

Kind regards

Miss Shapland
Year 1C Teacher

Year 2's

Not long to go now before it is the end of the year! It has certainly flown by fast.

English

It has been great to see our students using their imaginations, to come up with a variety of alternate plots for books that we have read in class. This week our students will be applying their knowledge of characterisation and story plots to their assessments tasks. I look forward to displaying their fabulous work once our unit is completed.

Mathematics

We are starting a new unit in maths this week on 2D and 3D shapes. Our students will be looking at and naming the different features a shape has including, edges, corners and faces. They will then apply their knowledge by distinguishing and describing the differences between 2D and 3D shapes. They will learn how to identify different shapes through pictures, concrete materials and "What am I?" activities.

Other Notices

As the weather is getting hotter students have been leaving their jumpers around the school grounds. In order to reduce the amount of uniform items being placed in lost property, please make sure your child has their name on any item of clothing. This way their belongings they can be returned to them promptly.

Don't forget the Halloween Disco is coming up this Friday! I look forward to seeing you all there in your scary costumes.

Miss Bonett
Year 2C Teacher

Year 3's

In English, students continue to explore Australian poetry. They are beginning to draft their own poems that will be shared with the class.

In Maths the students are investigating simple maps, turns and symmetry.

In Science, students continue to explore the different states of matter and the way that solids and liquid behave when they are heated.

In preparation for their own Dance performance, students are exploring the way different dance moves can be put together to tell a story.

Please support your child with their homework, as it is an important support for classroom learning and lets your child know that you value learning. Homework is handed out on a Monday and is due back every Friday. Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

The Year Three cohort will be coordinating the second-hand book stall as well as a game stall at the WoodLinks Festival. Please put aside any adult or children's books you no longer want and ask family and friends to do the same.

Have a wonderful week.

Ms Stemp
Year 3C Teacher

Year 4's

We are grateful to Mrs Chapman and Ms Roberts for the organisation of the History incursion. We also wish to thank the wondrous Mr Gatehouse and Mr Wooly for precluding the event with rehearsals in the singing of 'Botany Bay' and 'Black Velvet Band.'

Gentle reminders:

WoodLinks Festival – Friday 2nd December – Tombola Stall. We are kindly requesting items from home that you might donate towards the stall. Examples include; CD's, DVD's, trinkets, toys, unwanted gifts or jewellery. Thank you in advance, we appreciate your support.

Our Words-their-way spelling program has been running successfully and we congratulate your children for their prompt and enthusiastic work. As per homework requirements, we encourage our students to incorporate their spelling words in complex sentences for their teachers to mark by the end of the week. Research has shown that long-term retention of new vocabulary and semantics (meaning) is optimal when there is repeated retrieval. It was estimated that there be 12 exposures per target word for this to occur and thus forms the heart of why it is part of the homework for this term. Research study link: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3619249/>

As we approach summer, please remember that students require their hats to wear outside and plenty of water to keep hydrated. A piece of fruit or vegetable for fruit breaks are essential to maintain maximum attention in class.

Mid-term assessment shall be commencing and your child's success is greatly related to their attendance. Keeping in mind our mantra also, we ask that students are reading every night. The conversations you have in regards to the different texts your child might be exposed to are very powerful in shaping your child's worldview. We must model the importance to analyse the purpose and viewpoint of what is presented alongside the possible viewpoints that are being silenced or censored. It is essential because we are in the business of building individuals that are confident in providing solutions to world issues and who are adequately equipped to contribute meaningfully to the world in which we live and co-construct.

The following link has a guide to help structure those conversations as per the *Four Resources [reading] model*: http://www.myread.org/guideposts_visual.htm

See you at the disco!

**Ms VanSchaemelhout
Yr 4C Teacher**

Year 5 & 6

We have a very busy term ahead of us in year 5, and the term is flying by already!

COLONIAL INCURSION

Wow, what a fun day we had on Monday!



SAKG

Year 5 commence their second round of cooking and gardening this week and will finish up in week 8. 5A will be cooking and gardening on Thursdays while 5B are cooking and gardening on Fridays. We have had some wonderful parents put their names down already, however we would love to see some more to ensure we always have enough each week!

LEADERSHIP

It was wonderful to see so many aspiring leaders from our classes put their name down for 2017 leadership positions. We were overwhelmed with the number of applicants and cannot wait to hear the speeches from those who were short listed.

BUDDY BENCHES

5B have been working hard assisting me with completing the Buddy Benches, we hope to have these completed over the next couple of weeks and get them out onto the playground for students to use! Thank you to those students involved with making these benches bright and vibrant.



**Miss Wilson
Yr 5B Teacher**

Jacaranda Festival

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

REMINDER ALL STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN EITHER

THE CHOIR OR INSTRUMENTAL BAND

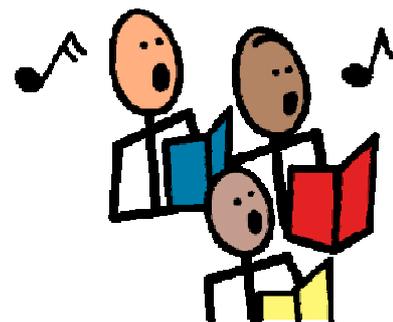
MUST BE DRESSED IN FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM!!!

WoodLinks Choir performs on Friday 28th October from 5pm to 7pm.

Choir members are to meet Mrs Genova at the back of the main stage at the festival. Parents can collect students at the back of stage after the performance.

WoodLinks Instrumental band performs on Saturday 29th October from 9.00am to 11.00, so come support them in the 2016 School Band Competition. Band members are to meet Mr Humphry at main stage by 9.15am.

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



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



GREAT FUN

- ★ Outdoor games and sports
- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Playing with friends
- ★ Great Educators
- ★ Food and Cooking
- ★ Indoor Activities



To book, visit:
www.campastralia.com.au
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