



WOODLINKS

STATE SCHOOL

**Only Our Best,
Everyone,
Everyday**

DATE CLAIMERS:

29th April

Go Blue for Autism

2nd May

Labour Day Holiday

10th-12th May

NAPLAN

13th May

Ipswich Show Day Holiday

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SCHOOL CAR PARKING

If you Read, You will Succeed!

WoodLinks students will be participating in The Premier's Reading Challenge 2016. The Premier's Reading Challenge 2016 is an annual statewide initiative for state and non-state schools and home-educated students up to Year 9, as well as children (aged up to five years) enrolled in an early childhood centre, and individual home readers.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is not a competition but aims to improve literacy and encourage children to engage in reading for pleasure and learning.

A letter will be going home soon to tell you more about the challenge and how WoodLinks students will be encouraged to read to succeed!

As WoodLinks continues to grow, parking outside our school is becoming an issue. This year our school has 565 students who we need to keep safe coming and leaving our school. The parking area outside the school grounds is owned by the Ipswich City Council and as such the council has the right to engage parking officers as well as the police to ensure that everyone is using this carpark in a safe manner. If you have any issues with parking please direct your concerns to Cr Kerry Silver - ksilver@ipswich.qld.gov.au or 3288 5899.

There are many areas available for parking or stop, drop and go. WoodLinks Way, Basilli Drive and Tone Drive. Parking and walking to our school is also another safe and healthy way to come and leave our school. Please also be aware that the police drive past our school and area regularly and are monitoring safely at all times. We would like to thank our community for keeping our students safe.

NAPLAN testing — 10 to 12 May

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in NAPLAN testing from 10 to 12 May.

NAPLAN testing provides schools with an opportunity to identify any areas where students may need assistance and covers the learning areas of reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation and numeracy.

If you have any queries regarding NAPLAN testing, please contact Mr Gallagher on NAPLAN test results will be released later this year. Visit www.nap.edu.au for more information.

We welcome Mr Gallagher as our acting Deputy Principal and Mr Crichton as our acting Master Teacher while Mr O'Donohue takes 2 weeks long service leave.

Well done to 6A who are to be commended for their fantastic working in our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program.

Vicki Caldwell
Acting 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=b9ilBeJ5CU&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 Attendance Race 18th-22nd April

Prep - Year 2

1st 2A 100%
2nd Prep E 97.8%
3rd 1B/1D 95.65%
4th 2B/2C 92%
5th Prep A/Prep B 91.3%
6th Prep C 87.5%
7th 1C 84.78 %
8th 1A 82.6%
9th Prep D 75%

Years 3-6

1st 3A/6A 100%
2nd 4B 96%
3rd 3C/6B 95.6%
4th 4A 94.67%
5th 5/6 92.8%
6th 4C 92%
7th 5B 91%
8th 5A 89%
9th 3B 87.5%

Go Blue For Autism Day

Did you know that there are more than 12,000 students with autism enrolled in Queensland state schools? As you are all aware April is Autism awareness month and WoodLinks State School is committed to working with families and services to support students with autism to ensure they receive the best possible education.

This year the Queensland Government launched Australia's first Autism Hub to provide students with autism, their families and Queensland schools with more valuable support. Located at Woolloongabba in Brisbane, the \$2 million centre offers expert advice, training and resources to parents, teachers and health professionals. Seven regional autism coaches have also been appointed, ensuring professional support is available all over Queensland. For more information visit the Autism Hubs website www.education.qld.gov.au/autismhub

On Friday we celebrate **Go Blue for Autism Day** wear your **bluest blue** and bring along a gold coin donation. Money will be collected through the student council and will be used to provide much needed resources to our Students with Disability. And don't forget we have Go Blue pens, wristbands, bendy pencils, badges and glow sticks for sale in the central covered area before school.

Thank you for all your support!!

Until next time



Mrs Gollan

STL&N

Master Teacher Corner

Another busy week here at WoodLinks as students are working hard leading up to the NAPLAN testing in years 3 and 5. NAPLAN is a point in time test that measures a student's literacy and numeracy knowledge against the rest of the nation. This week's most frequently asked question is.

What happens if my child is absent from school on test days?

Where possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests. WoodLinks missed test day is Monday the 16th of May.

Parents Role

Parents play a vital role each day in the preparation in not just NAPLAN years (3, 5, 7 and 9) but for their child's learning which starts in Prep;

- Getting them to school every day
- Ensuring their child gets a good night sleep
- Eats a healthy and nutritional breakfast before coming to school, just to name a few.
- For more information on NAPLAN please see the NAP website: www.nap.edu.au

Parents can also help in the preparation. Why not try these sample questions with your child at home leading up to the test.

1

What is the next number in this pattern?

170, 150, 130, 110,

2

Lilly has \$3.45.
She needs \$5 to buy a pencil case.
How much more money does she need?

\$1.55 \$1.65 \$2.55 \$2.65

3

This table shows the lunches eaten by some students.

Students	Sandwiches	Fruit	Juice	Muffin	Water
Sarah	✓		✓	✓	
Noah	✓			✓	✓
Henry		✓		✓	✓
Lizzie	✓	✓	✓		

How many students had fruit or fruit juice for lunch?

1 2 3 4

4

Which number is 14 less than 33?

19 21 29 47

Thanks

Clint Gallagher
Master Teacher

Prep's

Week 3 is well underway and the Prep cohort have settled back into routines wonderfully. A big thank you to all those hard working parents and carers for their efforts in maintaining learning over the Easter holiday period. As the weather cools down, please ensure all winter garments are clearly labelled for easy returning.

Phonics

Week 1	oo, OO
Week 2	y, x, ch
Week 3	sh, th, th
Week 4	qu, ou, oi
Week 5	ue, y(ee)
Week 6	short vowels
Week 7	ck, double letters (ll)
Week 8	long vowels, magic e
Week 9	long vowels, magic e
Week 10/11	Revision

English

Our unit this term is *Enjoying and Retelling Stories* – students will listen to a familiar story, use drawings and sentences to form a retell plan and present their oral retell to the groups of peers. Sentence writing and identifying beginning/ending sounds is a big component to this task. Please continue to practise *Jolly Phonics* sounds, blending sounds and segmenting words at home.

Maths

In Maths this term, students will explore units of measurement, shape (3D and 2D), number and place value, location and transformation, and patterns and algebra. Students can be best assisted at home by engaging in regular counting practise – 1-1 counting with small objects makes for a great hands on learning activity.

Daily practise at home makes a big difference to your child's learning – keep up the great work!

**Ms Mathiesen
Prep E Teacher**

Year 1's

Term 2 is well on its way! I hope everyone had a lovely long weekend. We are noticing in Year One that attendance is starting to dwindle. We teach the children that: *school is the most important place to be* and we would like you to assist us with this message. Unless your child is very ill, please make sure they are coming to school every day. In class, we build on knowledge that we learnt the day before and your child will find concepts difficult if they miss even one in the week.

Homework

We began homework last week. Thank you to all that completed the homework. Please make sure these are returned on Friday so new homework can be handed out on Monday. Make sure you are keeping up with home reading and sight word practice as well!

This week in grade 1:

English:

This week we will continue learning about the structure of a character description. The children are becoming more confident at using adjectives and are learning to describe how a character looks on the outside and the characters inside qualities.

Mathematics:

This week the children are learning to represent numbers to 100 in multiple ways. We will be building on our knowledge of place value and will learn to represent numbers into 'tens' and 'ones'.

Warm regards,

**Ms Hiley
Year 1C Teacher**

Year 2's

Wow! It is week three already! Our year two's have been working hard on our units for this term.

In English, our students are enjoying mixing things up with our alternate character descriptions for our "Fairy Tales Flipped" unit. Students are continuing to work on our character descriptions this week focussing on each characters appearance, qualities, thoughts and actions. Next week, our cohort will be applying our new found knowledge on our assessment tasks, followed by presentations in week five.

In Maths, we are moving onto number and place value. Students will be participating in a range of activities involving partitioning numbers. They will be exposed to a variety of strategies to work out two digit mathematical problems more efficiently.

It has been great to see so many students completing their homework and home readers each week. I would like to thank those parents and caregivers encouraging your child's success by helping them at home. Unfortunately there are still some outstanding home readers and library books from last term that need to be returned so that your child can continue to borrow new books each week.

I look forward to seeing everyone in blue on Friday to celebrate Autism Day.

Have a PAW-some week!

Ms Bonett
Yr 2C Teacher



Year 3's

Thank you to the families who sent in flowers for our ANZAC Day wreaths. Having contributed to the making of a class wreath gave the students a real sense of ownership of that part of the ceremony. All our students are to be commended for their respectful behaviour during our commemoration ceremony on Friday.

Last week the Year Three students worked enthusiastically on making and describing 3D shapes. This week the Math focus is on partitioning three digit numbers and locating them on a number line. In English we begin exploring the text 'The Shack that Dad Built' and continue to build our persuasive writing skills.

Just a reminder that homework is sent home on the first day of the week and is to be returned on Friday. This term we have included both multiplication number facts and spelling words that focus on spelling choices for a particular sound. Number facts and spelling are key build blocks for success in Math and English and so we encourage parents to spend a few minutes a day supporting their child's learning.

As we begin to get a few cooler mornings and days, we would like to remind student of the school uniform expectations and that these expectations include wearing an appropriate school jacket. As our layer are discarded as the day warms up it is important that every item is clearly names so that they may find their way home if lost.

Have a great week.

Miss Stemp
Year 3C Teacher

Year 4's

Thank you parents and carers for helping us to look our best for the school photos on Tuesday. We all looked sharp and on fleek!

A gentle reminder to be in your **Bluest Blue** for Autism this Friday please.



Our Positive Behaviour for Learning (**PBL**) focus this week is '**Being respectful**'. In particular, we are reflecting about what being respectful – looks like, sounds like and feels like to us as learners in class as well as during our non-classroom times and areas at school. We look forward to extending this model behaviour at home!

Congratulations to all year 4s for completing your 'Odd and Even' assessment. We shall continue to work hard in all curriculum areas to make this term just as successful as the last. It has been great to notice that students have been reading for 20 minutes every night and are having those conversations about what they have read with you at home to extend vocabulary knowledge or have a platform to express their opinion – their hard work has culminated in a growth with their level of reading. Please keep in mind to include stories that have a moral or lesson as they will help frame our ideas for our English assessment – Traditional Stories (Asian and Indigenous Australian).

Another big thank you to our students who have been attending school every day. It is of utmost importance that your child attends school every day so they are not missing out on learning. The year four teachers appreciate your continued support in this area because... **EVERY MINUTE COUNTS** and we love to grow with you.

Get to school, don't delay – make the most of every day!

**Ms Vanschaemelhout
Year 4C Teacher**

Years 5 & 6

CAMP PHOTOS

Stories to come next week.



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

At the beginning of Term 2, statements were sent out to all students with outstanding payments. If you have not already paid this debt please ensure it is paid ASAP. Don't forget if you can't get to school to pay, you can use BPoint. Please remember to use the CRN and Invoice number listed on your invoice or statement. If an incorrect entry is made it takes longer to marry up the payments. If you need help please contact Kathy in the office on kharl22@eq.edu.au or 3381 4666.

Banking days have been changed to Wednesday & Thursdays - 8:30am - 1:00pm.

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME

If you have not returned your Student Resource Scheme (green form) - we need the form returned completed even if you opt to not participate in the scheme, so we can let you know what options you have to provide the programs for your child. If you wish to participate simply return your form and an invoice will be issued.



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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