



WOODLINKS

STATE SCHOOL

**Only Our Best,
Everyone,
Everyday**

DATE CLAIMERS:

8 August

Parade 2:30pm

15 August

Parade 2:30pm

10-17 August

Book Fair

19 August

National Science Week
Celebrations

22 August

Parade 2:30pm

26 August

Book Week Celebrations
Come dressed as your
favourite book character day.

29 August

Parade 2:30pm

1 September

Yr 2 Excursion—Lone Pine

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If you read, you will succeed!

Yesterday I was invited to Windsor State School to share the reading journey that our school community has embarked on. Principals and their staff were very impressed by the hard work of our students, parents, community members, teachers aides, teachers and our Leadership Team. Reading to succeed is catching and WoodLinks is on a fantastic journey that we are happy to share with our colleagues and other Regions. We are very proud of how students are continually improving their reading and how they are working hard towards their reading goals. Well done WoodLinks community.

Gala Days

Thank you to our teachers for giving up their time to coach our touch teams and basketball teams. Last Friday our teams played well and conducted themselves according to the WoodLinks Positive Behaviour Plan for Learning. We are very proud of their sportsmanship.

Thank you to our parents and teachers who are providing transport and a cheer squad for our teams. Keep up the great work WoodLinks.

Students not involved in the Gala Days are being provide with sports, dance and art activities. We are proud of the active participation of our student at inter and intra sports.

Super Readers of the Week



Vicki Caldw

Principal

Only Our Best, Everyday, Everyone

Regional winner

Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools

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Awards for Excellence in Schools



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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=b9ilBeJ5CUs&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%

29/07/2016

Prep- Yr 2

ID- 100%
2B- 100%
Prep A- 95.83%
Prep B- 95.45%
Prep E- 90.91%
1C- 89.13%
2A- 88%
1A- 86.36%
2C- 85.42%
Prep C- 85.42%
Prep D- 83.33%
1B- 78.57%

29/07/2016

Year 3-6

3C- 100%
3B- 95.83%
3A- 92%
5A- 91.38%
6B- 91.3%
5B- 91.07%
5/6- 88.89%
4B- 84%
4C- 80.43%
6A- 79.17%
4A- 72.92%

Recent WoodLinks data shows that the days with the lowest attendance rate are

Mondays and Fridays.

At WoodLinks we believe that 'Every Day Counts'.

Prep's

Prep students have been very busy over the past week both in and out of the classroom! At lunch time, we have been constructing a new cubby house to play in at lunch. The artistic abilities of our students can be seen through all the wonderful drawings covering the walls of the soon to be shop.

Reading

It is important that ALL students are reading every night. A large number of home readers are not being returned regularly. If you have any concerns with reading each night or cannot find a book, please see your child/children's classroom teacher as soon as possible. Reading Club has kicked off to a great start with many Prep children earning stamps toward the end of term Reading Club party. A reminder also, if you are clearing out any bookshelves at home and come across picture books that you no longer wish to keep, Ms Vickery in the library is more than happy to take donations of books for our children to access each week. *If you can read, you will succeed!*

Phonics

We are revising the sounds of /l/ /f/ /b/ /j/ and /z/ this week. Students are encouraged to find words at home each day that begin with the sound they revised that morning.

English

Prep students have begun composing some terrific 2 line rhymes this week! We are all very excited to listen to each rhyme be presented over the coming days. Students will each have a turn to respond to a partners rhyme by identifying the rhyming words and thinking about what turns a good presentation into a great presentation.

Maths

This week is all about patterning! We are becoming masters at AB patterns and are beginning to explore ABC patterns and growing patterns. Patterns are everywhere around us, how many can your child find at home? We are learning to identify and continue patterns and also describe how the pattern may change e.g. getting bigger by one each time.

Science

What is the weather like today? This is a great conversation starter to use every morning or afternoon with your child. We have been looking at different outfits for varying weather and how the weather can impact daily tasks and jobs. This week, we are going to create weather collages that depict how we observe the weather using our senses.

Have a wonderful week!

**Ms Mathieson
PE Teacher**

Year 1's

So far Term 3 has been a busy and productive term for the Year 1's with many engaging learning experiences for the children to explore. This week we are focusing on addition problems, completing our English unit on Human Qualities, and further exploring the sky in Science.

Maths: This week the children will be focusing on solving addition problems using strategies such as part-part-whole boxes as well as being introduced to part-part-whole equations. This will encourage the children to understand how to solve tricky maths equations.

English: The children have been learning all about how Human Qualities are portrayed on animals in books and films and have been creating characters to add into stories that they already know. This week is their final week on this topic and we will be concluding with their assessment, to create a character which could be added into a story. The children will need to think about what their character would do in the story, what it would say and what it's human qualities would be.

Science: After investigating changes in the sky and weather the children will begin to look at natural, managed and constructed landscapes as well as nocturnal and diurnal animals.

We have had a great start to Term 3 with high attendance levels and great participation from the children during class discussions. Keep up the great work!

**Mrs Shapland
Yr IC Teacher**

Year 2's

Our year 2's have been learning a variety of different things and making great achievements with their reading!

In English, we have been continuing to look at procedural texts. Students have been writing their own recipes in class, using command verbs and expanded noun groups. We made fairy bread during class, by following a recipe we wrote and students then enjoyed eating their creations! Our student's hard work is on display in the school office foyer, so please head in and have a look.

In Math, we have finished our unit on fractions and have begun learning about measurement using formal and informal units. During these lessons students will learn about length, capacity and area through a variety of hands on learning experiences. The content covered in maths has been included in their weekly homework, so please ensure your child continues to complete their homework each week to reinforce what they have been learning during class.

In science, we are continuing to learn about life cycles and living things. Students in 2A have been watching their meal worms shed their skins as they change from molted worms to large worms. We are eagerly waiting for them to change into pupae and from there into beetles. Our 'worm carers' enjoy feeding their worms every morning and ensuring they have a nice clean living environment.

Year 2's wishing well: All year two classes are running extremely low on glue sticks and tissues boxes which are necessities in our classrooms. If you are able to, we would really appreciate donations of these items.

Ms Dickson
Yr 2A Teacher

Year 3's

As we enter week four of Term 3 the students are busily working. Thank you to those students who are completing their homework each week. It's wonderful to see the progress that is being made with their spelling and becoming more confident with their maths problems. It is also great to see the amount of kids bringing their library bags to school on their nominated library day for borrowing. With the students wanting to reach goals in Literacy Pro. It's important that they are borrowing and reading books each week to then complete quizzes, to earn points.

In English the students are continue to look at 'The Lorax' and working on writing a retell from a different characters perspective. The students will present their retells to the class next week. In Maths the students are working on multiplication and division. In Science the students are continuing to look at heat and how to heat water. They will be undertaking a range of experiments to understand the concept better.

In technology this term, students will be using the design process to research, plan, create and evaluate a puppet to use in their drama production. For this we require some recycled craft materials such as: clean old socks and old shirts, cardboard boxes (cereal, biscuit, tissue), lids and containers, paddle pop sticks, felt etc. If you have any of these items lying around at home could you please send them with your child to school. We would really appreciate it.

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

Have a wonderful week

Thanks,

Miss McKenna
Yr 3A Teacher

Year 4's

Welcome to Week Four! We saw the power of positivity in action on Friday as Gala Sports Day commenced for the senior school. It was lovely to see how enthusiastic the students were to participate. Their eagerness paid off with many teams moving forward in the competition.

In English, we are learning to look at the First Fleet from many different character's perspectives. Research says, it is important to examine learning from several points of view in order to develop a greater understanding of the concept. For their assessment, students will use the interesting 1800's language and vocabulary to present a short spoken presentation. They must choose a character and present a recount of the events by "stepping into their shoes."

In class, we have been enjoying role-playing several different characters, for example, a 9 year old convict child landing in Sydney Cove and a young Aboriginal child watching the ships dock. We can't wait to see what they come up with in a couple of weeks' time!

This week, we are continuing to Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Learner in everything we do.

Have a super week!

**Mrs Van Vuuren
Yr 4A Teacher**

Year 5 and 6's

Well, here we are, week 4 already and this Term is nearly at the half way mark. In year 6, we are already well into the swing of things and it's only going to get busier. With WoodLinks' Got Talent, the Art Show, Literacy Pro and Gala Sport combined with English, Maths, Science, History Geography, Art, HPE, Music, and LOTE, you can see that our days are full to the brim with learning and excitement.

Literacy Pro

As most of you will probably know, WoodLinks has been trialling an online literacy program called Literacy Pro, in which students read books and the answer questions about these books online. If the quiz is answered successfully, the number of words from the book is added to a class tally. Some classes have already read upwards of 3000 000 words!!! This term, Literacy Pro is taking a forward step into each classroom, with displays being set up to show students how well they are doing and how many words/points they are recording. Don't forget, if your child is interested in completing quizzes at home, you can connect to the Literacy Pro website via the WoodLinks State School homepage (link is on the right hand side).

Gala Sport

Last week also saw the beginning of a new term of gala sport, featuring TRL (touch rugby league) and basketball. Both the girls and boys involved in these teams had a wonderful day out, with every team winning at least one game but more importantly every student having a wonderful time experiencing success as part of a team. Those students not involved also participated in a range of activities back at school, including Zumba (for an hour and a half no less!), art and Nukem (ask your child, they can explain).

Art Show

Grade 6 has also been busily preparing some wonderful pieces of art for this year's Art Show. I know in both 6A and 6B there has been some art created using song lyrics while in 5/6 there have been some fantastic WoodLinks inspired class artworks created as well. Don't forget to keep the 9th of September free to come along and have a look at all of the student's hard work.

WoodLinks' Got Talent

And speaking of the Art Show, on the night there will also be the final of the WoodLinks' Got Talent competition. Auditions have been running this past week and everybody in the senior school is particularly excited to see the incredible talent on display within the school.

And Finally...

As a challenge to all you parents and guardians out there. Try asking your child each night about something they learned during their day at school. The more each student can tell you about what they have learned, the better they understand and comprehend what they are learning. You might also be surprised and learn something new yourself... I know I do every single day.

**Mr Wooly
Yr 6A Teacher**

HPE News

Last Friday was the first of 4 half day Gala Days for the term. This term senior students from WoodLinks are involved in TRL (Touch Rugby League) and Basketball. Congratulations to the Senior and Junior girls TRL teams for winning all their games on Friday. The senior girls defeated Staines 3-1 and Collingwood Park 3-2, while the junior girls defeated Collingwood Park 2-1 and Westside Christian College 4 nil. A great effort for a group of girls who have never played the game before. The basketballers and boys TRL teams also tasted success with wins in their competition. Well done!

A massive thank you to the wonderful parents and teachers who transported the students to and from the venues on Friday. Without your support in the students of WoodLinks would not be able to participate in these sorts of events. Thank you again for your continued support. Round 2 of the Gala Days is on this Friday. All the best.

“Do you know what my favourite part of the game is? The opportunity to play.”

Mike Singletary.

**Mr Artates
HPE Teacher**

WHAT'S NEW

SMS NOTIFICATION SERVICE

If your child/ren are away from school without an explanation you will now receive a SMS from the school notifying you of their absence. You can then either reply to the sms with a reason or phone the office.

**Please do not use this number for any other messages.
Only reply to messages sent to you.**

If you child/ren are away please either phone the office on **3381 4666** or the absence line on **3381 4688**.

Thank you to those parents/caregivers that have returned the form that was recently sent home to confirm or update **parent** contact details. If you haven't returned this form please do so **URGENTLY**. We need to ensure all information regarding address and phone numbers are correct for each parent. This information will also be used when we start inviting parents to start using QParents.

If you require another copy of the form, please come into the office and ask the admin staff.



OUR ANNUAL WALL PLANNERS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED

Your child received our Annual Wall Planner recently to take home! If you did not receive one please contact our Administration Staff.

These planners are a fantastic communication tool letting you know all our important School dates over the next 12 months.

If you would like the opportunity to showcase your business on our next planner please do not hesitate to contact

 **classroom calendars**
on 1300 987 650

Please support the community that supports your school.
It's easy to find local business to give 'Biggles Wood'

Curriculum Conversations

Premier's Reading Challenge

We are now on the countdown the Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on the 26th of August. Please be getting in those reading record forms. A big CONGRATULATIONS to 2B and 3C who have all completed the challenge. Well done!! Don't forget we also want your reading record sheets, once completed please hand these into the office.

Poetry Competition

Congratulations to all our poetry winners and merit award winners!!

Winners		Merit Awards	
Year 3	Amelia Merrick	Year 3	Scott and Mathew
Year 4	Alema		
Year 5	Georgia McWhirter	Year 5	Bridgette, Mitchell and Liam
Year 6	Meto	Year 6	Mia, Umnia and Amanda

Our winners and merit award winners will be heading off to the State Library on the 9th of September to participate in the Annual Brisbane Writer's Festival, there they will take part in two workshops "Wordburger" with David Astle and "Let's Get Spooky" with Lee Battersby.

All entries in our poetry competition have now been entered into the Ipswich Poetry Feast. Good luck everyone.

Book Week

On the 26th of August, as a celebration of Book Week and the conclusion of the Premier's Reading challenge, WoodLinks will hold its annual "Come dressed as your favourite book character." We look forward to seeing the wonderful costumes and hearing about the characters students have chosen.

Science Week

On the 19th of August we will celebrate National Science Week by hosting a number of groups who will be running sessions with all students across the school. The theme this year is "Drones, Droids and Robots" students will have the opportunity of working with Beebots, Ozobots and Lego Mindstorms.

Prep Enrolment

We are now taking enrolments for Prep 2017, if your child was born between the 1st of July 2011 and the 30th of June 2012 they are eligible to start prep next year. Come up to the office and pick up an enrolment form. Our Prep Transition Program starts on the 11th of October.

Until next time

Mrs Lesley Gollan
Head of Curriculum

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

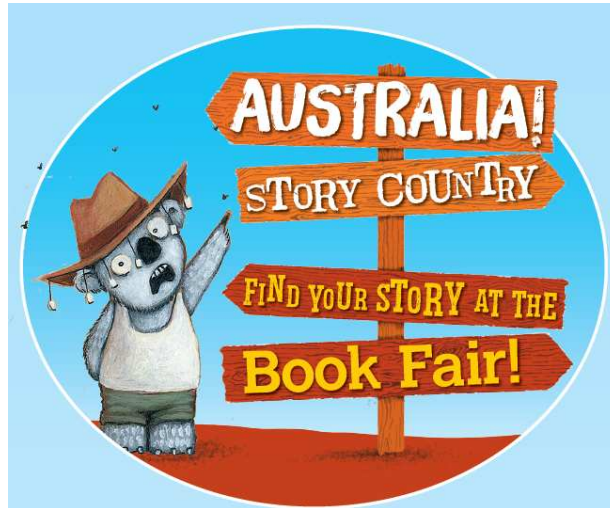
Banking days have been changed to Wednesday & Thursdays - 8:30am - 1:00pm.

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME FEE

If you haven't returned your Student Resource Scheme form, please check your child's bag as they should have been given another form (not green) for completion. If you **DO NOT** wish to participate you still need to return the form so we know. If you agree to participate, please complete the form and return it to the office ASAP and a invoice will be created and sent home.

Any problems please contact the office on 3381 4666.

BOOK FAIR



Wednesday 10/08/16 – Tuesday 16/08/16

Parents can purchase items at the following times

8:30-9:00am—Library

3:00-3:30pm—Library

Students can purchase items during second break.

Payments can be made with cash or EFTPOS





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 17th August @ 2:30pm

- **Week 7: Speech and Language with our Speechie 'Chelsea'**

Tuesday 23rd August @ 2:30pm

- **Week 8: Positive Behaviour for Learning with Miss Hiley**

Friday 2nd September @ 2:30pm

- **Week 9: Support a reader - A guide for the parent of a struggling reader – Ms Seib**

Thursday 8th September @ 2:30pm

- **Week 10: Parenting Support with Mercy Family Services and Sarah our Guidance Officer**

Tuesday 13th September @ 2:00pm



Volunteers Wanted for Kitchen Garden Program

The success of this unique and exciting Program relies on the support of volunteers.

There is nothing more satisfying than sharing a delicious meal created with fresh produce that you have grown from seed to harvest. Every term over 200 school children share in this experience as part of the Kitchen Garden Program at WoodLinks State School.

You don't have to be a green thumb or a naked chef, you just have to love growing food, eating food and being with children.

If you would like to volunteer in the kitchen or garden, whether you have one hour to spare or a whole afternoon, we would love to hear from you.

Contact: Deborah Farrell
On: 07 33814666
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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