

WWW. WoodLinks Wednesday Weekly

From the Principal's Desk

4th May 2016



WOODLINKS

STATE SCHOOL

**Only Our Best,
Everyone,
Everyday**

DATE CLAIMERS:

4 May

P&C Meeting 6:30pm

5 May

Mothers Day stall

10-12 May

NAPLAN

13 May

Ipswich Show Day Holiday

20 May / 27 May &

3 June

Gala Sports Day

If you read, you will succeed!

Thank you to those people who have been attending our parent sessions. We have offered beginning stages of reading – concepts of print/phonic, Literacy Pro – online reading program for years 3-6 and how to use Reading Eggs at home. If you missed the Reading Eggs session, don't worry we are offering another session on Thursday 5th May at 2:15pm in the Library.

Week 6, Tuesday 17 May we will be offering a workshop with our Speech and Language Pathologist at 8:15am in our library. We would love to see you come along to the workshop.

Week 8, Tuesday 31 May, 8:15am and Thursday 2 June, 2:15pm you can come along to a Support-a-Reader workshop – A guide for a parent of a struggling reader.

Week 10, Tuesday 14 June, 8:15am and Thursday 16 June at 2:15pm you can find out how to extend your child's reading using QAR – Question, Answer, and Response.

We hope to see you all at these workshops to help students to read to succeed.

Cross Country Success

We would like to congratulate all students who participated in the recent district cross country competition, well done everyone. Read the results in Mr Artates article. We would also like to thank the parents who supported the students and Mr Artates for facilitating the event for our students.

One Sight

Last week we offered free initial eye assessment to students in our school. OneSight screened 88 children and issued 53 Vision vouchers for students to seek further testing. We encourage all parents who receive these vouchers to get their children tested as this is important so that students can have success at school. For further details please contact our Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy, Mrs Gollan

Reader of the Week



Vicki

Acting Principal

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Prep's

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) focus this week is "Being respectful". In particular, we are explicitly teaching our students how to be respectful in the eating area.

This looks like

Children staying seated - Rubbish going in the bin
Children eating their lunch - A neat and tidy eating area

It sounds like:

Children talking to their partner (people sitting nearby)
Children asking permission to go the toilet
Following adult instructions straight away

It feels like:

Calm - Clean - Safe

Learning

Phonics: In our jolly phonics this week we are focussing on qu, ou and oi. On Tuesday 3rd May we made a beautiful class quilt and read the story of Mr Q and Miss U who realised that together they could make lots of words such as queen, quilt and quack!

English

This week students have been learning how to retell the sequence of the story. We are beginning to write sentences using our developing knowledge of letters and sounds.

Maths

This week the children are drawing a plan of a house and creating it with 2D shapes. We have learnt about triangles, squares, circles and rectangles. The children are considering which shapes are the best choices for making a house. Which shape makes a good roof? Why? Which shape will I choose for my door? Our next topic is Number. It is a great idea to talk to your child about counting in everyday life. Asking questions such as how many apples are there in the fruit bowl?

Science

We are investigating a variety of materials such as wood, brick, glass, straw and plastic and children are thinking about the properties of these materials. Are they soft? Are they hard? Are they strong? This Friday we are reading the familiar fairytale *Three Little Pigs* and considering the houses the little pigs made. Students will have the opportunity to design their own house based on their developing knowledge of materials and their properties.

Ms Austen
Prep D Teacher

Year 1's

Week 4 is here already!

Term 2 is going full speed ahead with Year 1 completing lots of different activities.

This week we are busy consolidating all our knowledge on verbs, nouns and adjectives to write a character description on Gerald from the story '*Giraffes Can't Dance*'.

Our writing is improving so much and getting a lot more detailed. In maths we are revising place value, using our tens and ones as well as learning all about fractions (halves and quarters).

Homework is now regularly being sent out on a weekly basis. If you are finding homework difficult or have any questions, please see your child's class teacher.

Please remember that magic words and home reading is still a priority and the homework sheet is an additional task.

As we continue to test reading each day, we are so pleased with the results we are finding. Thank you parents for your hard work helping your child and us reach their goal. We look forward to continuing this process and assist your child in reaching their full potential.

Miss Daley
Year 1B Teacher

Year 2's

Thank you to parents who are continually providing support to the Year 2 classes with the changing of home readers. This is a big help and we really appreciate it.

Reading groups are continuing every morning and all of the year two teachers have been super impressed with the improvement that each student is making. Congratulations to the students who have been selected as Readers of the Week so far. Keep up the great reading!

In English, our students have been planning their non-stereotypical fairy tale character. They are writing about the appearance, qualities, actions and thoughts of their created character. Next week, students will take on the role of their character and present this to their class. We are looking forward to seeing the voices and actions that students use to portray their characters. It will be a very interesting and funny week in Year 2!

In Math, we have begun learning about algebra and patterns. During these lessons students will represent numbers in counting sequences, identify, describe and continue number sequences and patterns, as well as make models that represent number sequences. The content covered in math has been included in the weekly homework, so please ensure your child continues to complete their homework each week to reinforce what they have been learning at school.

We are still having days with low levels of attendance. Every day counts at school and it is important that students understand the value of attending school. Please ensure that your child attends school every day.

Also, a reminder that the Mothers' Day stall is on this Thursday 5 of May.

**Ms Dickson
Yr 2A Teacher**

Year 3's

Next week the students will be completing the NAPLAN test on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It is very important your child is at school on time to ensure a smooth transition for them and to ensure the test starts on time.

We will be holding breakfast club on those mornings to ensure all students have had breakfast and are ready for the day. It is also very important that your child has had a good night's sleep.

The students have been doing lots of practice in reading, writing, spelling and numeracy and will do a great job in their tests. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's teacher to discuss these further.

For the duration of this term, the students have been looking at persuasion in English and are learning to write a persuasive letter. They have looked at a range of picture books that look at the importance of family and how it can be different. In Math the students are working on three digit numbers and improving their addition and subtraction skills. In Science we are continuing to look at, and understand that, the Earth rotates on its axis and is responsible for regular changes including sunrise and sunset.

Just a few friendly reminders:

Please ensure your child is completing their homework each week. Homework comes out on a Monday and is due back on a Friday. Some children still don't have a library bag/folder. It's important that they are borrowing from the library each week. Please check in with your child to see if they have one.

Have a wonderful week.

Thanks,

**Miss McKenna
Year 3A Teacher**

Year 4's

Welcome to Week 4 of Term 2! I hope you all had a wonderful Labour Day holiday.

What's happening in Year 4?

This week students are productively writing their first Traditional Narrative where they must include a moral (a lesson to be learnt). I have had a sneak peak at some already and I've seen some sizzling starts! Our writing skills are improving incredibly and our stories are made even better when we remember to use noun groups, verb groups, pronouns and lots of adjectives.

In History we are studying Christopher Columbus and his journeys of exploration. We are looking at timelines that will help us write our historical narratives for our assessment piece in the next few weeks.

Reminder: Thursday there will be the Mother's Day stall where students will have the opportunity to buy a special gift and anyone who misses will have a chance on the Friday to find something special.

If your child wishes to purchase an item please send them to school with approximately \$5 in change. Gifts range from \$2 up to \$5.

Let's get to school EVERY DAY! If you Read, you will Succeed!

Miss Newbold
Year 4A Teacher

Years 5 & 6

In Week 2 the Year 6 students spent an exciting three days at School Camp. We went to Luther Heights at Coolum and enjoyed a fabulous few days learning about KFC. (No! Not the chicken!) We learnt that **kindness** and **cooperation** leads to increased **fun** for everyone.

On Monday, after surviving an incident free bus ride, we placed our bags in our cabins and had a delicious lunch. We then headed down to the beach for some games that required a lot of team work to succeed. On Tuesday and Wednesday we had more team challenges that required overcoming some fears on the flying fox. We also made our own rafts, which the students then had to row across the lagoon. The students made themselves and their teachers proud by working together and being fabulous representatives of WoodLinks State School.

Back in the classroom, students have been learning about how advertisers influence us with layout and language. Students will be doing a comprehension test and creating their own advertisement later in the term to demonstrate what they have learnt.

In Math, we have been learning about multiplying and dividing by multiples of 10, and we will be moving on to square and triangular number pattern over the coming days. Your budding scientists are also exploring electricity and circuits.

Our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program has been going very well this Term. We have cooked an Indian menu and a Mexican menu. This week we are exploring Asian flavours we San Chow Bow, sushi, fried rice and rainbow rice paper rolls.

Please contact your child's teacher if you are interested in helping out either in the kitchen or the garden. This is a wonderful program that relies on volunteers. We look forward to hearing from you.

Ms Brady
Year 6B Teacher



HPE NEWS

Central District Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to the 26 students who represented WoodLinks at the Central District Cross Country Carnival last Friday. The students involved lived up to the WoodLinks Way of "Only our best, Everyone, Everyday". Each runner from our school finished in the middle of the field except for Bridgette Hutchinson. Bridgette literally ran until she dropped and managed to finish 5th in her race. She has managed to secure a spot in the next round of competition, which is the Regional Carnival, held later in the term. Well done Bridgette!

Regional Rugby League

Congratulations to Edwin Andrew from 5/6 for being involved in the recent Regional Trials for the Under 12s Rugby League team for Metwest. This event was held last Tuesday and Wednesday. Well done!

Regional Netball

Congratulations to Chantelle Hastie from 6B for being involved in the recent Regional Trials for the Under 12s Netball team for Metwest. This event was held last Wednesday and Thursday. Well done!

Gala Days

Last week many students trialled out for a spot in our school's Netball and Soccer Teams. It was a very hard task for coaches to select their squad for the upcoming Gala Days which will begin in week 6. Well done to the students who gave it a go and to those that were selected. A note will be sent home this week explaining the procedures and costs for this event.

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

Andre Agassi

Mr Artates
HPE Teacher

Mothers' Day Stall

On Thursday 5 of May the P & C will be holding their annual Mothers' Day stall from 9am to 3pm. During the day children will be able to come over to the hall at their teachers chosen time and pick their gifts. The stall will also be open during the 1st/2nd break, before and after school at the front gates on Friday. Gifts will range from \$2 to \$5 with cards available for \$1. We encourage parents to please talk to your child beforehand about how much they have to spend and how many gifts they are allowed to buy. Gifts available are displayed randomly on the WoodLinks School Facebook page if you have any questions please email Kimberley at kimberleywrigley@hotmail.com or phone 0413431473

Time	Class
9:00am	5B
9:10am	5A
9:20am	5/6
9:30am	6B
9:40am	Prep A
9:50am	Prep E
10:00am	Prep D
10:10am	6A
10:20am	
10:30am	3C
10:40am	3B
11:00am	LUNCH
11:40am	1C
11:50am	1D
12:00pm	1B
12:10pm	1A
12:20pm	Prep B
12:30pm	Prep C
12:40pm	4B
12:50pm	4A
1:00pm	3A
1:10pm	4C
1:30pm	LUNCH
2:20pm	2B
2:30pm	2A
2:40pm	2C



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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IPSWICH SHOW

FRIDAY 13 - SUNDAY 15 MAY 2016
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Don't miss the African Safari Animal Zoo animatronic display •
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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