



WOODLINKS

STATE SCHOOL

**Only Our Best,
Everyone,
Everyday**

DATE CLAIMERS:

5 October

P&C meeting 3:30pm—Library

Tues 11, 18, 25 Oct & 1

Nov

Pre Prep Program 2-3pm

Thurs 13, 20, 27 Oct & 3

Nov

Pre Prep Program 2-3pm

17 October

Student Free Day

28 October

P&C Disco

2 November

P&C Meeting

If you read, you will succeed!

Welcome back WoodLinks Community

It was great to walk around the school and see the smiling faces of students, teachers and parents as we start term 4. This term students and teachers are busy with assessment for semester 2 report cards. We remind our students and community to continue to be respectable, be safe and be learners.

We encourage our year 6 students to enjoy their last term at WoodLinks and remember to be great role models for our younger students. We will be celebrating our year 6 graduation on Wednesday 7 December, where we invite parents and family members to come along to farewell our students and wish them well for their future.

Our end of year parties will be held on Thursday 8 December and Friday 9 December will be our clean up day at school. Students can come along on the last day in free dress and help our staff clean up our classrooms ready for 2017.

Volunteers are always welcome at our school in our classrooms or tuckshop on Fridays, Breakfast Club, Library and Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. If you are interested in volunteering, please talk to your child's teacher or come and speak to our friendly office staff.

Reader of the Week

Thank you to everyone who has come along to help our students celebrate being reader of the week. We hope to see lots of supporters each Wednesday to help ensure our students keep Reading to Succeed.

Sun Safety is important at WoodLinks

As the weather gets hotter we encourage all students to wear their school hat. It is disappointing to see students not able to participate in Physical Education if they do not have a hat to wear. All hats need to be labelled so they can be returned to their owner.

We think WoodLinks should be an Independent Public School (IPS) Do you?

Please read the information below. At the P&C meeting today we will be discussing how and why WoodLinks should become IPS. For our application to become successful we need to consult with Parents, our staff and Local Consultative Committee (this is made up of representatives of our staff unions)

If you want to know more about IPS visit <http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/independent-public-schools/resources/ips-prospectus.pdf>

What does it mean to be an Independent Public School?

IPS are a catalyst for positive system-wide change that leads to improved services and learning outcomes for all state school students. They partner with their school community to create and pursue a shared strategic direction that focuses on student wellbeing and improved student outcomes.

The IPS initiative provides opportunities for:

- enhanced local governance
- advancing innovation
- locally-tailored workforce
- financial flexibility
- building for the future
- public accountability, transparency and performance.

From Principal's desk continued.....

How will Queensland Independent Public Schools be supported?

Queensland Independent Public Schools continue to remain part of the state's strong public schooling system. They have access to the same support as other Queensland state schools and maintain the same core values. Each school that becomes an IPS receives a \$50,000 upfront establishment grant to assist with the transition to IPS, and \$50,000 per annum for functions associated with becoming an IPS.

What will it mean for students?

Independent Public Schools are empowered to shape their own strategic direction and make decisions that will directly benefit their students. They have an enhanced capacity to work directly with local businesses, industry and community organisations. Schools also have greater flexibility to tailor the curriculum to directly suit the needs of their students. This tailor-made approach will mean students may benefit from opportunities such as International Baccalaureate, extracurricular and gateway programs, or access to centres of excellence.

Other benefits include:

Enhanced local governance

- Community engagement is an essential feature of any high-functioning school, and central to the operation of an Independent Public School.
- All Independent Public Schools should establish a school council within 12 months of becoming an IPS.
- The school council is a vital means of engaging with, and being held to account by, parents, school staff and the community.
- School councils approve and monitor the school's strategic direction, further strengthening collaborative local decision-making.

Advancing innovation

Independent Public Schools are high potential schools afforded some operational flexibility to test new ways of working. With this flexibility is the expectation that they share the innovative practice that lifts the performance of their own school and supports positive change across the entire state schooling system.

Once becoming an Independent Public School, the school will:

- proactively identify potential challenges and opportunities for enhancing school performance and student wellbeing and success
- trial innovative ways of working, with a view to building strong evidence-based practice about the most effective measures and interventions in various schooling contexts
- share the learnings and drive positive, evidence-based reforms across the system.

To be most effective in these endeavours, Independent Public Schools will reach out and capitalise on the expertise of various partners in their local community and beyond, making use of the skills that exist in the government, private and not-for-profit sectors. Independent Public Schools will then help facilitate system reform by using system networks that will encourage wider adoption of evidence-based initiatives and ideas.

Increased financial flexibility

Like all state schools, Independent Public Schools can flexibly direct their budget to best meet their students' individual needs. Schools manage their appropriation budget based on their identified needs.

Supporting our Independent Public Schools

In Queensland, Independent Public Schools drive their own school improvement design, maximise student outcomes within their schools and contribute to change across the system. The initiative is strengthened by system supports that enable them to fulfil their role. Independent Public Schools receive a one-off \$50,000 up-front establishment grant to assist with their transition, and \$50,000 per annum for functions associated with becoming an Independent Public School.

From Principal's desk continued.....

Independent Public Schools remain part of the state school system and they continue to have access to:

- existing liability insurance
- legal and media advice
- financial and procurement advice
- industrial relations advice and support
- Curriculum into the Classroom
- OneSchool
- MyHR
- WorkCover Queensland support
- central and regional office support
- high-quality professional development opportunities.

If you have any further questions please come along to our meetings to be held on Tuesday 11 October at 2:15pm, Thursday 13 October at 3:30pm in the Resource Centre. Or email principal@woodlinksss.eq.edu.au. We look forward to hearing from you.

Late Arrivals

We have noticed an increase in numbers of students that are continually arriving late to school. **Students need to be arriving at school and in the classroom by 8.50am.** Rolls are marked at 9am. We will be monitoring the number of late arrivals and if it becomes a regular occurrence, then we will be organising an appointment with parents to see what we can do to get the children to school on time.

School Uniform Policy

Upon walking around the school I have noticed a few children with tracks in their hair. Please note as per our Uniform Policy it states that tracks are not allowed. See extract below. The policy is available to read on our website. www.woodlinksss.eq.edu.au

Hair and Makeup

All students at WoodLinks are to be well groomed and the following must be adhered to:

- *Hair must be neat, clean, tidy and maintained to a presentable standard; Long hair (longer than shoulder length) is to be tied back due to Workplace Health and Safety policies; (tracks are not permitted, parents will be required to discuss this with the Principal)*
- *It is unacceptable for hair to be coloured or dyed a 'non-natural' colour. Students will be asked to recolour to a more natural colour at their own expense;*
- *Students may wear hair ribbons or clips in the WoodLinks colours. (navy, jade, burnt orange or white) All other accessories are not permitted. These include but are not limited to bandanas, beanies (with the exception in winter where a navy beanie can be worn), bright coloured headwear;*
- *Eyeliner, eye shadow, mascara, and other heavy makeup is not permitted;*

Vicki Caldwell

Principal

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P&C News

P&C meeting today Wednesday 5.10.16 @ 3.30pm in Resource Centre. Everybody welcome.

The P&C are always after more volunteers. Please don't be shy and come and help out. Contact pandc@woodlinksss.eq.edu.au Many hands make light work.

Candy Topp
P&C President

Admin News

SMS Notification

We recently started a new procedure for any unexplained student absences. Instead of the time consuming effort of trying to contact parents by phone, we now are sending out SMS's to the designated parent. If you receive an SMS please 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.

Please DO NOT use this number for any other messages or to put in future absences.

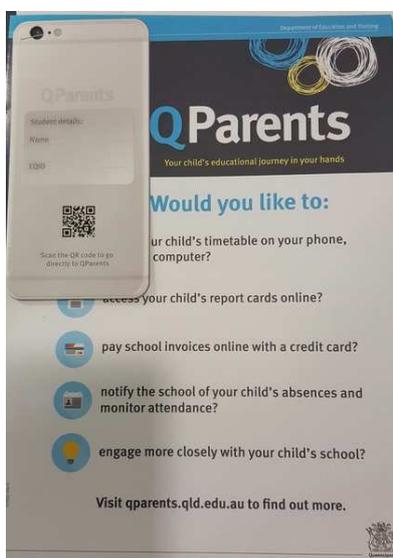
Reminder that if the students are not in class by 9am when the rolls are marked, they are required to obtain a late slip from the office. **Without this they will be marked as absent and you will receive an SMS.**

QPARENTS

The last week of Term 3 all students were given information about Qparents, plus we emailed out an invitation to parents to sign up to Qparents. If you did not receive the emailed invitation please contact the school.

If you have changed your email address or have not registered one with the school please email admin@woodlinksss.eq.edu.au or call into the office and fill out a form ASAP.

If you have any questions or problems please email admin@woodlinksss.eq.edu.au or come into the office.



HPE News



MILO T20 Blast is an action based program that involves a modified game of cricket. All equipment is provided and no experience is necessary. Sessions run for 1.5 hours, weekly.

Register at playcricket.com.au. Click on the “Where Can I Play” box, and type in your postcode to find your nearest centre

Contact: Danielle Portelli 0432 329 668



MILO in2CRICKET Program

MILO in2CRICKET involves modified activities and the development of the basic fundamentals of cricket. All equipment is provided and no experience is necessary. Sessions run for 1 hour, weekly.

Register at playcricket.com.au. Click on the “Where Can I Play” box, and type in your postcode to find your nearest centre

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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



Welcome to Bundamba State Secondary College

Principal Led School Tour

Tuesday 6th September 2016 commencing at 3:15pm

Wednesday 12th October 2016 commencing at 3:15pm

Tuesday 8th November 2016 commencing at 3:15pm

Year 7 Enrolment Days for 2017

29th July 2016

8th September 2016

17th October 2016

Please call the School on 3816 6333 to make an appointment

Year 7 Transition Day

Will be held in Term 4 Week 9 on a day yet to be finalised.

Notification will be by text message

AFTER SCHOOL CARE by Camp Australia
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GREAT FUN

- ★ Outdoor games and sports
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- ★ Playing with friends
- ★ Great Educators
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- ★ 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



SUNDAY
OCTOBER
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REDBANK PLAINS OPEN DAY

**Jones Rd Redbank Plains
11am - 2pm**

Come down to your local Scout den and see what it is all about.
All sections will have fun filled activities you can join in with.
Meet the leaders and have them answer any questions you have.
All ages welcome, join from ages 6 to adult.
Free Sausage Sizzle and drinks available for purchase .
For further information please contact group leader
Patricia Whitehead 0427 760 273

Be Prepared for new adventure!



Dear Danielle

Thank you so much for hosting National Pyjama Day at Woodlinks State School and for raising funds for children in foster care.

At the Pyjama Foundation, we make dreams more of a reality, through helping these children with reading, writing and providing consistent love and support.

With your help, we will be able to continue to support the 1,500+ children we have in our Love of Learning program.

We are so thrilled to announce we reached our National Pyjama Day target of raising \$100,000 for kids in foster care.

Thanks to your generosity, and support, we will be able to achieve our goal of screening, recruiting and training more volunteer mentors, called 'Pyjama Angels' so that they can be matched with foster children who are eagerly waiting for their arrival.

Once again, thank you for helping little people with BIG dreams.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bronwyn Sheehan'.

Bronwyn Sheehan
Founder and Executive Director
The Pyjama Foundation

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