If you read, you will succeed!

Over the last few weeks our Master Teacher, Mr Gallagher, our Head of Curriculum, Mrs Donley, teachers and I have been working together in case management meetings to discuss students goals and targets in reading. In these meetings we share ideas and strategies for improvement which includes vocabulary, inferential comprehension, phonics and sight words and lots more for students to become fluent readers who know what authors are telling us about books and developing their understanding of texts.

These meetings are exciting as we get to celebrate student reading success with Teachers and the hard work they do everyday to ensure students are provided with feedback in reading to reach their reading goals.

We look forward to sharing our guided reading with you next week on Wednesday 16 March, P-2 at 10 am and 3-6 at 11:30am. Please join us for coffee and tea in our library courtyard. Open classroom invitations will be coming home this week so please keep an eye out for them.

We are also excited to be hosting lots of schools interested in our reading journey. Last week we were visited by Karalee, Fernvale and DeeBing Heights State Schools. Next week we are being visited by Marshall Road State School teachers and administrators. On Friday 18 March we will be hosting a breakfast meeting for Principal and administrators and sharing our reading journey and community engagement through our Reading Club and Super Reader of the week. Our school captains have been busy making a movie of our exciting reading journey throughout the school.

We are also excited that Ms Wilson is directing our staff to make a video about reading that we will share in assembly once it is finished. Stay tuned for this exciting event. Mr B will be featured in the video as well.

Cross Country
Please join us for our whole school cross country next Thursday 17 March. A letter went home yesterday with all the details about this exciting event. Our P&C will be having a sausage sizzle with drinks and Zoopa Doopers for sale. Come along and support our sports teams.

Bullying No Way!
Friday 18 March students at WoodLinks can wear something orange to show their support to stop bullying at school and in society. No other colours are permitted. If you don't have something orange then students should wear their school uniform.

Dress Code
As the holidays are coming up soon it is timely to remind everyone of our school dress code. Thank you those students who are wearing our uniform with pride. Well done.

Students will need to have either black or white shoes, white socks and no tights are permitted unless they are worn in winter, navy blue excepted. Letters will be sent home in term 2 to those students not following the dress code. Students will be referred to the code of behaviour and parents will be informed of the breach.

If you have religious reasons or concerns please make an appointment to see me.
P&C Association

Last Wednesday the WoodLinks P&C held their AGM for 2016. I am pleased to introduce our new committee members:

President  
Mrs Candy Topp

Vice-President  
Ms Leah Sullivan

Secretary  
Mrs Jodie Dean

Treasurer  
Mrs Stephanie Simmons

Uniform Convenor  
Mrs Melissa McWhirter

Fundraising Coordinator
Ms Kimberley Wrigley with committee members Mrs Leann Rutledge, Mrs Linda Tucker and Mrs Melissa McWhirter. We would welcome more volunteers for our fundraising ventures during the year.

We look forward to the support of the P&C during 2016. We hope to see lots more parents at our May meeting.

Thank you to everyone for your support of our Tuckshop. Last week we had heaps of volunteers. If you can spare a few hours on Friday we would love your help. Thank you Ms Cook for your hard work.

Vicki Caldow
Acting Principal

Only Our Best, Everyday, Everyone
Welcome to week 7! The term is already flying by and we are so impressed with the development and growth of our year ones. Last week it was great to see such improvement in writing and reading in just a short seven weeks. The year one teachers are excited to see what the rest of year will bring.

**English:**
This week the year ones are consolidating their writing skills learnt this term and beginning their assessment piece, writing a retell on the story ‘Alexander’s Outing” by Pamella Allen. We will apply our knowledge of simple sentences to retell the story's beginning, middle and end.

**Maths:**
We are so proud with how quickly the year ones picked up the concept of addition and subtraction last week. This week we are moving onto representing teen numbers in different ways. This includes tens frames, part-part-whole models, concrete materials, writing the words and writing the numerals.

**Science:**
In Science we have been looking at living things, their needs and habitats. We are continuing building our understanding of this concept by observing healthy and unhealthy environments. On Wednesday the 16th of March we are lucky enough to have Amber Preiksa from the RSPCA visit the year one students with some animals to discuss the best way to care for them.

Just a reminder about fruit break in the morning. Each class has a short period of time set aside for students to eat a piece of fruit/vegetable. Please be packing your child a piece of fruit or vegetables to allow for maximum concentration. **Only fruit or vegetables will be allowed during this time.**

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**Music News**

Hi, the music department is all a buzz right now with a happening scene of three choirs all rehearsing for their first big gig on Harmony Day. Plus there was much excitement in the past two weeks with band instruments being allocated to Band Members. And let’s hope that when they take them back home every Tuesday afternoon that they practice, practice, practice.

**Current information on weekly rehearsals:**

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We would also like to extend a welcome invitation to any parents that play a band Instrument to come join us on Tuesdays for band practice. So if you have an instrument that you used to play and it’s sitting around the house somewhere, dust it off and come along and start playing again.

**Ms Genova**  
Music Teacher
Wow, Term 1 is flying by so quickly.

Our Year 2 students have started a new unit in English on narrative writing. Our main focus is the structural features of narratives so we have been using Story Mountains to summarise a variety of narratives into parts such as orientation, complication and resolution. We have also been completing character maps and discussing how characters look, act and feel is stories. Our students will be applying their knowledge to their own narrative writing later in the term and we look forward to reading them.

In Maths, we have been looking at Part-Part-Whole problem solving when answering word problems. Students have to use their reading comprehension skills to work out what a word problem is asking and then use the Part-Part-Whole strategy to complete the problem. This also demonstrates how our students can double check their answers.

In Science, we are continuing to work on materials and their purposes. Students have been investigating ways different materials can be used for a range of purposes. We have also been determining what materials work well in different environments. Students will be applying what they have learnt when making their own products later in the term.

It has been great to see so many year 2 students attending reading club in the mornings and I would like to thank parents for encouraging your child’s reading every day.

Have a Paw-fect week!

Miss Bonnett
Yr 2C Teacher

The last two weeks of term are going to be very busy and exciting ones. We look forward to welcoming parents into our classrooms on Wednesday the 16th to share with you our guided reading lessons. The year three classrooms are open to parents from 11.30 to 12.

The school cross country is on Thursday the 17th – it is vital that children have a school hat with them on this day.

The Easter bonnet parade is on Wednesday the 23rd. The Year Three cohort are making their hats at school. Any donations of coloured card, feathers, fabrics or wool scraps and any other craft items would be greatly appreciated.

Our last day of school for the term, Thursday the 24th, is a free dress day with a superhero theme. This ties in with the WoodLinks superhero characters of Super Learner, Super Safe and Super Respectful. Please ensure that your child’s outfit is sun and play safe. If the outfit may be particularly hot, for example: a whole body suit, please send a sun safe set of clothes for changing into if required.

Thank you to the parents that have been support your child’s learning through the set homework tasks. Maintaining the link between home and school learning is important for student progress. Week Eight will be the last for homework this term. In order to stocktake our resources, all home readers, library books and homework folders should be returned to school on the Friday of Week Eight or the beginning of Week Nine (March 21st).

We are still experiencing some very hot days so please ensure your child is bringing a water bottle to help keep hydrated during class, and school bucket hat to school every day.

Ms Stemp
Year 3C Teacher
The year 4s have thoroughly enjoyed cooking and gardening thus far – a sincere thank you to our generous volunteers – we simply could not do it without the support.

We completed our first English unit on The Twits last week with the ‘creating a new chapter’ assessment. There has indeed been some creative writing and it has been wonderful to see – well done! This week we commenced unit 2 by studying some of the common language features of poetry. In particular, we are investigating spoonerisms, neologisms, onomatopoeia, alliteration, pattern and rhyme. We are confident the year 4s will be just as successful with this unit.

Additionally, our Science assessment has also begun with students working in groups to complete a poster in relation to an endangered animal – its’ habitat, life-cycle, diet and location are some of the headlines to be presented.

Guided reading saw the introduction of the students’ own ‘SMART goals bookmarks’ (a whole-school initiative) which were created to enhance their skills within a specific comprehension area. These goals will help frame their learning and deepen their abilities to decode the vocabulary and the meaning or main idea of a text.

There has been a lot of exciting discussions about the cross country carnival next week and both the year 4 teachers and students are looking forward to a fantastic day, full of marvellous motivation and enthusing encouragement for each sports house.

Please enjoy the rest of your week.

Mrs Van Schaememlhout
Year 4C Teacher

Welcome to Week 7.

In the Senior area, we are working hard and starting to complete assessment tasks in all subject areas.

In English, the Year 5’s are working on creating the first chapter of a fantasy novel. Did you know that fantasy is a genre that features magic in the plot, theme and setting? Many fantasy books and films happen in fictional (made up) worlds which are magical. Often, impossible events happen and characters can do impossible things. This week we have discussed fantasy novels that we have read and fantasy movies that we have seen. We have also compared them and discussed what they had in common with each other. Year 5 students this week are specifically creating their protagonist and antagonist characters for their chapter and using different language features to describe them. I challenge you to ask your child what noun groups, similes and other language features they have used to describe their made up character.

In Maths, we are learning how to add and subtract like and unlike fractions. We are also using multiple strategies to solve word problems. Some of the strategies include the jump strategy, the split strategy, the windows strategy and trial and error. We have to remember to first underline the key words in the word problem before answering them.

On Thursday next week is our annual Cross Country sports event. This is a great opportunity for you to come along and cheer on both your family’s sporting house and children. We invite every parent, carer, grandparent, aunt, uncle and loved one to come and share in this entertaining event with us- it is bound to make you laugh, cry and cheer until you have no voice left!

I look forward to seeing you there.

Ms Roberts
Year 5A Teacher
Harmony Day, 21 March, celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. It is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common. The central message for Harmony Day is that ‘everyone belongs’, reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians.

The theme for Harmony Day 2016 is our diversity is our strength. On Harmony Day children are encouraged to wear either their national dress, or orange, to represent belonging. We would love parents and guardians to get involved too!

WoodLinks are proud of the many cultures that we have in our school. We would love to embrace this day. Would you be willing to bring a cultural dish to school to share over breakfast? Do you have some special talents such as arts, dance, historical stories and artefacts that you would be willing to share with your child’s class or the school? Please contact the school at admin@woodlinkss.eq.edu.au if you are able to assist in any way. We are very appreciative of any involvement-big or small and it would help make this a special day for our children.

We have taken on a positive framework for behaviour management, where the children are being rewarded with a raffle ticket when they are displaying WoodLinks Superhero behaviours. As a result, we have made an executive decision to not use the WoodLinks bands as a behaviour reward this year. Instead the children are working towards earning a WoodLinks Superhero badge when they have collected 100 raffle tickets. Students have been earning rewards of different prizes throughout the term and will have the opportunity to collect four different badges over the year. We are already seeing a positive outlook in our school about behaviour and the students are excited about reaching each behaviour milestone.

As you would be aware, we have made a few changes this year in regards to behaviour management. WoodLinks has embraced the 3B’s: Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Learner. We have created a culture around our WoodLinks Superheroes and are explicitly teaching children the behaviours around these heroes.
Thursday 10th – Tuesday 15th March

Place: Library  Opening times:

8:15am- 9:00am
3:00PM – 3:30PM

STUDENTS CAN PURCHASE ITEMS AT SECOND BREAK.
1. **Online System | Pay School Invoices**
   - Pay School Invoices (SRS; Text Book Fees; Camps; etc.)
   - Access via **ANY** Computer or Smart Phone

2. **Payments Accepted:**
   - MasterCard | VISA

3. **Secure Payment Method**
   - **Easy to Use Interface**

**ALL 4 fields MUST be filled in!**
**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**

**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.

(i.e.—sick/doctors appointment etc)

a reason must be left or the absence will be recorded as unexplained

**School Banking**

**BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY**

Every student participating in School banking helps raise money for the school. For example, for each new student enrolling into school banking, the school gets $5 and then per term the school gets 5% commission from the total amount banked through school for school banking.

Remember to fill out your deposit slip, then 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.
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WoodLinks Way Collingwood Park QLD 4301
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<td><strong>Beats of the Jungle</strong> Disco Jungle Yoga - You'll have to be a part of it to believe it! Disco Jungle Yoga exists and it's great!</td>
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**Daily Requirements:** Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments. No nut products allowed. Wet weather gear, art smock, and suitable clothing for active and warm weather day. An afternoon snack will be provided.