



WOODLINKS

STATE SCHOOL

Only Our Best,
Everyone,
Everyday

DATE CLAIMERS:

NOVEMBER 20

Parade

DECEMBER 2

P&C Meeting 6.0pm

DECEMBER 4

Awards Ceremony

2016 Leaders Announced

Volunteer Thank You

DECEMBER 8

WoodLinks Festival

End of Year Concert

DECEMBER 9

2016 Prep Interviews

DECEMBER 10

Yr 6 Graduation 10am

Prep Graduation 2pm

DECEMBER 11

Last Day of Term

JANUARY 27 2016

First Day of Term I

2016 STUDENT LEADERS

On Monday we had the privilege of listening to 25 students who spoke of their quest to be a school leader at WoodLinks in 2016. It was fantastic listening to these students who were articulate and spoke of how they believed they would be leaders for our school. All students made us proud and we commend them for their bravery in speaking in front of students, teachers and parents.

I was very impressed by all students and wish them all the best in the application process. The following leadership positions will be announced at our awards ceremony on Friday 6 December.

Leadership positions 2016; School Captains (boy, girl), School Vice Captains (boy, girl), Student Council Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, Sustainability Leader, Technology Leader, Citizen Leader, Indigenous Leader, the Arts and 2 Captains per sports house. Additional to this will be Ambassadors - students who will be leading activities and events in the school such as Breakfast Club, prep playground, library monitors and Reading Club. We wish all candidates the best of luck.

I would also like to congratulate all the 2015 school leaders for being role models for our students. We know that this experience will assist these leaders for future years.

Attendance- every day counts!

Have you seen the horse race? Our prep and year ones are racing towards achieving 100% attendance. Our attendance data shows that attendance below 85% needs to be improved. Highest attendance class will get ice locks every week. Classes who get 100% over a term, will be getting a pizza party. Look out for what is coming to the other year levels to encourage 100% attendance.



Why is regular attendance at school important?

Your child has a better chance in life and will achieve better when they go to school all day, every day.

*They learn better

*they make friends

*They are happier

*They have a brighter future

Make sure your child attends 100%.

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Term Dates for 2016

Harvest Festival - save the date- Tuesday 9 December

Exciting things are coming to The Harvest Festival in 2016. There will be lots of great stalls including: plants, books, chocolate drop, candles, cakes, BBQ, animal petting. Our students will be entertaining you with great songs and a surprise performance by the WoodLinks staff. We look forward to celebrating the end of year with our WoodLinks community.

Well done to 2A students and Ms Rankin, sponsors are supporting us as a result of the amazing letters sent by 2A students. So far we have been given \$500 from Cr Attwood. This will be used for our amazing raffle.

Reader of the Week - if you read, you will succeed!

Students are reaching their goals and are achieving reading standards beyond their expectations. We are amazed with all students achievements in reading and congratulate them all for working hard to do their best. Thank you to our hard working teachers who are setting high expectations for reading.

Reader of the Week



Vicki Caldwell
Acting Principal
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Regular school attendance

Information for parents and carers

Did you know? Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.

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Why must I send my child to school?

Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness, doing work experience or competing in a school sporting event are acceptable reasons for being absent from school.

Principals decide if the reason given for your child's absence is acceptable.

Avoid keeping your child away from school for:

- birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check ups or care such as hair cuts.

Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

What should I do if our family is going on a holiday in school time?

You are encouraged not to schedule holidays during school time. If your family holiday is during school time, let the school know in advance and talk about what arrangements

can be made for your child. Depending on the circumstances the school may be able to provide tasks for your child to complete while they are absent or assist you to organise an exemption from schooling.

Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away from school?

Yes, you must let the school know the reason why your child has been absent from school within two school days of their return. If possible, advise the school beforehand.

Are you having problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons?

- won't get out of bed in the morning
- won't go to bed at night
- can't find their uniform, books, school bag ...
- slow to eat breakfast
- haven't done their homework
- watching TV
- have a test or presentation to do, have an assignment to hand in
- it's their birthday.

If so, a set routine can help

- have a set time to go to bed
- have a set time to get out of bed
- have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- set a time for daily homework activities
- speak about school positively
- be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

What should I do if my child won't go to school?

You should contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support.

Every day counts – Is your child at school today?

www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts



Prep & Year 1 Area

Welcome to week 7 of Term 4. The term is almost over and the students of Prep/I have been very busy completing assessment and working hard to achieve their reading goals.

In Reading Groups, the students have been using the Decoding Strategies *Skippy Frog* and *Flippy Dolphin* to assist them with their reading. The students have also been practising how to answer *Author and Me* and *Own My Own* questions correctly.

In Maths, the Prep students have been completing a test which assesses their understanding of Statistics and Probability, Measurement and Geometry and Number and Algebra. The Year One students have been exploring different ways to solve addition and subtraction problems in preparation for their *Cool Calculations* assessment task.

In Science, the students have been working hard to complete their assessment on designing a toy.

In Geography, the students have been investigating why the classroom is a special place, identifying the features of a local place and suggesting how these places can be cared for.

Thank you to the students who have been attending school every day! It is imperative that your child attends school every day until the end of term so they are not missing out on valuable learning experiences which will prepare them for their assessment tasks.

Thank you to the parents for your ongoing support in this area.

Mrs Valiantis
Prep Yr 1 Teacher

Year 4 & Year 5/6 Area

At this time in the term in Year 4, as well as most other grades, we are working very hard on our assessments. Please remind your children that this is nothing for them to worry or stress over, but a way for them to show us what they have absorbed from the term and a chance to look back and see how far they have come. We are very proud of the leaps and bounds that have been achieved this year, particularly in reading, and hope you will join us in focusing on, and celebrating these successes.

On the topic of successes, I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I was of the Year 5 students who presented their leadership speeches yesterday in the hall. Having taught many of these students last year it was a very heart-warming experience to see how far they had come and what wonderfully mature, driven and exemplar students they presented themselves as. I wish each and every one of them all the best in their leadership endeavours and look forward to seeing them around the school promoting the WoodLinks Way next year.

Also please don't forget to have a look around at home for any unwanted books, CD's DVD's or games that you might not be using anymore. If you could send them in to any Year 4 classroom we would love to take them off your hands for our Harvest Market stall.

Until next time,

Mrs Chapminion
Yr 4B Teacher



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 Term 4.

LAST DAY OF BANKING IS 2/12/2015 and will restart 3/02/2016

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

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 / CHEQUE ONLY

Can you help out in the uniform shop? If so, please see Melissa in the uniform shop.

P&C NEWS

The P&C will be having a subway lunch next Friday 27 November. Payment must be made by Tuesday 24 November before 10:00 am. Please find a copy of the order form attached to this newsletter, but please also check your child's bag for the form as **every** child has been given one. Payment can be made via the P&C box at the office with the **correct change and students name and class on a sealed envelope.**

NO LATE ORDERS can or will be taken !!!!!

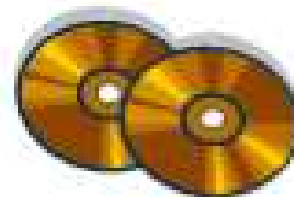


Stephanie Griffin
President



WANTED

Books, Board Games, CDs, DVDs



The year 4s will be holding a Book Stall as part of the annual harvest market. If you have any quality books, board games, CD's or DVD's that you would like to donate please bring them to one of the year 4 classrooms or drop them into the office.

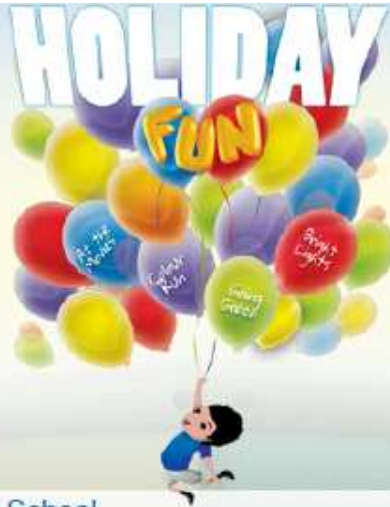
Thank you for your support

Year 4 Teachers

www.WoodLinks Wednesday Weekly

18th November 2015

A Summer
of Colour



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0431 774 205 (06:45-18:00)

<p>Monday 14 December 2015 \$48.15</p> <p>Flash of Colour Today is all about light and all things bright! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</p> <p>club based</p>	<p>Monday 21 December 2015</p> <p>No program</p> <p>no program</p>
<p>Tuesday 15 December 2015 \$58.15</p> <p>White Christmas Build and decorate your own 3D Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree; with tinsel, pom poms, glitter and more!</p> <p>incurtion</p>	<p>Tuesday 22 December 2015</p> <p>No program</p> <p>no program</p>
<p>Wednesday 16 December 2015 \$48.15</p> <p>Rainbow Road What better road is there than a rainbow road?! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</p> <p>club based</p>	<p>Wednesday 23 December 2015</p> <p>No program</p> <p>no program</p>
<p>Thursday 17 December 2015 \$65.15</p> <p>Rainbow of the Future Construct your very own robot that spins and makes awesome patterns and designs. Now that's COLOURful!</p> <p>incurtion</p>	<p>Thursday 24 December 2015</p> <p>No program</p> <p>no program</p>
<p>Friday 18 December 2015 \$48.15</p> <p>Santa's Workshop Today we get a glimpse inside Santa's workshop. Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</p> <p>club based</p>	<p>Friday 25 December 2015</p> <p>No program</p> <p>no program</p>

www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayfun

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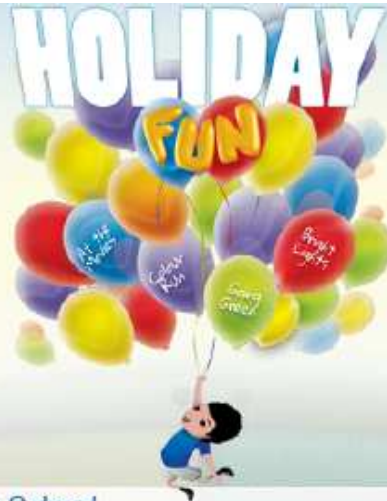


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Monday 28 December 2015

No program

Tuesday 29 December 2015

No program

Wednesday 30 December 2015

No program

Thursday 31 December 2015

No program

Friday 1 January 2016

No program

Monday 4 January 2016

\$48.15

Mina's Majestic Murals

Mina loves colour too! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.

Tuesday 5 January 2016

\$64.65

Summer Fun

Get ready, get set - for a colour run of fun!

Wednesday 6 January 2016

\$64.15

Fluorescent Fever

Ten Pin Bowling - We'll be keeping the fun rolling, leaving nothing to SPARE

Please arrive by 8:45am

Thursday 7 January 2016

\$58.15

Bright Lights

Chinese Lanterns - Paint and decorate your own traditional Chinese lantern.

Friday 8 January 2016

\$58.15

World Kaleidoscope - Hip Hop

Dance and Music - Come on an exciting adventure as special guests join the team to share some very special instruments and music inspired from different countries!

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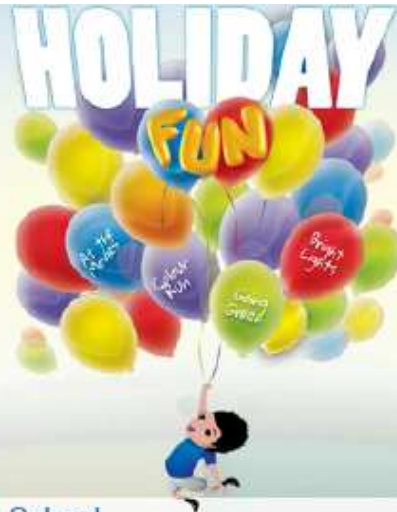


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club based	<p>Monday 11 January 2016 \$58.15</p> <p>What a Colourful World! Where will we go? Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</p>	club based	<p>Monday 18 January 2016 \$48.15</p> <p>Yellow Brick Road Imagine where it will take us? Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</p>
excursion	<p>Tuesday 12 January 2016 \$64.15</p> <p>Vibrant Games Inflatable World - let's bounce into an inflatable world of wonder!</p>	excursion	<p>Tuesday 19 January 2016 \$58.15</p> <p>Neon Summer Join in a disco with a difference! Shhhh!</p>
club based	<p>Wednesday 13 January 2016 \$48.15</p> <p>Wild Animal Patterns Ready for a colourful safari? Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</p>	excursion	<p>Wednesday 20 January 2016 \$74.15</p> <p>A Tinge of Time Travel At the movies - The Good Dinosaur Please arrive by 8:45am</p>
excursion	<p>Thursday 14 January 2016 \$58.15</p> <p>Going Green Make your own mini Green House!</p>	excursion	<p>Thursday 21 January 2016 \$63.15</p> <p>Global Construction with Texture and Tone Build your own solar powered windmill!</p>
club based	<p>Friday 15 January 2016 \$48.15</p> <p>Green and Gold Who's favourite season is Summer? Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</p>	club based	<p>Friday 22 January 2016 \$48.15</p> <p>Gem's Golden Galaxy of Games Join Gem for a galactic adventure! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</p>

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PEACH Healthy Families

Want to get your kids active and eating well?

The **FREE** PEACH™ program can help.

PEACH will be running in your local community in Term 1 - 2016.

The program covers:

- **Nutrition** – lunchbox and snack ideas, reading labels and ingredients, dealing with fussy eaters and tips on planning ahead.
- **Physical activity** – the benefits of exercise, how to be more active as a family, physical activity recommendations for children and how to reduce screen time.
- **Parenting** – setting boundaries, planning for change, managing resistance to change, role modelling and how to be balanced and consistent.

PEACH runs weekly within a school term and after school hours.

Sessions are 90 minutes. Parents meet with a trained parent facilitator to discuss topics while children enjoy fun active play run by a trained child facilitator.

ENROL NOW - BY PHONE OR ONLINE.

Free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com.au

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Friday 27th November 2015



Student lunch order form

Name.....

Class.....

Price list

Six inch sub only.....\$5.00

Meal deal with drink and 1 cookie.....\$7.50

Completed form & correct payment must be received by **Tuesday 24th November by 10:00 am.**
Place both the **form** and **CORRECT** money into a **SEALED** envelope or **zip lock bag** and bring into the office.

PLEASE TICK.

Bread type (choose one)

White bread	Wheat bread
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Meat selection (choose one)

Veggie delight	Ham	Turkey	Roast beef	Salami
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cheese selection

Cheddar cheese
<input type="checkbox"/>

Salad selection (choose any)

Lettuce	Tomato	Cucumber	Carrot
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Sauce selection (choose one)

Tomato	BBQ	Mayonnaise
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

MEAL DEAL

Drink selection (choose one)

Apple popper	Chocolate Calci-yum	Mt Franklin water
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cookie selection (choose one)

Chocolate chip	Double choc
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

YOUR ORDER TOTAL \$..... CORRECT MONEY ONLY

NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED