



**WOODLINKS**

**STATE SCHOOL**

**Only Our Best,  
Everyone,  
Everyday**

## DATE CLAIMERS:

### NOVEMBER 3 & 5

Pre Prep Program 2-3pm

### NOVEMBER 4

P&C Meeting 6:30pm

### NOVEMBER 6

Parade

### NOVEMBER 10 & 12

Pre Prep Program 2-3pm

### NOVEMBER 11

Remembrance Day

### NOVEMBER 20

Parade

### DECEMBER 2

P&C Meeting 6.0pm

### DECEMBER 4

Awards Ceremony

2016 Leaders Announced

### DECEMBER 8

WoodLinks Festival

End of Year Concert

### DECEMBER 9

Volunteer Thank You

### DECEMBER 10

Yr 6 Graduation

### DECEMBER 11

Last Day of Term

**WoodLinks State School**  
**WoodLinks Way**  
**Collingwood Park Q 4301**  
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[www.woodlinksss.eq.edu.au](http://www.woodlinksss.eq.edu.au)

## Classes 2016

I would like to remind everyone that we are unable to take requests for class placements for next year. The teachers build each class and their knowledge of their students, helps make these decisions. When classes are developed, they are achieved without knowing which class teachers will be assigned to various year levels. Presently, we are not sure of the entire list of teachers appointed to our school for 2016 nor the changes to teachers from year levels. You are welcome to make an appointment with your child's teacher if you would like to discuss students learning, well being or friendship groups. Our support teacher for Literacy and Numeracy and our Special Education Teachers also have input into classes.

### Requests for specific teachers will not be considered.

We take a lot of time working out the best combination and this takes many weeks and many drafts of classes. I believe and trust that our teachers will do the best they can to make sure classes are balanced and have the right combinations for teaching and learning in 2016. At the end of the year each student will get a strip of paper telling them who their teacher is and what class they will be in. We thank you all for your support with this process. Next year we are expecting approximately 550 students and 23 class teachers.

## Reader's of the Week



Congratulations to all our amazing students who are Reading to Succeed!

**Vicki Caldow**  
**Acting Principal**  
**Only Our Best, Everyday, Everyone**

## Term Dates for 2016

A new start date for Term 1 of the 2016 school year will see Queensland students return to the classroom on Wednesday 27 January 2016 - the day after the Australia Day public holiday.

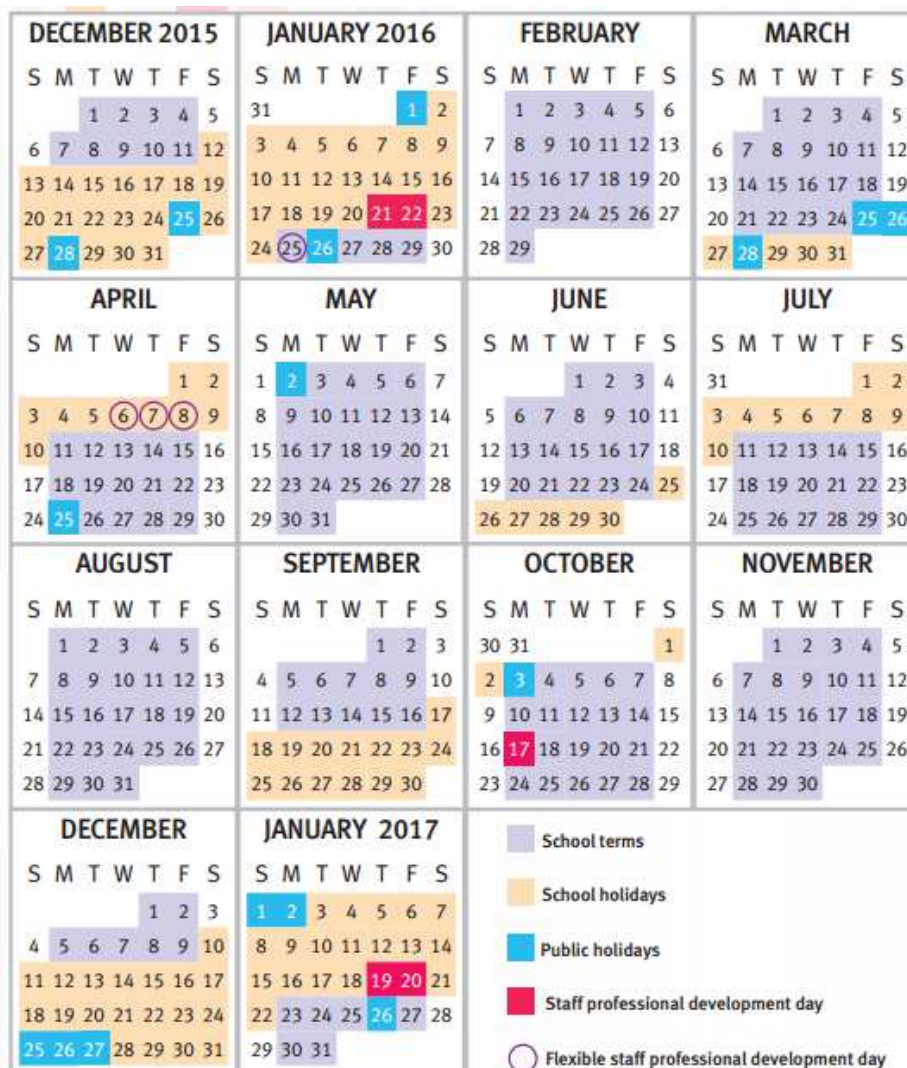
The previous start date of Monday 25 January 2016 will become a flexible professional development day for school staff.

### Queensland term dates - 2016

Term	Dates	Length
Term 1	Wednesday 27 January - Thursday 24 March	9 weeks
Term 2	Monday 11 April - Friday 24 June	11 weeks
Term 3	Monday 11 July - Friday 16 September	10 weeks
Term 4	Tuesday 4 October - Friday 9 December	10 weeks

### Staff Professional Development Days (SPDDs) 2016

- 21, 22, 25 January
- 6, 7, 8 April
- 17 October



## *Prep & Year 1 Area*

The count down to the end of Year One has begun! In Year One we are beginning our assessment tasks which will inform the report cards. Please help us by sending your child to school every day so they are given the best opportunity to succeed. Remember... *Every Minute Counts!*

### **Spelling**

For the rest of the term spelling classes will be conducted in the classroom. We will be sending home spelling words every Monday for the children to practise each night. These words will be tested every Friday. Enjoy!

### **English**

This week we are starting our English assessment task. The children have been enjoying learning how to write and read procedures. This week they will begin planning their procedure on *How to Make a Play Dough Animal*. Ask your child about what animal they have chosen to make and I am sure they will be happy to teach you the procedure!

### **Maths**

This week we are learning how to read, solve and interpret addition and subtraction word problems. The children will be taught to identify the key words in the word problem and will be taught different strategies to solve them such as: picture representations, applying mental facts, using a number line and concrete materials. Any extra practice you can provide at home would be greatly appreciated.

Warm regards,

**Miss Hiley**  
**Yr 1B Teacher**

## *Year 2 & Year 3 Area*

This week the children in Year 3 are very busy preparing for and working on assessment tasks in English, Geography and Science.

Please remember to send hats and water bottles with your children as the days get hotter.

Remember, Homework is due on Fridays. We encourage you to complete Homework tasks, especially Home Reading.

Have a great week.

**Ms Taylor**  
**Yr 3B Teacher**

## *Year 4 & Year 5/6 Area*

This week in year 4 we have begun investigating product packaging. We are looking at the persuasive techniques companies use on their packaging to entice us to buy their products, the types of packaging they use and who their target audiences are.

We have been using new vocabulary such as framing, placement and composition to describe the way packaging is put together.

In Maths, we are continuing to work with money focussing this week on calculating change, creating simple budgets and solving money based problems.

We are continuing to work on our reading goals and have seen a lot of success this term.

**Mrs Gollan**  
**Yr 4A 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 WILL BE 2ND DECEMBER 2015 and will restart 3rd FEBRUARY 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)

## *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.**

## HPE NEWS

### REDBANK PLAINS STATE HIGH SCHOOL Sports Development Program Trials



Trial Day 2 at RPSHS - **12 November 2015**

3:00pm—5:30pm (weather permitting)

Entering high school next year and interested in developing your rugby league, volleyball or soccer skills? We want you! **Be part of our sports development program and trial for your place at Redbank Plains SHS.**



Register your interest today!

Email: [sportdevelopment@redbplaishs.eq.edu.au](mailto:sportdevelopment@redbplaishs.eq.edu.au)

Phone: 3432 1222



### 2015 Enrolment Dates & Times

#### Year 7



All students commencing Year 7 in 2016 must attend an enrolment session with their parent/carer.

Please phone the school office on 3432 1222 to book your enrolment session.

Term 4 dates and times are as follows:

Wednesday 22 July	4:00pm	4:30pm	5:00pm	5:30pm
Every Wednesday	9:30am	10:30am	1:30pm	3:15pm
Every Thursday	9:30am	10:30am	1:30pm	3:15pm

Please ensure you have completed ALL PAPERWORK included in the enrolment pack prior to attending your appointment. COPIES of your child's birth certificate, parent/carer drivers licence and Medicare card must also be provided. Please bring originals of these documents for sighting. Please ensure you arrive to your appointment 10—15 minutes early. Late arrivals will not be able to commence an enrolment session once it has started.



## *Halloween Disco*





The illustration depicts an underwater scene with three children in scuba gear. One child in the foreground is holding a green and yellow striped buoy. In the background, another child is swimming towards a large, ancient-looking stone structure. A dolphin is leaping through the water. The text 'Summer Reading Club' is written in large, yellow, bubbly letters. Above it, the website 'www.summerreadingclub.org.au' is visible. The entire scene is framed by a decorative border with green leaves and a striped fish at the bottom left.

## Summer Reading Club

www.summerreadingclub.org.au

**Get Lost in a good book this summer**

**Register NOW for the Ipswich Libraries Summer Reading Club!**

**6 November 2015 – 20 January 2016**

Underwater worlds, alternate universes, epic adventures, mythical creatures and so much more await discovery — what will you uncover?

Pick up a *Lost Worlds Guide Book* from any branch of Ipswich Libraries or jump online to register.

**Weekly prize draws! Creative Challenges! Holiday Workshops!**

For more information or to register online visit:  
[www.library.ipswich.qld.gov.au/events/summer-reading-club](http://www.library.ipswich.qld.gov.au/events/summer-reading-club)

National prizes are also up for grabs for those who participate in the National Summer Reading Club online writing activities at [www.summerreadingclub.org.au](http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au)



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## Out & About app

Give your child a flying start in literacy by helping them practice their sight words with this bright and fun app when you're out and about.

Out & About has been developed by the Department of Education and Training and is aimed at Prep to Year 2 students to help them master the first 100 sight words to which they are typically introduced.

Out & About has been designed for parents to give to young children to fill their time in a fun and educational way.

The words in this kit are grouped into ten word sets. Students select a word set and say the word that appears. If they cannot remember the word, they can touch the word on the screen, listen to it and then swipe to the next word on the list. Once they have mastered all the words, they can move on to the next set. In no time, your youngster will be ready to zoom through entry-level books.

This app also contains additional games and ideas for parents to help their children recognise sight words.

<https://itunes.apple.com>

<https://play.google.com>





## 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 –

**Do you have a exciting job? We are looking for guest speakers to come and give talks about what they do.**

**Become a Better Buddies; are you kind, friendly, helpful and caring? We are looking for our term 3 Better Buddies that show all the above.**

**Come along to OSHC and help us get our new garden up and running! Learn about the environment and how you can help to create a sustainable future.**

#### 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 3 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)

visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

we make kids smile



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## Year 6 Transition Session – WoodLinks State School

28 October 2015

Dear Parents/Caregivers of Year 6 students,

After the familiar surroundings of primary school, the move to secondary school will be both an exciting and perhaps daunting time for both you and your child. Secondary school is the next stage in your child's educational journey. Your child will be challenged to learn to their full potential and build pathways for their future careers.

To help students adjust, Redbank Plains State High School would like to give your child a taste of high school before they reach the end of their primary school journey. We are hosting a number of transition sessions for all Year 6 students from our local affiliate schools. The session is aimed to provide your child with a high school experience where they will meet various teachers and students and have the chance to ask any questions they may have to help set their nerves at ease!

We understand there are many secondary schools in our area, and appreciate not all of our affiliate school students will be coming to Redbank Plains State High School in 2016. However our transition session aims to cater to all students and give them an overall high school experience.

We would love to see your child join us for the transition session next term. Please see the details below:

### **Transition Session 2015 for WoodLinks State School**

- Date:** Tuesday 1 December  
**Time:** Chartered buses to depart WoodLinks State School at 8:30am and collect Collingwood Park SS students. Return to WoodLinks SS by 11:25am  
**Cost:** Nil  
**What to bring:** Small backpack with water bottle  
**What to wear:** School uniform and enclosed shoes (preferably leather)

Please fill out the permission slip attached and return to your child's teacher by **Friday 27 November**.

*If your child will be attending Redbank Plains State High School in 2016 and you have not yet completed an enrolment session, enrolment packs will be available on the day for your child to bring home to you. Please make an appointment for an enrolment session ASAP, limited appointments will be available at the beginning of 2016. To avoid any delays in your student starting school the enrolment should be processed before the end of the 2015 school year. Phone: 3432 1222 to book your enrolment session today!*

Kind regards,

Michael West  
Principal  
Redbank Plains SHS

Vicki Caldwell  
A/Principal  
WoodLinks SS

### **Permission Slip**

#### **Year 6 Transition Session 2015**

*Please return to your WoodLinks SS classroom teacher by no later than Friday 27 November.*

I \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for \_\_\_\_\_  
to attend Redbank Plains State High School's Transition session on Tuesday 1 December.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Caregivers Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date