## WWW. WoodLinks Wednesday Weekly 11 May 2022





WOODLINKS

**STATE SCHOOL** 

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#### DATE CLAIMERS:

Breakfast Club Daily 8:15am

Reading Club Daily 8:30am

Fri 13th May Ipswich show holiday

#### **ABSENCE LINE** 33814688

2021 Uniform Shop Hours

Mondays 8.30-9.30am Wednesdays 2.30pm—3.30pm Fridays 8.20am-9.15am

GATES OPEN 8:15AM

2:50PM

AND

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From the Principal's Desk

#### In Principal

#### FRIDAY IS A HOLIDAY FOR THE IPSWICH SHOW

Please note that there will be no school on Friday, as it is a public holiday for the Ipswich Show.

#### NAPLAN

This week our Year 3 and Year 5 students are sitting the NAPLAN tests, with the bulk of this being done online. This is a logical progression for this test and I have been impressed both by the way the students have engaged with it and with the significant work that has gone into the planning for it.

My thanks go to our staff members who have prepared pancake breakfasts for these students, as well as healthy snacks to help our students to be at their best.

#### ANXIETY

Over the last few weeks I have shared with you the impact that anxiety has on student attendance, some ways to tell if your child may be anxious about something and why students might be anxious. Some levels of anxiety are normal in our lives, but it can become chronic, for a multitude of reasons.

Last week I shared with you some things that people can do to support children with anxiety. I have included the last few tips below:

- Talk with school staff to find out what assistance the school can provide.
- If your child has problems walking through the school front gate or getting on the bus, arrange for them to meet a friend before school so they can go to school together. Alternatively, check if there is another entrance to the school that your child feels more comfortable using.
- If your child delays getting ready for school so that they will be late, encourage them to still go to school and reassure them that you will contact the school to explain why they are late.
- Should your child find socialising before school a source of anxiety, arrange for them to arrive just before the bell.
- Be involved in your child's school (e.g. volunteer in the tuckshop, volunteer to help out in classrooms, or join the P&C).
- Support your child with homework and study, modelling skills for becoming more independent.

We're looking forward to a 5 day school week next week.

#### **Greg Noble**

**Principal** Only Our Best, Everyone, Everyday

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## YEAR 3 NEWS

#### We are busy as can be in Year 3!

#### English

In English this term we have been learning about Narratives. We have been reading the popular novel Kumiko and the Dragon, which explores the concept of fear in Narratives. Kumiko is a little 8-year-old girl who is afraid of the dragon who visits her every night. We are eager to keep reading to find out if Kumiko ever faces her fear! Additionally, we are writing our own Narratives on fear every week. Here is and excerpt taken from a year 3 student's work.





#### Fear of the snakes:

A few seconds later, the small, green, scaly snake quickly jumped out from the box. Lilly started to loudly scream, "Ahhh!, "Don't you think my new pet is cute?" questioned Angus. Lilly looked at the snake as it showed it's big, scary, white fangs and said "Not really!". The snake angrily slithered towards Lilly. She froze with fright and her heart began to beat fast...

#### Maths

During the first half of term, Year 3 have been exploring familiar mathematical concepts such as 3-digit numbers, odd and even numbers and number patterns. Students have also been practicing using the vertical strategy to solve number problems which include regrouping. As the term continues we will begin to look at chance and probability and finish off the term with learning about time to the minute! Students will work through a variety of activities and games to help them understand these new concepts.

#### Science

In Science we have been exploring day and night. So far, we have covered why we experience day and night and the difference between sunrise and sunset. In the coming weeks we will be exploring shadows and then displaying all the concepts we have learnt on a poster to share our new knowledge!

#### HASS

This term we are learning all about the importance of ANZAC day. We are analysing a variety of sources to discover what happened to our soldiers while they fought on the shores of Gallipoli. Additionally, we will be creating an informative poster to teach people about ANZAC day!

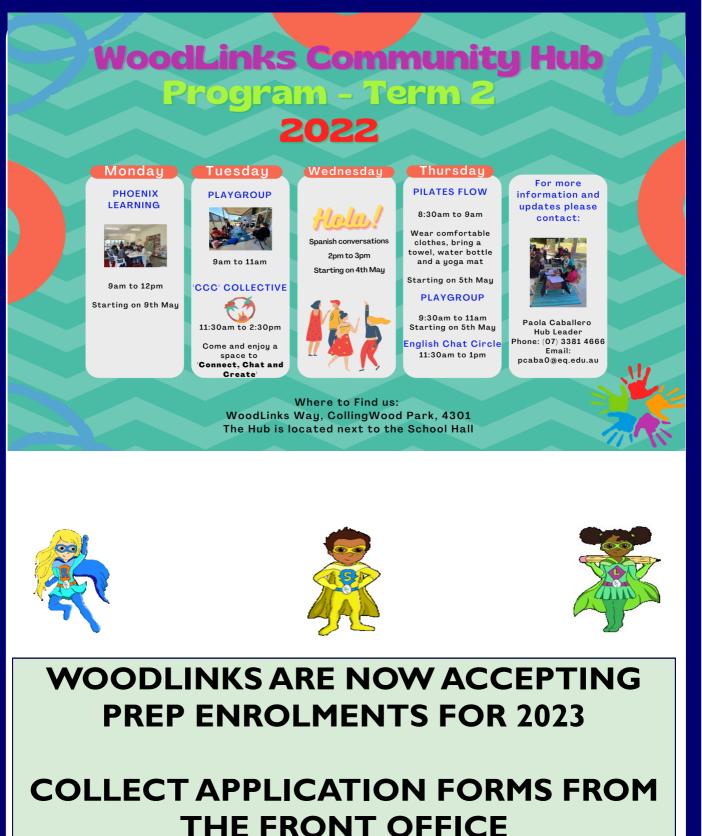
#### **Digital Technology**

We are video game programmers in the making! We have been using the program Scratch to code our own interactive video game. There is free 'How to Use Scratch' tutorial on the Scratch website. It is a great way to improve your coding skills at home! Appropriate for all ages, not just Year 3! <u>https://scratch.mit.edu/</u>



#### From the Year 3 Teachers

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## SAKG NEWS

Kia Ora, Gurumba bigi

Year 6s have completed their knife skills and I'm happy to say there were no cuts or flavour added to our vegetables! Thank you to all who supplied students with a vegetable to practice cutting with. Each class had a great feast and enjoyed Roast Vegetables and either Roti or Indian Flat Bread.





Week 5 will see the Year 5s return to the kitchen and they will be cooking up a storm with ANZAC Biscuits, Carrot Cupcakes, Pumpkin Wontons, Fried Rice Traybake and Berry Gelato. We will be using pumpkins, vegetables and berries from our own gardens in the recipes. Each class will need 5 volunteers to be able to learn to cook these delicious recipes. Volunteers need to wear closed in shoes, have a Blue Card and show proof of being vaccinated. These rules are in place to keep us safe at school.



This is the Mulberry Gelato I made and it was very delicious.

With the Ipswich Show this coming weekend I am entering our school produce in a couple of sections. I am entering 2 half dozen eggs ( one light brown coloured eggs and the other darkish brown coloured eggs), 2 huge Loofas in the Fruit/Vegetable/Egg section and a jar of Lemon Honey in the Preserves. I will let everyone know how our school gets on once I know the results. Last year I entered some Sweet Potatoes but this year our crop wasn't as good as last year's, so I'm unable to enter them this year!

Loofas that I am entering the Ipswich Show.



Have a good week in the garden or in the kitchen.



Lynda Tucker SAKG Teacher Aide



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# SCHOOL PHOTOS ARE COMING SOON

Keep an eye out over the next few days for emails regarding dates the photographs are being taken and the ordering process.



## Volunteers Wanted for Kitchen Garden Classes

The success of food education relies on the support of volunteers.

There is nothing more satisfying than sharing a delicious meal created with fresh produce that you have grown from seed to harvest. Every week over 80 school children share in this experience at WoodLinks State School

You don't have to be a green thumb or a naked chef, you just have to love growing food, eating food and being with children.

If you would like to volunteer in the kitchen or garden, whether you have one hour to spare or a whole afternoon, we would love to hear from you.

The classes run on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

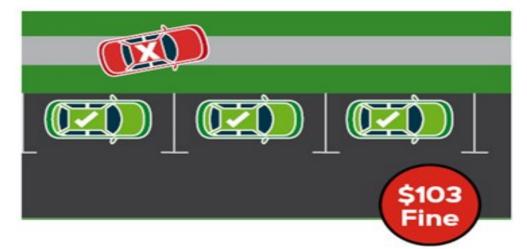
Contact: Lynda Tucker On: 07 3381 4666

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### Parking on the nature strip, verge or footpath is illegal

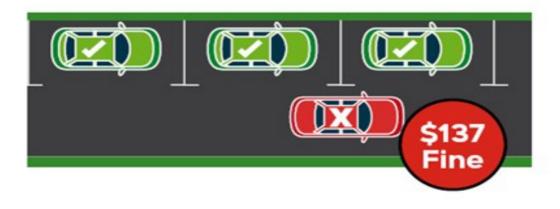
Vehicles driving across footpaths and nature strips create a higher risk of collision with pedestrians, especially small children who are harder to see.



## Don't double park

Making children navigate between parked cars is extremely dangerous.

#### Don't put their lives at risk!



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Vehicles **can not stop** from 7.00 am to 9.00 am, and 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm on school days.





Unless you are driving a bus (seating more than 12 people) **you must not stop within a bus zone at any time**.



This zone is only available to buses.