

# WoodLinks Newsletter

From the Principal's Desk

24th April 2024

**Only Our Best, Everyone, Everyday**



**WOODLINKS**

**STATE SCHOOL**

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**GATES OPEN**  
8:15AM and 2:50PM

**BREAKFAST CLUB 8:15am**

**ABSENCE LINE 3381 4688**

**UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**  
Mondays 8.30 - 9.35am  
Fridays 8.35am - 9.35am

## DATE CLAIMERS:

Anzac Day  
Thurs 25th April  
Public Holiday

Year 5 Eureka Excursion  
Mon 29th April

School Photos  
Wed 1st May  
&  
Thurs 2nd May

Office Administration Staff  
Appreciate Day  
3rd May

Labour Day  
Mon 6th May  
Public Holiday

Mothers Day Stall  
Thurs 9th May  
&  
Fri 10th May

## In Principal

Our current **attendance rate is 88.7%**.

## Queensland Engagement and Wellbeing Survey (QEW)

In the next few weeks, students in Years 4,5 and 6 will be asked to take part in the QEW. The survey is designed to measure how students view their wellbeing and engagement across different topics. The information we get from the survey helps us better understand and support our students.

If you'd like more information, including FAQs, can be found on the Education website: <https://qed.qld.gov.au/publications/reports/statistics/schooling/students/queensland-engagement-wellbeing-survey>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reply to this message or to call me.

## School ANZAC Day Parade

Last Monday our school honored ANZAC Day with a parade, where students laid wreaths on behalf of their classes, the significance of the day was shared and we heard from Mr Martin Shaw, who represented the Wounded Heroes Australia, a group that works to support homeless veterans. The money that was donated today by students will go to support the work of that group. Our students drew comments from the people there about the deeply respectful manner in which they behaved.

My thanks go to the community members who attended the parade today and to all of our school folks who contributed towards making it such a success.

## Pardon?

Truly listening is something that I always work to improve upon - I would cut in before the other person had finished speaking or didn't pay attention to what was underneath their words. Here are some steps I found that will allow you to listen with your heart:

- Really focus on the other person. What emotions do you hear? How does the voice sound? Lively, sad, angry?
- Don't take what the other person says personally. Get out of the way of the message. Instead ask the person what they really mean. Ask open questions to understand what might be going on.
- Get "next to the other person". Instead of trying to solve the problem (that's "above the person"), listen for where the person is. If your friend is hurting, feel the hurt with them. Don't try and fix the hurt. If your teenager is angry at you, feel their anger rather than defend yourself.
- Use your intuition to hear the messages behind the words. If you feel something inside, you are listening with your heart. Take a risk and share what you are feeling e.g., "I sense that you are afraid of your boss." Even if you're not right, this can allow the other person to understand what they might be feeling.
- Practice using metaphors to explain your intuition or to explain the other person's feeling. Putting what we feel into a visual image helps us cope with it e.g., "As you talk, I keep getting this image of a deep, dark well. Is that how you're feeling?"

Listening with your heart takes practice. The next time you feel frustrated with the way your communication is going, get out of the way and let your heart take over.

**Greg Noble**

**Principal**

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## Financial News

### Financial - PROCEDURES

No cash payments are accepted. All payments can be made via QParents/BPoint and EFTPOS through the office Monday – Friday from 8:15am - 10:30am.

BPOINT is an online payment system and is the preferred payment method (along with QParents). This option is accessed through an internet weblink which appears on all invoices and statements.

When making payments via BPoint from the invoice or statement, please ensure to enter each payment separately using the invoice number and amount.

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

CRN: Customer Reference Number

Payment will not clear if entered any other way.

Please be mindful when paying via BPoint for overdue invoices, as payments may take 48 hours to register in the system. To avoid any confusion, we strongly recommend you pay before the due date.

If you are expecting an invoice for an excursion/incursion/camp or other school related program, please check your "Junk/ Spam Folder" or search your emails for "@eq.edu.au".

Invoices are emailed on the day of/or day after circulars are handed to students. If you still cannot locate the invoice and need another copy, please email us on [admin@woodlinksss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@woodlinksss.eq.edu.au)

### Financial – PAYMENT PLANS

A Payment Plan is designed to provide parents/carers with an easy, trouble-free way to pay Student Resource fees and other fees such as excursions, camp, swimming etc.

Payment Plans need to be negotiated with the Business Manager and approved at the principal's discretion.

All discussions will be held in the strictest confidence.

If you want to discuss this further, please contact, Debbie McGuire-Horrigan (Business Manager) via [dhorr2@eq.edu.au](mailto:dhorr2@eq.edu.au).

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## Year 4

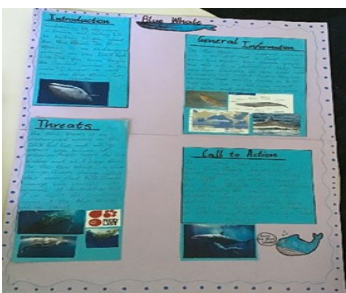
### Week 2 Newsletter

In Year 4, we have been up to a lot interesting things so far this year including Persuasive, Informative Multi-media presentations, life-cycles of animals, location and direction, data collection and representation, investigating South America and Africa; personal safety strategies, Sporting Wheelies and, End of Term Escape Room, Board Games and Glow Party.

This term we will add to the excitement with:

- Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program; starting in Week 4- please see your child's class teacher if you can volunteer.
- Reading and comprehending Traditional Stories - Students will teach a moral by creating a story following the narrative structure in English. Throughout Week 1, students have enjoyed a variety of stories that teach a lesson. They have discussed their interpretations of the stories and how the moral might help the audience.
- A variety of mathematics concepts - chance (likelihood scale, dependent and independent events), number and place value: odd and even rules; patterns; addition; subtraction and multiplication and time (converting between units of time and calculating duration). Problem solving will be a focus in each concept and students will engage with a range of methods to share their understanding and skills.
- Fast Forces in Science – we'll learn about push, pull, gravity, friction and magnetism. Students will engage with forces through a variety of experiments utilising 'games' with results that can be measured. For example, friction will be explored through 'bowls' on a variety of surfaces and gravity observed through 'Keepy Uppy' with stop watches to see who can use the applied force of push to keep a balloon up the longest.
- Sustainability in HASS - Starting with the responsibilities of the three levels of government and working through to how we manage waste locally at WoodLinks.
- In Health, we are learning about online safety strategies; how we stay safe online and manage unsafe situations. Some strategies are "Stop, Close, Tell" and "Block and Report". Students have already learnt about the importance of not sharing any personal information online.

We are looking forward to another fantastic term of learning together in the Year 4 Cohort.



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## Sports Report

### Sports Report

#### PE Lessons

Please remember to bring your hats and drink bottles to your PE lessons and gala.

#### Cross Country

Thankyou to everyone who attended the Cross Country Carnival last term, we'd like to congratulate all the Age Champions, Fashions on the Field winners and the winning house -TOPAZ!



#### Sporting Wheelies

Our Year 4 students had the opportunity to learn how to play Wheelchair Basketball in Week 10 of Term 1. We'd like to thank Sporting Wheelies for giving us this opportunity to experience different sports and we're looking forward to watching the Game Changers (coaches) play at the Paralympics in Paris later this year.



#### AFL

Thankyou to everyone who nominated to be part of the AFL team. Unfortunately we don't have enough to make a boys' team. But the girls will be attending a competition on the 8<sup>th</sup> May. Notes have been sent home. Please ensure they are returned by Friday 26 April

#### Futsal

Congratulations to our 10 years Boys and 11years Girls Futsal teams for making the finals. We'd also like to congratulate the players who were selected for the Queensland team.

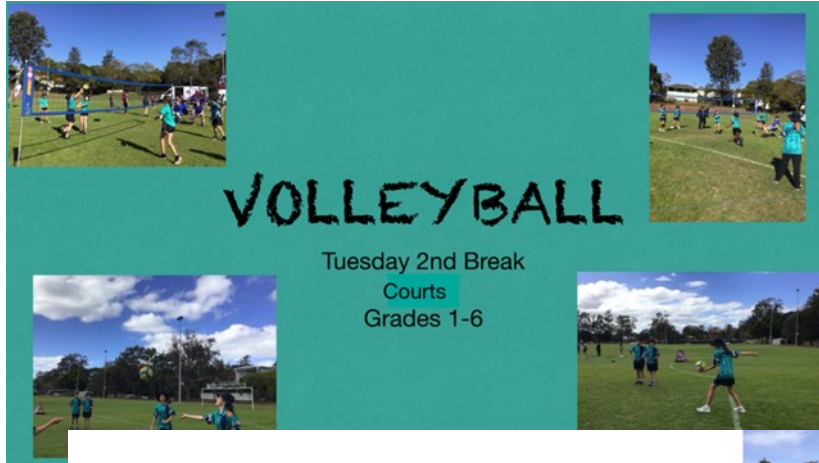


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Fit Kids



## SKIPPING & HOOPS!

Monday 1st Break  
Central Covered Area  
Grade 1-6



### Teacher vs Student Borouijin

Thankyou to our Year 6 students and all the teachers who played or supported our teacher vs student game at the end of term. The TEACHERS WON!!

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## P&C Newsletter



# P&C UPDATE

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless" - Sherry Anderson

### TUCKSHOP UPDATE

Some very **exciting** news from the P&C! WoodLinks Tuckshop plans to re-open soon!

We are extremely excited and grateful as a new team to put together a brand new menu, that is in line with Education Queensland Guidelines and offers a variety of great choices at affordable prices, to ensure everyone gets to enjoy Tuckshop!

We are currently looking to arrange interviews for the role of Tuckshop Convenor in the coming weeks - applications for the role will close on Tuesday, 30th April 2024.

If you are interested in volunteering some of your time at the Tuckshop, or applying for the Tuckshop Convenor Role, please send your expression of interest (to volunteer) or resume (to apply for the Convenor Role) to: [PandCExecutive@woodlinksss.eq.edu.au](mailto:PandCExecutive@woodlinksss.eq.edu.au)

### P&C GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 13th May 2024  
6:30pm - Staff Room | Main Office



### UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE

Some more great news! The replacement batch of shirts for the orders of Senior Shirts was quality checked and distributed to students last week!

Our second order of senior shirts should be here in May, but we will keep you updated if anything changes.

If you have any issues, questions, suggestions regarding senior shirts, or any other uniform enquires, please don't hesitate to email us: [uniforms@woodlinksss.eq.edu.au](mailto:uniforms@woodlinksss.eq.edu.au)

Uniform Shop Hours remain Monday & Fridays - 8:35am - 9:35am.

### FUNDRAISING UPDATES

A **HUGE** thank you to our WoodLinks Families! Together we have raised **\$3252.55** from our Cross Country BBQ and **\$339.70** from our Popcorn Fundraiser.

These funds will go towards our contribution to the swimming program for our students as well as a contribution to the Student Council.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our P&C!

Contact us at:  
[pandcexecutive@woodlinksss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandcexecutive@woodlinksss.eq.edu.au)

## Volunteers needed



Mother's Day Stall  
Volunteer Sign Up Sheet



Help our P&C and School Community GET REWARDED!  
Simply mention WoodLinks State School when booking your next move with Brisk Transport!



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## School Photos Days 2024



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Web: [www.woodlinksss.eq.edu.au](http://www.woodlinksss.eq.edu.au)

### SCHOOL PHOTO DAYS WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY & THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY

NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE SCHOOL ON THE DAY OF PHOTOS.

ONLINE ORDERING ONLY – NO CASH TO BE SENT TO SCHOOL

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at [www.leadingimage.com.au](http://www.leadingimage.com.au) using our school's unique 8 digit advanceorder code – YMX9WJTK.

**STUDENTS MUST BE IN FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM – NO SPORT SHIRTS**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May**  
Year 6 photos and sibling

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**  
Prep – Year 5

**YEAR 6 STUDENTS are to wear their Senior shirts (Sport House Captains will need to bring their sport shirt with them)**

#### SIBLING PHOTOS

Order online - **Please note that sibling photo order cut off date is Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April @ 4.30pm. No sibling photos can be ordered after this date.**

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to [www.leadingimage.com.au](http://www.leadingimage.com.au)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Noble".

Greg Noble  
Principal WoodLinks State School

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## School Photo Days 2024

### ONLINE BOOKING



Your school has decided school photos will only be available to order online this year.

Choose your own **FREE** background



#### The benefits of being online...

- No need for envelopes to be returned to the school office
- No cash on school grounds or children's bags
- Easy order tracking and record keeping
- 18 different backgrounds to choose from - no additional cost

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### Woodlinks State School

Access Key

**YMX9WJTK**



INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY PHOTOS CAN BE ORDERED WITH THE SAME ACCESS KEY

To order your school photos:

- 1 Go to [www.leadingimage.com.au](http://www.leadingimage.com.au)
- 2 Click on Order Your School Photos
- 3 Enter your Access Key



 Family photographs must be ordered before 4.30pm the night before photo day.  
Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.



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## Rugby League

### IPSWICH SHS YEAR 6 DAY OF EXPERIENCE



#### PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

- ✓ Boys Rugby League
- ✓ Girls Rugby League

THURSDAY  
**MAY 16**

@ipswich SHS

Scan the QR Code to register



### Ipswich State High School RUGBY LEAGUE

The only school in the Met West region to win  
the NRL Schoolboys National Championship



#### Why choose Ipswich SHS?

- An elite pathway for rugby league players to develop their skills while continuing their education.
- Grades 7-12 compete in the elite Broncos competitions.
- Personalised strength and conditioning programs tailored to their individual needs.
- Over 50 players have signed NRL contracts since 2013.



#### JOIN TODAY

To apply or receive more information please  
Text or call 0411 536 401 or  
Email [rugbyleague@ipswichshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:rugbyleague@ipswichshs.eq.edu.au)

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#### JUNIOR PROGRAM

- Timetable
- 3 lessons per week
  - 2 gym session per week
  - Video review and personalised feedback post-training and games

Our junior's play in the prestigious Broncos Cup competitions, as well as compete in the local CISSSA and metropolitan competitions.



#### SENIOR PROGRAM

- Timetable
- 6 lesson per week
  - 2 gym sessions per week
  - Recovery sessions
  - Video review and personalised feedback post-training and games

All our senior students are required to complete a Certificate III in Sport and Recreation.



#### STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

All rugby league players receive personalised strength and conditioning programs tailored to their individual needs.

Game-based conditioning sessions allowing players to develop game sense.

Access to GPS and heart rate data to monitor progress and manage workloads.

Purpose built gymnasium.



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