

# WOODHILL WHISPERS

## Upcoming Events

Dancefever payments  
\$12.00 per student,  
due by 26<sup>th</sup> May

NAPLAN 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and  
11<sup>th</sup> May

Mothers Day Stall  
11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May

Athletics Carnival 1<sup>st</sup>  
and 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**Cash payment days  
are Thursday and  
Friday only**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Welcome back to term two and welcome also to our new families who have started with us.

Thank you to the families who turned up to watch their children march with the school on ANZAC Day at Beaudesert. The students behaved beautifully and were a credit to the school.

### SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

**Congratulations** to our Cross Country team who represented the school in an outstanding manner last Thursday. They supported all competitors throughout the afternoon.

**Congratulations** to these students who have made it through to the next level. Angus Matheson, Shakalya Thorley, Talitha Thorley, Zygmint Irving and Lachlan Miles.

We wish them all the best.

**Congratulations** also to -Lara Desic and Layla Matheson, who both made it to District trials for touch football and Lara has now progressed to the South Coast trials – we wish her all the best.

**Congratulations** to our highest fundraiser for the school fun run-Jack Addley

The sports house results from the Cross Country were: O'Reilly 192 and Stinson 233.

**Mrs Wallace** is currently on leave. Mrs Baldwin will be teaching 3W in Mrs Wallace's absence.







## ATTENDANCE

Each parent of a child who is of compulsory school age has the legal obligation to ensure their child is enrolled and attends a school, on every school day for the educational program in which the child is enrolled, unless the parent has a reasonable excuse. According to the Department of Education guidelines **The following circumstances will be considered absences for which there is NOT a reasonable excuse given: Unexplained absence** – When no explanation for a student absence has been offered to the school by the parent, or the student if they are living independently.

**Leisure activities (Unauthorised)** – Undertaking a leisure activity such as shopping, visiting friends and relatives, or fishing, is not considered a reasonable excuse for an absence from school. It is disappointing to see that our attendance data is slipping below the expected 94% for all students with some students being as low as 76%. Every day does count towards your child's future. Please only keep your child home if they are genuinely ill or under a disciplinary direction. Congratulations to those students who have achieved 100% attendance for Term 1.

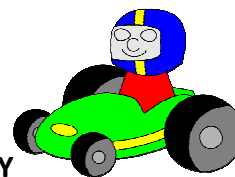
### Attendance data to date.

Congratulations to 5/6 K for the best attendance rate.

Class	%	
Prep D	93.7	
Prep/1 D	94.32	
1/2 H	91.57	
1/2 LG	91.96	
2/3 D	95.87	
3W	93.69	
3/4 C	95.8	
4D	92.19	
4/5 WG	91.65	
5/6 K	97.34	 
6 D	94.8	
Whole school	93.8	

## DANCE FEVER

Dance fever lessons have commenced and will continue until the end of this term. The cost for this activity is \$12 per student and invoices will be coming home in the next few days. Thank you to the P and C for again subsidising this activity. Please make payment to the school by the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017. If you choose to pay by direct deposit ensure you have the correct account details BSB 064 400 ACC 00090138 and reference your child's name. This activity forms part of our curriculum and therefore will be assessed. We expect all students to participate. If your child does not participate they will be expected to complete a project on the history of dance.



### BILLY CART DERBY

Our annual Billy Cart Derby will be held on Saturday the 29th July. This is a fantastic day where the community comes together for a fun day of rides, stalls, food and of course billy cart races. So mark the date on your calendar and start creating the winning billy cart.

### SCHOOL REPORTS

Semester one reports will be completed and distributed at the end of this term. Please ensure we have your correct email address as school reports will be disseminated electronically. Please be advised that grades given relate to the percentages in the table.

RESULT	PERCENTAGE
A	95-100%
B	87-94%
C	75-86%
D	50-75%
E	Under 50%

### MOTHERS DAY STALL

Once again our wonderful P and C will be hosting a Mother's Day Stall where the students will have the opportunity to purchase gifts for mum/grandma/carer. The Mother's day Stall will be on Thursday 11th May and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May with gifts ranging from 50c to \$5.

If you can donate to the stall please send your donations to the office. If you can volunteer

your time to help on the stall, please let the P and C know.

### **NAPLAN**

On Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 May, students in years 3 and 5 will undertake the 2017 NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

With the cooler weather upon us it is timely to remind parents and carers as to what is considered acceptable to wear to school as part of the winter uniform.

**Plain black or bottle green jumpers – this means the jumper should have no advertising, patterns, designs or stripes on it.**

**Plain black tracksuit pants – no advertising or patterns or stripes.**

Of course there are school jumpers/ jackets and tracksuit pants available for purchase from the uniform shop as well as a limited supply of secondhand items.



### **ATHLETICS**

Our students have begun training for our school athletics carnival which will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Further information will become available closer to the time.

### **MORNING DROP OFF/AFTERNOON COLLECTION**

**To ensure an efficient and safe beginning and end to the school day, please do not accompany your child to their classroom in the morning or collect them from their classroom in the afternoon. Please wish your child a good day in the undercover area and resume your normal daily activities. We have a designated Parent Plaza where parents can wait for their child in**

**the afternoon which minimizes any student distractions or disruptions. Please do not ask your child to meet you anywhere else as this becomes a safety issue. Thank you for your cooperation.**



### **TUCKSHOP**

This terms tuckshop menu has been printed and sent home. A reminder that tuckshop orders need to be in to the office by Wednesday morning and that all orders need to be on a brown paper bag. Separate bags are needed if you are ordering for both first and second break. If you can spare some time to assist in the tuckshop, please let the office know.

### **PAYMENTS –IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

You can make payments to the school for incursions (school performances), camps and excursions in a variety of ways.

**CASH** – cash will only be accepted at the office on Thursdays and Fridays as these are the only days we can get to the bank.

**BPOINT**-you can use your invoice to make payment via Bpoint at any time.

**QPARENTS** – If you have signed up for Qparents you can view your outstanding invoices and make payment through the app at any time.

**ONLINE TRANSFER** – You can transfer the funds directly to the Woodhill SS account at any time. Please ensure you reference your payment with your child's name-we have had a few payments deposited into the school account where we are unable to identify who the payment is for.

**All activities have a payment due date and payment needs to be made by this date for your child to be eligible to participate in the activity.**

If you are paying electronically ON the due date, you will need to forward a copy of the receipt to sbrig67@eq.edu.au . It may take a few days for your payment to show up on our system so verification of payment on the due date will be required.

**NO LATE PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED** - to avoid disappointment please make sure you check your child's bag for notes or the school

website's note register and events calendar to ensure you haven't missed out on anything.

### **HOMEWORK**

We are a homework school. As well as homework going home with your child you can also find it on the webpage. This alleviates the problem of homework going missing.

### **STOP, DROP AND GO**

**Thank you to all of our parents who are using our stop drop and go facility safely. Please be aware of the new installment of a give way sign in the carpark. Traffic in the carpark must give way to stop, drop and go traffic.**

If you will be using Stop, Drop and Go, please let the school know if you need a new name sign for your car.

If you are using Stop, drop and go please remember:

- **Do not** get out of your car. If your child needs assistance to put on a seatbelt, you may wish to consider parking and collecting your child.
- Children must exit and enter the car from the passenger's side only.
- Do not overtake unless directed to do so.
- **Please collect your child/ren by 3.15pm. Stop Drop and Go was initially established as a service, provided by the school, to alleviate the congestion in the carpark during afternoon pick up. It was never meant to be a child minding service.**

The guidelines for using stop drop and go can be found on the school website [www.woodhillss.eq.edu.au](http://www.woodhillss.eq.edu.au)

**Remember after 3:30pm this lane becomes the bus lane and cannot be S.D. & G. Please park and collect your students if you are arriving this late.**

### **QPARENTS**

QParents website allows parents of Queensland state school students to access information about their child and communicate directly with the school. You will have access to your child's reports, their absence details, any outstanding invoices you may have and positive behaviour records. Registration details have been emailed out to our families. If you did not receive this

email please contact the office to update your email details and your access codes will be emailed to you. Qparents also enables you to advise the school of upcoming absences and to provide 'explanations' for any unexplained absences. Further information can be found at <https://www.qld.gov.au/education/schools/information/pages/qparents.html>.

### **MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER**

We, as parents are always anxious about our children. If you have some concerns please see your child's teacher outside school hours. Please don't set your child's and their class up for failure by "chatting" to a teacher as they are attempting to take the students to the classroom. Teachers, by their nature are a polite bunch and feel obligated to respond to you when you say-"just a quick one". However whilst you have the teacher's attention the class is not being adequately supervised, often leading to small niggly behaviour with the potential to turn into a major incident-something that could be avoided if correct protocol and procedures are followed.

### **COMPLAINTS PROCESS**

If you have an issue regarding your child, your first point of contact is always with your child's teacher. Please contact the office to organize a scheduled appointment. If you are not satisfied with the outcome of this appointment then an appointment can be made to see the principal. If you have discussed your complaint with the principal and still feel that you have not reached a resolution, you have the right to contact your local Department of Education and Training office. More information can be found on our website: [support](#) and [resources/documents/making a complaint](#).

### **SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Woodhill School has a website full of great information. If you go to [www.woodhillss.eq.edu.au](http://www.woodhillss.eq.edu.au) you will find your child's homework, upcoming events, current and previous newsletters, school policies and a variety of other helpful information. The P and C also operate a Woodhill School facebook page which is well used and also a great source of information. If you have a query regarding

school processes please contact the school directly.

### QSCHOOLS APP

A new app has become available that allows parents to receive notifications from the school as soon as they have been uploaded to the school website. Search for the app 'Qschools' and download to your mobile device. **To receive automatic updates you will need to ensure that Qschools push notifications are enabled on your device.** Search for Woodhill State School and select it as a favourite.

### NEWSLETTERS

Our newsletter is produced fortnightly and will be emailed to families and available on the website. If you require a paper copy of the newsletter, please let the office know or email [sbrig67@eq.edu.au](mailto:sbrig67@eq.edu.au). Once the newsletter has been uploaded to the website a notification will be sent to those who subscribe to the Qschools App.



### LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY DEPARTURES

School schedule

8.40am	First bell to line up
8.45am	Bell to go to class
10.45am	Eating break starts
10.55am	Eating finishes and play break starts
11.15am	Play break ends
1:15pm	Eating break starts
1.30pm	Eating break ends, play break starts
2.00pm	Play break ends.
3.00pm	School finishes

Students are expected to be at school before the first bell and remain at school until 3pm. Please try and schedule appointments outside of these hours. If this is not possible, please send a note to your child's teacher advising what time the student will need to be collected. If you are late for school or need to leave early you **must** come to the office to sign your child in/out and receive an arrival slip or a departure note. If you need to change your child's pick up arrangements please contact the school before 2pm. We cannot guarantee that messages will be delivered in time after 2pm.

### ATTENDANCE/SMS ABSENCES

Safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for the Department of Education. All schools are moving towards a 'same day' absence policy where schools will be contacting parents on the same day their child is absent, if the absence is not explained. Woodhill has implemented an SMS system which will contact you requesting an explanation for your child's absence if you have not already done so by 9:30am. Please assist us by ensuring you contact the office as soon as possible if your child is going to be away from school. Thank you all for your patience as we implement this new system.

### BOOKCLUB

Please note that all orders need to be completed using the online LOOP system. No cash will be accepted for book club orders. Thank you to Renae for once again coordinating this.

### UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform shop is run by the P and C and is open on Tuesday mornings and Friday mornings after parade. If you can't make it into the school on those days you may place an order using the order form anytime during the week and our wonderful volunteers will fill the order and send it home on Friday.

### LOGAN LIBRARIES

The Logan Libraries website is an excellent educational place to visit. Not only can you utilize their free online tutor program but you can also access online educational sites such as Literacy Planet. All you need is a current Logan Library card and go to [www.loganlibraries.org](http://www.loganlibraries.org).

### MICROSOFT OFFICE

Did you know your child can get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge, just for being a student at Woodhill State School? All you need is your child's school email address to sign in.

To help prepare your child for success this academic year, the Department of Education and Training has teamed up with Microsoft to provide free Office 2016 to every Queensland state school student. With Office 2016, your child will have access to the latest version of Word for writing, Excel for spreadsheets,

PowerPoint for presentations, OneNote for organisation and notetaking, and much more.

You can install a complete version of the latest Microsoft Office on up to five compatible PCs and Macs, five tablets and five smartphones. Your Office subscription lasts for as long as your child is a state school student.

Ask your child to follow these simple steps to get Office:

For PC and Mac, visit [portal.office.com](http://portal.office.com), login using your school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process.

For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school email address.

Visit [www.education.qld.gov.au/office2016](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/office2016) for instructions on how to download and install Office 2016 to your personal home computers

### **MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Woodhill State School is committed to supporting students' health and wellbeing. We would appreciate parents/carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support the student at school. This information is also collected at enrolment but needs to be updated regularly, or if a new health condition develops.

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students, including administering medication and performing health procedures, should be provided to the school along with a **Medical Action Plan** from your doctor.

Information should be provided in writing, and any specific health plans (only to be completed and signed by the medical practitioner) should be included. Please contact the school to discuss any specific requirements.

Please inform the school office staff of any changes to contact details or the contact details of the people nominated as emergency contacts. Thank you for your assistance in this regard. All information is kept confidential and only disclosed to the relevant staff required to support your child.

### **BEHAVIOUR POLICY**

Woodhill State School participates in the School Wide Positive Behaviour programme which, in simple terms, means that we ensure that our consequences as well as our positive behaviour rewards are consistent throughout the school.

Each term we reward those students who have demonstrated consistently good behaviour (less than 3 detentions for a term) with a fun activity.

Awards are also given daily (gotchas) and weekly (student of the week and merit awards). Student of the Week awards are worth 5 points and Merit certificates are worth 3 points. Once a student reaches 10 points they are awarded a bronze certificate, 20 points a silver certificate and 30 points a gold certificate.

### **FOCUS FORTY**

"Focus Forty" is a program which aims to actively and directly teach the skills necessary for children to be accepted into and participate effectively in the variety of group situations they will encounter in school. Each week a new topic is introduced and taught to the students. We will advise you of the Focus Forty focus for the week so you can re-iterate those values at home.

Have a great week

### **ORAL HEALTH SERVICES**

If your child requires a dental check up, please contact Metro Oral Health Services on 1300 300 850 to make an appointment. This service is free for

- 2-17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Health Benefits
- All children aged 4 to grade 10
- Children whose parent's hold a current Health Care Card, Pension Concession Card or a Centrelink Card

Appointments are also available in the school holidays.



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

We hope you all have a wonderful day!!

Arami C	Thomas C
Haydn C	Zaisha D
Lara D	Keera F
Shelby G	Jaelon H
Kyden H	Brooklyn H
Anita J	Isabella L
Madison L	Nayte L
Jai M	April M
Summer M	Lily P
Aleathia P	Lily R
Zander S	Talitha-Jai T
Elise V	Rhyda W
Jack W	Harley W



### FOCUS FORTY

**Week 1 and 2: Giving Clear instructions -**  
speak clearly, use short, simple directions,  
give directions in the order they are to be  
followed, check for understanding

**Week 3 and 4: Making your wants known**  
– Everyone has a right to say what they  
want, look at the person, say their name,  
state exactly what you want, understand  
that everyone has a right to refuse to meet  
your want.