

WOODHILL WHISPERS

Upcoming Events

**Billy Cart Derby Sat
23rd July**

**School Opinion
Survey to be
completed by 29th
July**

**Ekka Show Holiday
Monday 8th August**

**Dinosaur Science
Show \$5
11TH August 2016
Payment due by
Friday 5th August**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Billy Cart Derby is this weekend. Please come along and join in the fun.

Thank you to all of our volunteers and P and C members for helping to prepare for our BCD.

AUSTRALIAN SPIRIT

Congratulations to Hannah and Brooke for their outstanding efforts in the Australian Spirit Competition. Hannah came 4th overall and received \$50 prize money and Brooke was given a commendation. Both girls were given a certificate of participation and prizes such as pencils, rulers, headphones and other things all marked with First World War information. The winner was a year 9 student who did a video presentation.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Mrs Butler and I will attend a Student protection professional development on Friday at Beaudesert State School.

A number of staff members are now completing an Understanding and Managing student behaviour course.

DAYS OF EXCELLENCE

Our next Day of Excellence is centred around Excellence in Science. Mr. Clem is working diligently to make this an extremely engaging, exciting and educational experience.

These days occur at several schools within the cluster and are targeted at several grades. Selection for these days is dependent upon your child's individual talents as well as behaviour as they will be representing our school as well as your family.

DANCE FEVER SHOWCASE

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who came along to enjoy the Dance Fever Showcase at the end of Term 2. It was great to see all of the student's dance lessons come to fruition.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is below expectations, which is very disappointing as we are only in week two of this term. Parents and carers are obligated by law to ensure their child is at school every day unless there is genuine illness. Birthdays, shopping trips and visits to theme parks are not considered reasonable excuses.

If your child is absent please send a note with them the following day or better still, phone the office. Qparents also gives you the capacity to enter your child's absence electronically.

Please make sure your child attends school every day, unless they are ill.

Class	Attendance percentage
Prep D	90.75%
Prep/1	90.83%
1/2D	93.3%
1/2R	94.09%
2R	90.42%
3/4W	89.73%
3D	95.12%
4/5F	95.05%
5/6D	93.46%
5/6K	92.26%

STOP, DROP AND GO/PARKING

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.
- Do not overtake unless directed to do so.
- **Please collect your child/ren by 3.20pm. 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

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.

BEHAVIOUR CONSEQUENCES GRID

The updated behaviour consequences grid is attached to this email. Please familiarise yourself with it and if you have any comments or suggestions please contact the office as we do value your input.

WOODHILL WONDERS

Woodhill SS offers a pre-prep program for those children who will be starting prep with us in 2017. The program will help the children prepare for the transition to school life. If you have a child commencing prep with us next year or you know of someone who does, please contact the office to register your interest. Woodhill Wonders will commence on Friday 5th August 9am – 10: 45am and will be every Friday thereafter.



BUS LANE

Please ensure that you also use this facility correctly in the mornings. Pull up past the pedestrian crossing. Let your children out on the curbed side. Do not linger. This is a designated bus lane.

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:

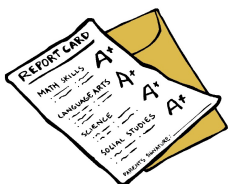
For PC and Mac, visit portal.office.com, login using your school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process.

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

Visit www.education.qld.gov.au/office2016 for instructions on how to download and install Office 2016 to your personal home computers

BILLY CART DERBY

Our annual Billy Cart Derby will be held on Saturday the 23rd July. This is a fantastic day where the community comes together for a fun day of rides, stalls, food and of course, the all-important billy cart races. Registration forms, unlimited ride armband order forms and cart specs are all available on the school website. A rolling raffle will be drawn on the day and all donations are welcome. Each classroom will be responsible for running a stall so please contact your child's teacher if you can volunteer some time on the day.



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 or 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. Microfibre tracksuit pants are only \$10 but are only available in limited sizes.

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 to our families already. If you have not received 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>.

CHILDREN ARRIVING BEFORE 8:15

Duty commences at 8:15 a.m. If you are unable to provide adequate supervision for your child till this time each day, please contact P.C.Y.C. They run an excellent before and after school care program.

TUCKSHOP

Congratulations to our tuck-shop convenor- Mrs Garrard and her band of volunteers for the 'delicious' work that they are doing. Please make sure that orders are handed to the office before 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays.

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](#).

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.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Woodhill School has a website full of great information. If you go to 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.

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 available on the school website. Newsletters will also be emailed to families this year so please ensure your email details are up to date. If you don't have access to a computer, you can request that a paper copy be provided.



LATEARRIVALS/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. Please contact the school **BEFORE 2PM** if you need to change your child's transport arrangements in the afternoon.

PAYMENT DAYS FOR INCURSIONS/EXCURSIONS

You can pay for your child's excursions and incursions online or at the office on **Thursdays** and **Fridays**. As these are the only days that we can get to the bank any moneys sent on other days will be sent home. The school bank account details are

WOODHILL STATE SCHOOL BSB 064 400 ACC 00090138. This account can be used for incursion and excursion payments. To pay for uniforms and any other P and C related costs including fundraising please use the P and C account BSB 064 400 ACC 00900276.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking is run through the Commonwealth bank and an account for your child can be set up on line through the Commonwealth website. Banking is collected every Thursday and we would like to thank Saskia for continuing to give up her time to coordinate this service.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform shop is run by the P and C and is open on Tuesday and Friday mornings . You may place an order at anytime during the week and our wonderful volunteers will fill the order and send it home on Friday. Thank you to Kylie who volunteers her time to run this facility.

LOGAN LIBRARIES

The Logan Libraries website is an excellent educational place to visit. Not only can you utilize their 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.

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.

More information regarding medical conditions and administering medication is attached.

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. Our behaviour consequences grid is available on the school website <https://woodhillss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/Consequence%20Grid.%202015.pdf> This demonstrates to parents and carers, the consequences attached to a particular behaviour.

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.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

We hope you all had a great day!!!

Mia B	Mason C-C
Max C	Annabelle C
Olivia C	Holly D
Jack D	Ellie F
Lilli G	Bella G
Mia G	Caleb H
Ethan H	Brianna L
Haylee M	Ryan S
Noah S	Shakaylah T
Hannah W	

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - WEEK ONE TERM 3

Year Level	Student
Prep D	Mason C Isabella D
Prep/1 L	Ryder H Riley M
Year 1/2 D	Tremayne R Sienna U
Year 1/2R	Isaac G Karna S
Year 2 D	Ethan H Noah L
Year 3D	Tyler D Leith M
Year 3/4W	Seth D John E
Year 4/5 F	Jaelon H Keeley U
Year 5/6D	Tiffany B-M Brianna L

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.



FOCUS FORTY

Week 3 and 4 : Including others ask them if they would like to join you, smile and use eye contact, face them with your body, make a space for them in the group, introduce them to others in the group. To be included – smile and use eye contact, ask if you may join in, introduce yourself if the group doesn't know you

Nationally Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Dear parents/carers,
Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection.

The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child's details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:

- Department's website: <http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html>
- Australian Government Department of Education website: <http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability> Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact the school directly.