



WOODHILL WHISPERS

Upcoming Events

School Photos
Tuesday 23rd February

Deadly Australian
payment due
Thursday 25th
February

Bookclub orders due
19th February

School banking every
Thursday

Payment days are
Thursday and Friday
only

Deadly Australians
Tuesday 1st March

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Well we are certainly off and running now.

Cross country practice has commenced in the mornings-before it becomes too hot.

Mrs Fanning has now joined our staff as the teacher of 4/5 F.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have made her feel so welcome.

Children arriving before 8:15

There are at least five students every morning arriving before we have any one on duty in the mornings. 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.

TENNIS

We are fortunate to be able to offer tennis lessons again this year. Lessons will be held at the school on a Wednesday afternoon from 3:15 – 4:00pm. Please register your interest at the office.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Many of our staff are currently involved in face to face and online professional learning around the areas of Understanding Reading Difficulties and motor coordination.

Mrs Higgins, Mrs O'Brien and I have been to 'know your data know your students'.

Mrs Donovan is attending Mentoring beginning teachers. Mrs Dougherty and Mrs Fanning will be attending essential skills for classroom management.

Mr. Mason, Mrs Wallace and Mrs Down will be attending Functional Behaviour Assessment training.

Mrs Butler is attending a Child Protection symposium.

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.

Please realise that your child's class teacher is your first point of contact if you have an issue.

If you are short of time and not sure who you need to address-simply send an email to admin@woodhillss.eq.edu.au

SCHOOL LEADERS

Congratulations to our School leaders-Aaron D, Lynn L, Cassie N: O'Reilly-Hannah W, Liam S, Mason C.C., Stinson-Mia B, Chloe D, Ellie F. Our leaders were inducted at last weeks parade which was also attended by MP John Krause. After parade the student leaders and their parents were invited to a special morning tea. Congratulations to you all.

ATTENDANCE

The Regional target for South East Qld. is 96% attendance-sadly-we are already behind this in some classes. Some of the absences are also unexplained.

Even this early in the term and particularly on a Friday I am noticing some students arriving late to school. This is potentially setting them up to become habitually tardy in later life-something that employers do not tolerate.

Congratulations to Mrs Kim and her class for having the highest attendance thus far.

Class	% attendance
Prep	96.97
Prep/1	96.18
1 D	93.92
1/2 R	97.4
2 D	92.3
3D	92.67
3/4 W	96.5
4/5 F	97.4
5/6 D	93.5
5/6 K	98.66
Whole school	96.04

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will occur on Tuesday 23rd. An envelope has been sent home with all of the ordering details.

SCHOOL INCURSIONS

Throughout the year we will be having a variety of groups and performances visiting the school. Our first incursion which will incur a cost is a visit by the Deadly Australians reptile show in week six. A permission note has already come home and payment of \$5.50 per student needs to be received no later than Thursday 25th February.

WOODHILL COMPLAINTS PROCESS

If you have an issue or query regarding your child, please make an appointment to see your child's teacher. Teachers are obviously very busy with their students in the morning so please don't monopolise their time when they are

trying to get organised for the day. They are more than happy to see you at a scheduled time and to arrange an appointment please contact the office. If you are not satisfied with the outcome of that meeting, then an appointment can be made with 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.

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.

Attached to the last newsletter were the guidelines for using stop drop and go but they can also be found on the school website www.woodhillss.eq.edu.au

A reminder that the school carpark is still part of the school, and as such, is a NO SMOKING area.



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.

QPARENTS

Early next week invitations will be sent to all families to register for Qparents. Qparents will give you access to your child's academic and behaviour records, it will allow you to notify the school of any absences as well as making payments on line. More information regarding this exciting app will come home next week.

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.



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.

ABSENCES

If your child is away from school please contact the office or send a note in to your child's teacher. If we don't have an explanation for the absence it will be logged as an unexplained absence. Once a month a report is generated detailing all unexplained absences and a letter will come home asking for an explanation for the absence. This is Education Queensland policy.

BOOKCLUB

The first issue of the year has been sent home. Orders need to be back at school no later than the 19th February. Thank you once again to Hailey for coordinating this. Please note that scholastic no longer send different age categories to different year levels. They now send one book club magazine to all age levels

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.

TUCKSHOP

At present we don't have a tuckshop convenor so unfortunately tuckshop won't be available to the students. If you are able to take on this position please let the office know.

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.

P AND C MEETING

Due to unforeseen circumstances the he P & C AGM has been postponed until Monday 21st March, 6.30pm in the staffroom. Please come along as it is a fantastic way to find out, and have a say about what happens at the school. Most of the executive positions will need to be filled so if you are interested please come along and volunteer your skills. Please see the the attached flyer for more information

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/Firmsanddocuments/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.

Have a great week

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



We hope you all had a great day!!!

Kiara A
Baileigh A
Fletcher B
Kody C-R
Oscar C
Caitlyn F
Kyl G
Hayden K
Brock M
Leith M
Denika S
Karna S
Ryley W

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - WEEK TWO TERM 1

Year Level	Student
Prep D	Noah M Isabella D
Prep 1/L	Fletcher B Bella L
Year 1 D	Tyrone K Annameeka T
Year 1/2R	Keylee M Jessy S
Year 2 D	Holly D Rhyda W
Year 3 D	
Year 3/4 W	Krystal D Annalise G
Year 4/5 F	Arami C Bryden W
Year 5/6D	Oscar C Ellie F
Year 5/6 K	Aiden L Harlan S

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Year Level	Student
Prep D	Sienna C Orrin H
Prep 1/L	Jaya C-R Xanthe S
Year 1 D	Jack D Cyndel J
Year 1/2R	Isaac G Madeleine G
Year 2 D	Amber D Ethan H
Year 3 D	Leith M Leith F
Year 3/4 W	Emily J Talitha-Jai T
Year 4/5 F	Claire E Wyatt K
Year 5/6D	Tobyn C-K Lane R
Year 5/6 K	Kye H-L Cassandra N

FOCUS FORTY

Week 3 Hands up: Wait until the speaker finishes talking, put your hand up high, wait until you are asked to speak

Week 4 Appropriate noise: Silent voices, whispering voices and normal voices

Week 5: Manners words: say "excuse me" when you walk in front of someone, say thank you when handed something, answer 'yes' or 'no' followed by the person's name eg "yes Mrs Lucas"

Week 6: Communicating feelings everybody has feelings, It's ok to express your feelings, it helps to tell people how you are feeling, people can often help if they know how you feel

CHAPPY CHAT

Quote: "Don't count the days, make the days count." -Muhammad Ali

For those who are new to the school, or have not yet met me, my name is Jamie Sharp and I am the School Chaplain. The chaplaincy service at Woodhill State School offers care and support for the entire school community, this includes parents, family members, staff and of course students. Chaplaincy is available to all people regardless of race, religion or values.

Some reasons you or your child would see me:

- * YOU JUST NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO
 - * YOUR FAMILY OR FRIENDS HAVE EXPERIENCED A TRAGEDY
 - * YOU'RE STRUGGLING WITH SCHOOL OR STUDY
 - * SOMETHINGS HAPPENED THAT HAS UPSET OR SHAKEN YOU
- AND YOU NEED SOME ADVICE
- * YOU NEED HELP AND WANT POINTING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION
 - * PARENTS NEED ADVICE ABOUT PARENTING OR FAMILY MATTERS
 - * YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT SOMEONE AROUND YOU WITH

REGARDS TO HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

- * YOU NEED A FRIEND WHO WILL NOT JUDGE OR CRITICISE

I am at the school most Fridays and I am more than happy to journey with you, together, bringing hope to a young generation. Please don't hesitate to contact me. To make an appointment or just to have a quick chat, please contact the school on 5548 9222.

This year I want to encourage you not to count down the days, but make every moment count.

Time with family and friends is special and should be cherished. I look forward to meeting and working with many members of the school community as together we develop, and enjoy this year.

Jamie Sharp,
School Chaplain