



WOODHILL WHISPERS

Upcoming Events

Science day of
Excellence Wednesday
24th August

Book Week Dress Up
Friday 26th August
Prep, year 1 and year
2

Father's day Stall 1st
and 2nd September

Prep open day
Thursday 1st
September

Book Fair 1st, 2nd and
5th September

Ag-Ed
Friday 2nd September
Years 5 and 6
\$10 per student

Talk Like a
Pirate/Read Aloud
day Friday 16
September

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



WELCOME TO WEEK 6

This Thursday and Friday, our Athletes will be travelling to QSAC to compete in the District Athletics carnival.

We wish them all good luck. Thank you to Mrs Dimmick who has spent many mornings training our Athletes to give them the best possible chance of succeeding. Mrs Dimmick will be travelling with them as Team Manager.

BOOK FAIR

This is on in Week 8 (1st, 2nd and 5th September). A selection of books will be available for students and parents to purchase. All students will have the opportunity to view the books on offer and complete a wish list to bring home to you. **Please be aware that this is just a wish list – you are not obligated to purchase anything.** Purchasing will occur before and after school, 8:00am – 8:45 and 3:00pm – 3:30pm.

STEM

On Monday, Mrs Down took a group of 5/6 students to Beaudesert SS for a STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) Day. One of the activities they participated in was the dissection of a cows eyeball! Next week Ms. Kim will take another group to Flagstone C.C. for a Science Day.

AG-ED

Our year 5 and 6 students will be attending the agricultural education day at the Beaudesert Show on Friday 2nd September. Please make payment of \$10 by Friday 26th August.

DAYS OF EXCELLENCE

Our next Day of Excellence on August 24, is centered on 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.

FATHERS DAY STALL

Our Father's Day stall will be on Thursday 1st September and Friday 2nd September with gifts ranging from 50c - \$5. Please send any donations you may have to the office.

PREP OPEN DAY

Thursday 1st September will be our Prep Open Day. This is a great opportunity for our 2017 preps to spend the morning in the prep classroom while parents/carers attend an information session regarding Woodhill.

BOOK WEEK

Next week is book week. Prep, year 1 and year 2 students are invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book for parade on Friday 26th August. Please ensure they bring their uniform to change in to after parade.

READ ALOUD/TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY

This is a day for our students to dress as Pirates (no weapons) for a gold coin donation as well as parents, carers and grandparents to come along and enjoy a morning of reading with our students (last day of term 3, Friday 16th September). All gold coin donations will go to Childhood Cancer Research.

ABSENCES

The 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. Please assist us by ensuring you contact the office as soon as possible if your child is going to be away from school.

LATE ARRIVALS

Our number of late attendees has diminished. Thank you for assisting in this. Our school day commences at 8:45. Please ensure that your child is at school on time so that they do not miss out on any valuable learning opportunities as well as not feeling anxious regarding the fact that they are late to class.

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.
- 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 3.20pm. 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.



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

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.

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.

Week 7 and 8 Managing Time make sure you know how much time you have to complete the activity, check the clock occasionally so you know how much time you have left, break the activity into parts and set a time limit for each part, check the time when sharing equipment so you all get a fair amount of time.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

We hope you all had a great day!!!

Izac A	Ivy-Rose B
Kai B	Abby-Rose C
Seth G	Courtney G
Monique K	Sheridan K
Lynn L	Shana-Rae M
Skye S	Kobi S
Madi S	Wylie S
Kevin S	Kooper S
Alyssa T	Sienna U
Benji V	

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - WEEK FOUR TERM 3

Year Level	Student
Prep D	Isabella D Noah M
Prep/1 L	Keera F Jai M
Year 2 D	Veronica C Skye S
Year 3D	Georgia G Aiesha I
Year 3/4W	Angus M Brock M
Year 4/5 F	Lilli G Layla M
Year 5/6D	Kye H-L Bailey U

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - WEEK FIVE TERM 3

Year Level	Student
Prep D	Frederick C Kate W
Prep/1 L	Xanthe S Molly-Rose S
Year 1/ D	Mitchell DW Oliver D
Year 1/2R	Miller S Cohwen H
Year 2 D	Chelsea H Rya W
Year 3/4W	Monique K Jayde M
Year 5/6K	Kai B Hannah W

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.



Overparenting: What's the Problem?

Overparenting refers to unnecessary corrective, cautionary or disciplinary comments made by parents to kids.

Adults who overparent usually do it repeatedly and overparenting has predictable, negative effects on children. The negative reaction is what we call the "Anxious Parent, Angry Child" syndrome. Continually expressing unnecessary worries about kids to the kids irritates the youngsters because it insults them. The parent's basic message is this: "I have to worry about you so much because you're incompetent; there's not much you can do on your own without my supervision and direction." No child likes to be put down, and overparenting is definitely a put-down.

Three Reasons Why Overparenting Is Unnecessary

Overparenting comments can be unnecessary for several reasons:

1. The child already has the skill necessary to manage the situation.
2. Even if the child doesn't have all the necessary skills to manage the situation, it would be preferable for the youngster to learn by direct experience.
3. The issue is trivial.

Want to encourage independence in your children? Be a good listener and avoid overparenting.

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