



WOODHILL WHISPERS

Upcoming Events

Swimming payment
due Friday 28th
October

School Disco Friday
28th October

Grandparents Day for
prep students Friday
4th November

10th, 11th and 14th
November Book Fair
– Buy one, get one
free

28TH November Year
6 High School
orientation Flagstone
SCC and Beaudesert
SHS

Year 6 Graduation
Wed 30th November

Please note date
change for end of
year concert: 2nd
December

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Newsletter Week 4 Term 4

DISCO NIGHT

Tonight is our disco night-it should be a fun filled exciting night. Thank you to our wonderful P and C and volunteers for organizing this even.

TEACHERS DAY

Today is Teachers day-a day to acknowledge the dedication, persistence and enthusiasm of all of our teachers.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Next Friday-as part of their curriculum activities, Prep and Prep/1 will be holding a Grandparents morning. It is always lovely to see the grandparents here interacting with their grandchildren.

CANBERRA TRIP

Thank you to Mrs Higgins for volunteering to co-ordinate this potential trip for our 2017 Year 6 students. At present we have had approximately 23 parents express an interest in this excursion. We need a minimum of 30 to be a viable event. If you are interested in your child participating in this please return your E.O.I. by next Wednesday.

SCHOOL DISCO

Our annual school disco will be held on Friday the 28th October over two sessions. The first session will run from 5-6.30pm for the prep – 2's and 7-8:30pm for the yr3's-6. Tickets are \$3 each and pizza is available to pre-order. If you haven't received a note about this you can find one on the school website or request a copy from the office. **Please note: Due to the recent issues with clowns in the wider community, we are requesting that students do not come to the disco dressed as a clown.**

CHOCOLATES

Thank you to all of our families who have been selling boxes of chocolates. It has been a fantastic effort by everyone. Please hand your money in to the office by Monday 31st October. You may also deposit the money into the P and C account if you don't want to send a large amount of cash in to the school BSB 633-000 ACC 146031984. Please ensure you use your surname in the description so everything can be matched.

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 this week 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.

ENROLMENT 2017

If you have a child commencing with us in 2017, please collect an enrolment form from the office if you haven't already done so.

As we head to the end of the year, plans are beginning to be formulated for our 2017 classes. To enable us to plan effectively, could you please let the office know if your child will **not** be returning to Woodhill next year.

GRADUATE TO GREATNESS

Our year 6 students will be attending a motivational talk given by Eric Bailey, a pro basketball player, addressing bullying, self esteem and coping with change. This will occur at the school on Tuesday 1st November 11:30am and there is no charge for students. Parents and carers are most welcome to attend also.

GRADUATION

As our year 6's enter their last term at Woodhill State School, it is time to start thinking about graduation. This year's function will be at the Veresdale Hotel on Wednesday 30th November at 6:00pm. If you haven't received a note with all of the details, please either visit the school website or contact the office.

SENIOR SHIRTS

A reminder to complete and return your senior shirt orders for next year.

MAGIC 1,2,3 AN EMOTION COACHING AND PARENT COURSE

Mrs Maggie Butler, our Guidance Officer, will be facilitating a parenting course commencing on the 14th November (refer to the attached flyer) This course includes topics such as

- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to sort behaviour
- How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- Choosing your strategy, the three choices
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- 7 tactics for encouraging good behavior

If you wish to participate, please register your interest by filling in the attached registration form. Forms are also available in the office.

BOOK FAIR – BUY ONE GET ONE FREE

Book fair is returning to Woodhill this term with a special offer for our community – buy one get one free. This means that if you spend, for example, \$25 on books you are then eligible to get the same value (\$25) free. This is an excellent opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done!

Students will be compiling their "wish lists" on Wednesday 9th November and books will be available for purchase:

Thursday 10th Nov: 8-8:30am 3-3:30pm

Friday 11th Nov : 8-8:30am 3-3:30pm

Monday 14th Nov: 8-8:30am only

Please note: you are not obliged to purchase your child's wishlist.

RECOUNTS FROM 1/2 R

23.10.16

On Monday, I went on the bus to Beaudesert. I sat next to Leah. Me and Leah played I Spy. The class went to the Beaudesert Pool. There was Mr Mason, Mrs Borkiet, Mr Michum and Mr Patrick, I had fun. After the class, we went back to school on the bus. Leah had fun and I had fun, we used kick boards. My kick board went on the other side. It was cold when we first got in the water. Mrs Borkiet took us up on the bus.

Karna S (Year 2, 1/2R)

23.10.16

On Monday I went to Beaudesert Pool. We had a swimming lesson. I had fun in the pool. Mr Mason helped me. I went on a bus.

Chase H (Year 1, 1/2R)

23.10.16

Today I forgot my swimming gear and I needed to stay at school and do some work. Then I had some time to use an Ipad. We had to be silent in class but if you have bought your swimming gear that means you can go swimming in the pool and it might be cold but it might be warm. I like the pool when it is cold. We have swimming lessons on Mondays.

Madeleine G Year 2, 1/2R)

23.10.16

Last Thursday the whole class except five people went to the Life Education Van. We met Harold

the giraffe and Miss Emily. The word we couldn't use was 'puppet'. Miss Emily taught stuff to us and it was Harold the giraffe's grandma's birthday. Harold wanted something special for her birthday. Harold thought he could buy a juicer but he didn't have enough money. So we made her a garden and she loved it.

Isaac G (Year 1, 1/2R)

23.10.16

Firstly my friend and I got changed inside. We got dressed just before Alexis. We went outside to the bus and I sat next to my friend Karna. It was a long trip but it was worthwhile. When we got there, there was Mr Mason, Mrs Borkiet and Mr Patrick. I accidentally swallowed some water. We got changed at the pool and came back to school on the bus.

Leah (Year 2, 1/2R)

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) <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 5 and 6 Setting Goals: A goal must be something you can see yourself doing, achievable, something you really want to do, specific, one thing at a time, positive for both yourself and others.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

We hope you all had a great day!!!

Jack A	Skye B
Ashton B	Nicholas B
Amity B	Jaya C-R
Veronica C	Ella-Marie C
Jacob G	Maddison G
Ryder H	Emily J
Koda J	Alexis P
Zach P	Jessy S
Liam S	Kate W

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - WEEK TWO TERM 4

Year Level	Student
Prep D	Isabella D Tate P
Year 1 D	Jack M Cyndel S
Year1/2 R	Zander S Shandice W
Year 3 D	Maddison B Phoenix H
Year 3/4W	Haydn C John E
Year 4/ 5/6 K	Paige B Kevin S

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - WEEK THREE TERM 4

Year Level	Student
Prep D	Fred C Sienna C
Prep/1 L	Keera F Shelby G
Year 1 D	Ella G Nash H
Year1/2 R	Abby-Rose C Cohwen H
Year 2 D	Billy C Amber D
Year ¾ W	Lachlan S Jet S
Year 4/5/6 D	Jasmyn D Poppi S
Year 5/6 K	Mia B Brooke J

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - WEEK FOUR TERM 4

Year Level	Student
Prep D	Kiara B Orrin H
Prep/1 L	Max C Ryder H
Year 1/ D	Jack D Mitchell D
Year 1/2R	Stan G Isaac G
Year 2 D	Olivia C Chelsea H
Year 3D	Leith F Savannah H
Year 3/4W	Harmony F Gabriella H
Year 4/5/6 D	Oscar C Caleb H
Year 5/6K	Haylee M Aiden 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.



CHAPPY CHAT – JAMIE SHARP

Welcome to term 4 parents and carers, I hope you managed to enjoy your time while the kids were on holidays. Following on from last term I'll be including some parenting information By Professor Matt Sanders, the founder of the Positive Parenting Program .

PARENT TRAPS

It's tough being a parent but it's easy to fall into one of the common parenting traps.

The criticism trap is when there are frequent power struggles with your child. The situations escalate from criticising to threatening and yelling. This type of discipline often backfires. The parent's anger makes the child and parent resentful and hostile. If these kinds of battles take place frequently, it's time to try a new way of handling the situation.

The "leave them alone" trap involves the parent simply not acknowledging their child when they are behaving well. If good behaviour is taken for granted it may be replaced with the misbehaviour that receives more attention. A basic principle of positive parenting is to praise behaviours you would like to see more often.

The "for the sake of the children" trap occurs when parents in unhappy marriages stick

doggedly to the same marriage routines, for the sake of the children, rather than addressing the problems constructively.

The perfect parent trap. There is no such thing as a perfect parent and trying to be one will only lead to disappointment, resentment, guilt, and feelings of inadequacy.

The martyr trap is one where parents become so over-involved in the task of parenting they neglect their own needs. The parents' relationship suffers and may end in feelings of dissatisfaction and resentment. Quality parenting can only happen when adults have their own lives in balance.

Professor Matt Sanders is founder of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program®. To find out more about Triple P in Queensland go to www.triplep-parenting.net.

For more information or to talk about anything you may need help with, please don't hesitate to contact me on 0418768393.

Regards, Jamie Sharp