



WOODHILL WHISPERS

Upcoming Events

Bookclub orders due
11th March

Cross Country 17th
March

Read Aloud/Free
Dress Thursday 24th
March

School banking every
Thursday

Payment days are
Thursday and Friday
only

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Thank you to all of the parents who are ensuring that their children are at school every day and on time. EVERY DAY COUNTS.

GOALS

By now you should be on your second round of goals-except for Prep students. You are on your first round.

Each student should have either come home or had emailed a letter explaining the English, Math and Reading goal for them for a period of five weeks.

A Beanie Bookmark-explaining Reading strategies will also be sent home.

Should you have not received this please let the office know so that the miscommunication can be addressed.

TENNIS

We are fortunate to be able to offer tennis lessons again this year. Lessons will be held at the school commencing on Wednesday 9th March from 3:15 – 4pm. If your child is interested in participating in this program, more information is available at the office.

ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR VISIT

Mr. Terry Cornish, will be visiting next week to assist us in improving our student's academic outcomes.

BUDDY BENCH

Thank you to Bunnings who have donated a "Buddy Bench" to the school. It is a permanent bench where children are encouraged to sit when they are feeling left out or bullied. If a classmate sees someone sitting on the bench they are urged to invite them to play, walk or talk with them.

CARPARK IMPROVEMENTS

Cr Trevina Schwarze has approved some minor works which will improve safety in our carpark. We have new signs at the crossing and the pedestrian crossing will be repainted.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council is selling lemonade ice blocks at Tuesday lunchtime for \$1 each as part of their fundraising for the year. Due to the time constraints during lunchtime, students are only allowed to purchase one ice block for themselves and are not permitted to purchase ice blocks for their friends.

CROSS COUNTRY

The students have been training diligently for our upcoming cross country which will occur on Thursday 17th March. Sports shirts can be purchased from the uniform shop on Tuesday and Friday mornings at a cost of \$13 each. If you are unsure which house your child is in, please contact the office. Parents and carers are most welcome to come along and cheer the students on.

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

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 once more having the highest attendance. Congratulations to 5/6 K, 1/2 R and 3D for



reaching our attendance goal.

Class	% attendance
Prep	95.91
Prep/1	94.22
1 D	92.25
1/2 R	96.08
2 D	92.24
3D	96.88
3/4 W	91.73
4/5 F	94.58
5/6 D	94.32
5/6 K	98.06
Whole school	94.63

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.

The guidelines for using stop drop and go can 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 term 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. Please contact the school **BEFORE 2PM** if you need to change your child's transport arrangements in the afternoon.

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 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.

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.

Have a great week

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



We hope you all had a great day!!!

Paige B	Nate L
Mason C	Nash M
Jack C	Jack M
Seth D	Zoe P
Willow D	Alex R
Chloe D	Tamara R
Sarah E	Molly-Rose S
John E	Ella W
Harmony F	Jacob W
Khyla G	Ethan W
Miah G	
Kaleb G	
Madeleine G	
Peyton H	
Chelsea H	
Tyson K	
Hudson L	

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - WEEK FOUR TERM 1

Year Level	Student
Year 1 D	Caleb C Tyson K
Year 1/2R	Abby-Rose C Oscar C
Year 2 D	Tahlia C Ellasandra G
Year 3 D	Kailee W Savannah H
Year 3/4 W	Jacob G Gabriella H
Year 4/5 F	
Year 5/6D	Mason C-C Kali G
Year 5/6 K	Kai B Brooke J

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - WEEK FIVE TERM 1

Year Level	Student
Prep D	Kaylah B Nash M
Year 1 D	Madison S Tallon S
Year 1/2R	Kai A-H Kobi S
Year 2 D	Cooper M Eloise S
Year 3 D	Tyler D Edward H
Year 3/4 W	Jayde M Shanae N
Year 5/6D	Bailey B Aleathia P
Year 5/6 K	Chloe D Cassandra N

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 7 Dealing with anger: Take 3 deep breaths, count to 5, say clearly how you feel and why

Week 8 : Positive physical contact: Only ever touch people in a friendly way, ask if it's ok before you touch someone, check the touching rules in games before you start playing, it's always ok to say no to anyone if you don't want them to touch you.

CHAPPY CHAT

Does the War of the Worlds occur in your home every morning? Waking up a child, making them get out of bed and get dressed for school, trying to get them to have something for breakfast, clean teeth, brushed hair and get to the bus on time. Is this a constant battle for anyone else? Does your child have morning headaches, a sick belly, sleepy eyes, sore back or legs depending what day it is? If you've noticed your children are far healthier on weekends, then maybe it's time to have a 'little chat'. Communicating with your child may help matters and it's easy to do.

Firstly sit with your child and ask them to write a list of things they don't like about school, if you need to you can ask some questions like "do you find it difficult to make friends?" or "is there someone you're not getting along with?" Then problem solve **with them** (not for them). Come up with some ideas to try to fix any problems. Then I suggest making a positive list, things they do enjoy about school, and talk about the good aspects of school life.

If at the end of this discussion you have any problems that you cannot find a solution for please don't hesitate to contact myself or the guidance officer at the school to ask for advice or some ideas.

Jamie Sharp,
School Chaplain



DITTOS KEEP SAFE ADVENTURE PROGRAM

On Tuesday 23rd February 2016 students had the opportunity to experience the Personal Safety Program "The Ditto Show".

The purpose of 'Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Show' is to teach children personal safety in a non-confrontational, fun and engaging fashion. Bravehearts' Education Teams deliver the show's messages into schools, day care centres, shopping centres, sporting clubs and other facilities (relating to the care of children) to provide students, parents, teachers, carers and the general community with specialised child sexual assault awareness and education.

'Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure' Education Program aims to continue communicating essential personal safety messages and works tirelessly to reach children across Australia. Since reaching the 200,000 safer kids milestone in March 2012, the amount of children that have seen Ditto continues to grow. Bravehearts looks forward to celebrating further milestones that provide personal safety messages to a wider audience and support children with the key objectives for their personal safety education.

The show's main contents address:

- Yes and No Feelings
- Warning Signs
- Scared and Yucky Feelings
- Private Parts and Privacy
- It's OK to say NO if you don't feel safe
- What to do if you feel unsafe or unsure

In addition to the performance and to continue communicating Ditto's personal safety messages, the team also provides an Activity Book for each student to take home and share with parents and carers. Some students' are completing these booklets with their class teachers before they bring them home.

Maggie Butler
Guidance Officer