



# WOODHILL WHISPERS

## Upcoming Events

School Review Thurs  
8th, Fri 9th and Mon  
12th

Kingfisher netball and  
rugby league Friday  
9th and 16th September

Gala Day for years 5  
and 6 Friday 9th  
September

Talk Like a  
Pirate/Read Aloud  
day Friday 16  
September

Last day of Term 3  
Friday 16th September

First day Term 4  
Tuesday 4th October

Swimming Prep-year  
2 10th October

Pupil Free Day  
Monday 17th October

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



### WELCOME TO WEEK 9

This week we welcome our School review team to the school for three days. Their task is to assist us in making Woodhill State School a high quality educational facility.

### BOOK FAIR

This was held over the days of 1st, 2nd and 5th of September and once again, was a huge success. The purchases our school community makes directly benefits the school as we accumulate points with every purchase and these points are converted into free books for the school. Thank you to Mrs Richardson for coordinating this.

### MATHS CHALLENGE

Mrs Stacey Wilson and Mrs Higgins took two teams of our mathematically gifted students to Logan last week for a "math's challenge" competition. Our students performed admirably finishing around the middle of a large group of schools.

Thank you Mrs Wilson for assisting with this.

### AG-ED

Our year 5 and 6 students had a wonderful day attending the agricultural education day at the Beaudesert Show on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. They attended talks on healthy eating, found out where our dairy products and vegetables come from, how to keep safe on the farm and had an interactive time with "bush buddies" where they were able to stroke a snake!

### **KINGFISHER CHALLENGE AND GALA DAY**

This week our year 5 and 6 students will participate in a netball or rugby league challenge in Beaudesert or they will attend a Gala Day of sport at Hills College. We wish our sporting teams the best of luck and we know that all of our students will be fine ambassadors for our school.

### **WORLD X DAY**

Next Friday (16<sup>th</sup> September) a number of our year 5 and 6 students will be attending an X games incursion with Ms Kim at Beaudesert State High School. This is designed to give students a taste of high school life.

### **ROAD SAFETY**

Next week we have been fortunate enough to obtain the services of Senior Constable Ian Phillips and some colleagues to bring some police bikes and to speak to our students about the need to be alert when near roads or wherever there is traffic. Some students will have the opportunity to sit on a police bike so if you would prefer that this did not happen please complete the note that was sent home and return it to school.

### **FATHERS DAY STALL**

Thank you to our wonderful P and C for organizing the father's day stall. I'm sure there were many happy dad's opening their gifts on Sunday morning.

### **ENROLMENT 2017**

If you have a child commencing prep 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 term 3, 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.

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> September). Parents are welcome to bring along a picnic to share with the students however

please be mindful of only including healthy snacks such as fruit and sandwiches – no soft drinks or lollies. All gold coin donations will go to Childhood Cancer Research.

### **YEAR 3 CAMP**

Most of our year 3 students will be attending Camp Warrawee next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Thank you Mrs Wallace and Mrs Donovan for organizing this, as well as Chaplain Jamie and Mr Mason for assisting. Whilst this is a great experience for the students it also comes at a personal expense to our teachers in relation to time away from their own families.

### **ABSENCES**

There are a number of students who have had more than 20 days off this year – this equates to four weeks which is a great deal of time off school. It is quite difficult for your children to catch up the amount of learning that will have occurred in this lost time. Birthdays and shopping expeditions are not an acceptable reason for time away from learning.

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.

### **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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 9 and 10 Expressing your opinion:  
Everyone has a right to express their opinion, practice saying it in your head first, pick a good time to say it (don't interrupt) use a friendly voice and speak clearly, stay on the topic, don't get upset if people disagree with you – remember they have a right to express their opinion too.



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

We hope you all had a great day!!!

Kai A-H	Sienna C
Jaxin C	Oscar C
Aaron D	Amber D
Chase H	Cohwen H
Jack J	Angus M
Riley M	Keylee M
Lachlan S	Xanthe S
Ashleigh S	

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - WEEK SIX TERM 3

Year Level	Student
Prep D	Nash M
Prep/1 L	Max C Shelby G
Year 1 D	Hayden K Madison S
Year1/2 R	Alexis P Stephanie T
Year 2 D	Rhyda W James W
Year 3D	Savannah H Edward H
Year 3/4W	Harmony F Seth R
Year 4/5 F	Gevana M Lachlan W
Year 4/5/6D	Lane R Bella G
Year 5/6 K	Caitlyn F Jack V

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - WEEK SEVEN TERM 3

Year Level	Student
Prep D	Hayden G Dylan K
Prep/1 L	Fletcher B Isabella L
Year 1 D	Annameeka T Benjamin V
Year1/2 R	Madison G Zander S
Year 2 D	Billy C Amber D
Year 3/4W	Annabelle C Willow D
Year 5/6 K	Rylee B Haylee M

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - WEEK EIGHT TERM 3

Year Level	Student
Prep D	Isabella D Orrin H
Prep/1 L	Evelyn S Alyssa T
Year 1/ D	Izac A Jack J
Year 1/2R	Leah D Jessy S
Year 2 D	Tahlia C Kaya W
Year 3/4W	Krystal D Emily J
Year 5/6K	Liam s 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.



### CHAPPY CHAT – JAMIE SHARPE

I am an accredited Triple P Parenting Course provider, I see the benefits when parents implement just a small change in their homes, that often lead to big improvements. As part of Chappy Chat I will be including parenting tips written by Triple P founder, Matt Sanders. I hope you find them helpful.

### POSITIVE PARENTING By Professor Matt Sanders

As a parent, you want to do the best for your child, but how do you know what's right? What do you do when your child answers back? Or is being bullied at school? Or starts telling obvious lies?

Over coming weeks I'll share some of Triple P's proven tips for the best ways to handle common behavioural and developmental problems in children. From battling disobedience to encouraging homework routines, I'll cover those everyday issues to help you work out some strategies to suit your family.

I'll highlight common "parent traps" and hopefully make the very important job of raising kids as enjoyable and rewarding as possible.

But remember, parenting is sometimes hard work and it may take time to tackle more difficult problems. The good news is that help is always at hand. Throughout Queensland the Queensland Government is offering parenting support with Triple P, one of the world's most highly-regarded, evidence-based parenting programs.

**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](http://www.triplep-parenting.net).**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON TRIPLE P COURSES AVAILABLE, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO VISIT THE TRIPLE P WEBSITE, OR CONTACT CHAPLAIN JAMIE ON 0418768393

#### **MAGGIE BUTLER – GUIDANCE OFFICER**

##### **Quick Conflict Resolution**

When a parent makes a demand of a child or turns down a request, we have a mini-conflict situation. How parents and kids resolve these situations hour after hour and day after day has a huge impact on family life, marriages, mental health and on the ultimate maturity of children as adults.

It is absolutely essential, therefore, that parents learn to efficiently resolve the conflicts that result from saying "No" to a child's request or from asking a child to do something.

A basic parent/child conflict resolution rule is this: The longer a conflict goes unresolved and the more talking done, the poorer the outcome will be.

Learning to resolve conflicts efficiently means quickly as well as reasonably. In mini-conflict situations kids have four options: cooperation, negotiation, testing and noncompliance. For everyone involved, cooperation or successful negotiations are the best outcomes. Mini-conflicts, though, can quickly become maxi-conflicts. The longer a conflict goes unresolved, the more those involved talk and the angrier they get.

When this happens, the chances of cooperation are minimal and the chances of testing and noncompliance are high. Repeat this sequence hundreds of times over the years and you

produce miserable families and kids who grow up to be aggravating, immature adults.  
<https://parentmagic.squarespace.com/newsletter-archive/june-2015-newsletter>

