



WOODHILL WHISPERS

Upcoming Events

P and C AGM
Wednesday 15th
March

Cross Country/Fun
Run Thursday March
16th
(program attached)

Harmony Day 21st
March
Wear orange (no
cost)

31st March
Last day Term 1
Easter bonnet parade
(prep – 2)
Read aloud day
Free Dress (gold coin
donation)

Cash payment days
are Thursday and
Friday only

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



School is certainly up and running with all classes practicing for our Cross Country carnival in Week 8.

This week we had a Deadly Australians presentation for the entire school. It was a very informative presentation.

Unfortunately some students missed out as payment was not received by the due date.

To avoid disappointment, ensure that you are aware of the dates that payments are due.

In **Week 8** On Thursday we have our School Cross Country carnival.

In **Week 9** we have Harmony Day to commemorate World Peace and getting along with others. Students are encouraged to wear orange to school on that day. Please ensure their clothing is sun safe and appropriate (no inappropriate slogans, no singlets, no thongs)

Prep vision testing will also occur this week.

In **Week 10** a Japanese School, from Tama Meguro will be visiting us, Year 3 students are going on camp and we will have our Whole school Read Aloud morning as well as an Easter Bonnet Parade for Preps to Year 2's.

P and C will be held from 9 a.m. on Wednesday March 15 in the staff room.

ANIMALS ON SITE.

Do not bring animals onto the school grounds. We have several students with allergies as well as anxieties in relation to animals.

It is unfair to expose other people's children to these risks.

INCREASE IN BULLYING

Unfortunately there has been an increase in the amount of bullying occurring around the school. All students have been spoken to in relation to this with reminders of how we act at Woodhill State School.

Please assist us in reinforcing the inappropriateness of bullying.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Several teachers will be involved in various professional development in the next couple of weeks.

Mrs Higgins, Mrs Butler, Mrs Lovegrove, Mrs O'Brien and I will be completing Growth Coaching.

Mrs Goldsworthy will be completing Phonemic awareness.

Ms. Hewitt and Mrs Dougherty will be completing Functional behavioural assessment.

All teachers will be given time to plan teaching and learning activities for Term 2.

PAYMENTS –IMPORTANT INFORMATION

You can make payments to the school for incursions (school performances), camps and excursions in a variety of ways.

CASH – cash will only be accepted at the office on Thursdays and Fridays as these are the only days we can get to the bank.

BPOINT-you can use your invoice to make payment via Bpoint at any time.

QPARENTS – If you have signed up for Qparents you can view your outstanding invoices and make payment through the app at any time.

ONLINE TRANSFER – You can transfer the funds directly to the Woodhill SS account at any time. Please ensure you reference your payment with your child's name-we have had a few payments deposited into the school account where we are unable to identify who the payment is for.

All activities have a payment due date and payment needs to be made by this date for your child to be eligible to participate in the activity.

If you are paying electronically ON the due date, you will need to forward a copy of the receipt to sbrig67@eq.edu.au . It may take a few days for your payment to show up on our system so verification of payment on the due date will be required.

NO LATE PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED - to avoid disappointment please make sure you check your child's bag for notes or the school

website's note register and events calendar to ensure you haven't missed out on anything.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Our wonderful instrumental teacher-Mr. Simon Francis will once more conduct instrumental lessons on a Monday for students in year 4-6.

There are still many instruments available if any students would like to participate in this worthwhile program. Please contact Mr Francis by email sfran38@eq.edu.au. If your child has already commenced lessons, please pay the instrumental fee by Friday 24th March.



CROSS COUNTRY

The Woodhill school cross country is fast approaching. It is always a great day, showcasing many of our students' wonderful athletic ability and determination. It is scheduled to be held on the morning of Thursday March 16 from 9:00am. A schedule of races is attached to the newsletter with approximate race times. Please note that these are estimated times only. I would encourage all parents and carers who can make it that day to come along and cheer on our Stinson and O'Reilly teams as they once again go head to head in a battle of long distance supremacy.

This year will see a few changes to the courses and also the format of the event. The junior course has been moved down to the lower oval which will allow for a better view of the entire course from up on the hill for spectators. Another innovation will be the addition of the senior fun run to the program. This will be a multi-age race encouraging participation and team-spirit by allowing those students who are less competitive to run a shorter scaled down course to earn points for their team. Last year's overall result was so close that this final race of the day will likely decide which team takes out the event.

We hope to see as many of you there as possible, dressed in your best orange or blue attire and cheering the teams on.

Regards,
Tim Mason
PE, LOTE, ICT and SWD Teacher

MORNING DROP OFF/AFTERNOON COLLECTION

To ensure an efficient and safe beginning and end to the school day, please do not accompany your child to their classroom in the morning or collect them from their classroom in the afternoon. Please wish your child a good day in the undercover area and resume your normal daily activities. We have a designated Parent Plaza where parents can wait for their child in the afternoon which minimizes any student distractions or disruptions. Thank you for your cooperation.

ICEBLOCKS

As part of the student council's fundraising activities this year, they will be selling lemonade ice-blocks every Tuesday at a cost of \$1 each. Students will not be permitted to purchase ice-blocks for other students (unless they are siblings).

JAPANESE SCHOOL VISIT – WEEK 10

This term we have been offered the opportunity to host a Japanese visit. This is a wonderful opportunity for our entire school community to interact with students from another culture as well as an excellent opportunity for our Years 5's and 6's to test out their Japanese speaking skills. They are looking for host families to provide accommodation while they are here. If you are able to host a student please collect a form from the office.

GYMNASTICS

Gymnastic lessons have commenced and all of the students are enjoying the activities. This event has been subsidised by the P and C which has reduced the cost to only \$10 per student. Any students who have not will be withdrawn from subsequent lessons and required to do written work relating to gymnastics. If a child has been withdrawn, the student will re-engage in gymnastics lessons on receipt of payment.

P AND C MEETING

The P & C AGM will be held on Wednesday 15th March 9.00am 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.

TENNIS LESSONS

Tennis lessons are available for any interested students (prep-year6). Lessons commence at 8am every Wednesday at the school tennis court and will continue through until the end of the term. If you are interested in this offer please collect a form from the office.

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

Thank you to all of our parents who are using our stop drop and go facility safely. Please be aware of the new installment of a give way sign in the carpark. Traffic in the carpark must give way to stop, drop and go traffic.

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 3.15pm. 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.

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 out to our families. If you did not receive 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>.

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](#).

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. If you have a query regarding school processes please contact the school directly.

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 emailed to families and available on the website. If you require a paper copy of the newsletter, please let the office know or email sbrig67@eq.edu.au. Once the newsletter has been uploaded to the website a notification will be sent to those who subscribe to the Qschools App.



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. If you need to change your child's pick up arrangements please contact the school before 2pm. We cannot guarantee that messages will be delivered in time after 2pm.

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 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.

BOOKCLUB

Please note that all orders need to be completed using the online LOOP system. No cash will be accepted for book club orders. Thank you to Renae, for once again coordinating this.

TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop is open one day a week, Thursday. Pre-ordered meals/items need to be in to the office on Wednesday morning, written on a brown paper bag with your child's name, class and which break the order is for (1st or 2nd break). Ice blocks, chips and drinks are available to purchase over the counter along with a small number of pies and sausage rolls. A tuckshop menu has already been sent home however if you have misplaced it, it can be found on the school website.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform shop is run by the P and C and is open on Tuesday mornings and Friday mornings after parade. If you can't make it into the school on

those days you may place an order using the order form anytime during the week and our wonderful volunteers will fill the order and send it home on Friday.

LOGAN LIBRARIES

The Logan Libraries website is an excellent educational place to visit. Not only can you utilize their free 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.

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

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.

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.

Each term we reward those students who have demonstrated consistently good behaviour (less than 3 detentions for a term) with a fun activity.

Awards are also given daily (gotchas) and weekly (student of the week and merit awards). Student of the Week awards are worth 5 points and Merit certificates are worth 3 points. Once a student reaches 10 points they are awarded a bronze certificate, 20 points a silver certificate and 30 points a gold certificate.

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

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 – It’s ok to be angry, it’s how you deal with your anger that counts. 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.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

We hope you all have a wonderful day!!



Paige B
Charlotte d Y
Willow D
John E
Khyla G
Jada G
Madeleine G
Tyson K
Nate L
Jack M
Tamarā R
Molly-Rose S

Jack C
Seth D
Sarah E
Harmony F
Miah G
Kaleb G
Chelsea H
Hudson L
Nash M
Alex R
Greg S



URGENTLY REQUIRED

HOST FAMILIES

FOR

JAPANESE STUDENTS

**Kyoto Rakusei JHS Catholic Boys School
14-15yo**

ARRIVAL DATE: 25 MAR (Sat) 2017

DEPARTURE DATE: 2 APR (Sun) 2017

ATTENDING SCHOOL: Woodhill SS

Host Family requirements:

- No other Japanese person to be staying in the family
- 3 meals per day
- Own bed, but can share a room
- Over 18's hold Blue Card or willing to apply through us
- Safe travel to and from school

***One students /Family, Remuneration
\$330**

AUSTRALIA JAPAN STUDY PROGRAMME (AJSP)

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GUIDANCE OFFICER – MAGGIE BUTLER

Good Manners – the way to a person's heart

Good manners are about being courteous, polite and respecting others *and yourself*. When you use manners you are considering the feelings of other people, and being the kind of person that others will like and respect. The good thing about manners is they are contagious – what you do encourages others to do the same to you. Here are some simple but useful tips for you to teach and demonstrate to your child (guaranteed to make parenting easier at the same time):

Be polite

- say hello (or good morning) and goodbye when you meet someone you know
- say 'please' and 'thank you' as often as possible
- say 'excuse me' if you need to interrupt or pass between people
- Always ask if you want to borrow something, and return it in good order
- Take your turn (or offer others to go first)
- For older children - when answering the phone say hello and who you are, and ask how you can help the person)

Be respectful

- Look after yours and others property
- Offer an older person or a pregnant lady or a disabled person your seat if they are standing
- Open a door to others (don't push your way in first)
- Use nice language not bad language
- Always introduce a friend (this is.....) if you know 2 people don't know each other
- Be aware of your noise level - avoid being loud in a public place – it's not fair on others
- Treat others kindly
- Be aware of others' cultural ways (eg. it is highly rude in Japan to blow your noise in public)
- Always be aware of others feelings and respect them.

When eating

- Never talk with food in your mouth
- Eat silently and with your mouth closed

Having good manners not only makes you a pleasant person but will also make others want to be with you.

Aspects adapted from 'Kids Health Topics' – Children, Youth and Women's Health Service

WONDERFUL ARTWORK BY 3W

The students of 3W have been studying the artist Vincent Van Gogh and have produced their own versions of the well-known works "Sunflowers" and "Starry Nights".





