

WOODHILL WHISPERS

Upcoming Events

Dance Fever
Showcase Tuesday 21st
June

Pyjama Day
Friday 24th June

Last day of term two
Friday 24th June 2016

First day Term 3
Monday 11th July
2016

Billy Cart Derby Sat
23rd July

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in this event. Your behaviour and endeavours were exemplary. There were many instances of students displaying good sportsmanship and our students seemed to really enjoy the day along with the staff.

Thank you to Mr Mason and Mrs Richardson for organising the day which ran so smoothly and thank you to all of the parents and carers who came along to support the students.

CENTRAL REGISTER OF NOTES

Because some notes are not making their way to your home we have decided to have a central notes register on our school webpage. Any notes sent home will be here for you to collect. Please check from time to time in case your child has neglected to bring you a note. We will also let you know of the notes that were sent home in the previous two weeks in every newsletter. The link to them will normally be here as well.

FACILITIES

Mr Marios is replanting gardens and has removed the wooden benches outside of the prep building, to ensure the safety of our students. He has also removed from temptation, the ability to walk down the hill between the Resource Centre (library) and the under covered area- which could result in an accident.

The emergency stairs leading from the science room have now been repaired and have been reopened for use.

DANCE FEVER SHOWCASE

Parents and carers are invited to come along next Tuesday (21st June) to watch our students show off all the dance manoeuvres they have learned during their Dance Fever lessons this term. You will find the times that each class is dancing in the table below.

Prep D and Prep/1 L	11:15 – 11:45
1/2D, 1/2 R and 2 D	11:45 – 12:30
3D and 3/4W	12:30 – 1:15
4/5 F, 5/6 K and 5/6 D	2:00 – 3:00

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is at 91.72% which is below expectations.

19.83% of those absences are unexplained. If your child is absent please send a note with them the following day or better still, phone the office. Qparents also gives you the capacity to enter your child's absence electronically. Please make sure your child attends school every day, unless they are ill.



PYJAMA DAY

Students are invited to wear their pyjamas to school on the last day of term, Friday 24th June, for the cost of a gold coin donation. All proceeds will go to the Pyjama Foundation who support Kids in Care. Please ensure your child/ren still wear their school hat for outside activities and their enclosed school shoes (no slippers).

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.
- 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.

STUDENT SNAPSHOTS

Please return your completed Student Snapshot as soon as possible.

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.

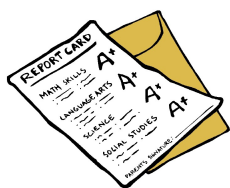
For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school email address.

Visit www.education.qld.gov.au/office2016 for instructions on how to download and install Office 2016 to your personal home computers

BILLY CART DERBY

Our annual Billy Cart Derby will be held on Saturday the 23rd July. This is a fantastic day where the community comes together for a fun day of rides, stalls, food and of course, the all-important billy cart races. Registration forms, unlimited ride armband order forms and cart specs are all available on the school website. A rolling raffle will be drawn on the day and all donations are welcome. Raffle tickets will come home soon.

Each classroom will be responsible for running a stall so please contact your child's teacher if you can volunteer some time on the day.



SCHOOL REPORTS

Semester one reports will be completed and distributed by the end of this term. Please ensure we have your correct email address as school reports will be disseminated electronically. Please be advised that grades given relate to the percentages in the table.

RESULT	PERCENTAGE
A	95-100%
B	87-94%
C	75-86%
D	50-75%
E	Under 50%

UNIFORM

With the cooler weather upon us it is timely to remind parents and carers as to what is considered acceptable to wear to school as part of the winter uniform.

Plain black or bottle green jumpers – this means the jumper should have no advertising, patterns or designs or stripes on it.

Plain black tracksuit pants – no advertising or patterns or stripes.

Of course there are school jumpers/ jackets and tracksuit pants available for purchase from the uniform shop as well as a limited supply of secondhand items. Microfibre tracksuit pants are only \$10 but are only available in limited sizes.

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.

TUCKSHOP

Congratulations to our tuck-shop convenor- Mrs Garrard and her band of volunteers for the 'delicious' work that they are doing. Please make sure that orders are handed to the office before 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays.

A tuckshop menu for term three will be coming out week one term three.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council is still 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.

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.

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.

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.

Have a safe holiday.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

We hope you all had a great day!!!

Kaylah B	Monica B
Tyler C	Frederick C
Tahlia C	Ryan F
Leah F	Stan G
Ella G	Lleyton G
Georgia G	Annalise G
Cooper H	Heath H
Nash H	Samuel L
Lara L	Charlie M
Cooper M	Harlan S
Poppi S	Annameeka T
Keeley U	

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - WEEK EIGHT TERM 2

Year Level	Student
Prep D	Ella-Marie C Tamara R
Prep 1/L	Isabella L Lillee L
Year 1/2 D	Caleb C Jack M
Year 1/2R	Keylee M Zach P
Year 2 D	Veronica C Ellasandra G
Year ¾ W	Jai T Seth R
Year 4/5 F	Elliana S Shakayla-Jai T
Year 5/6 K	Haylee M Jack V

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - WEEK NINE TERM 2

Year Level	Student
Prep D	Kaylah B Orrin H
Prep/1 L	Jaya C-R Keera F
Year 1/2 D	Jackson B Indigo M
Year 1/2R	Abby-Rose M Cooper H
Year 2 D	Amber D Khyla G
Year 3/4W	Joshua d W Seth R
Year 4/5 F	Jarryd C Claire E
Year 5/6D	Ethan W Thomas C

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 10 and 11 Sharing : Only share personal objects if you want to, don't share things that are precious to you, take care of other people's things when you are using them, return things as soon as you are finished with them, always say thank you when someone shares with you.

The Power of a Positive Attitude

DID YOU KNOW:

Your prospects for good health and long life are remarkably dependent upon mental habits learned in childhood, and a very influential mental habit is found in *your attitude to life and its trials*. Your attitude (either positive or negative) can cause emotional reactions which strongly affect your immune system, circulatory system, your relationships, and even your risk of accidents.

Your attitudes are based on the beliefs, values and assumptions you hold, and are shown through your behaviour. In fact attitudes drive behaviour. Having a positive attitude means that you focus on the good things in life and avoiding dwelling on the negative. It helps people cope with life and limits thinking that is destructive.

Almost always, you have a choice as to what attitude to adopt. There is nothing in most situations that dictates you must act one way or another. If you feel angry about something that happens, for instance, that's how **you choose to feel**. Nothing in the event itself makes it absolutely necessary for you to feel that way. It is your choice and since you do have a choice most of the time, you'll be better off if you choose to react in a positive rather than a negative way.

If you are to help your child develop a positive attitude then model it. Here are some hints:

- Being positive is a choice. Choose it now.
- Learn to control 'the voices' that may limit your potential. If you think you can achieve most likely you will. If you think you can't most likely you won't.
- Avoid saying 'I can't' – it makes a person feel inadequate. Better to say 'If I hadI could.....I can't yet.....'
- Enjoy the present. It's all you have or are able to control. The past is gone. The future is unknown.
- Focus on solutions – don't dwell on mistakes.

- Choose to smile and laugh – it has a contagious effect.
- Look For The Valuable Lesson – what have I learnt, how can I make things better next time
- Language is a valuable tool – Use it wisely eg. 'I'm bored' could become 'I have more time to do other things'

Aspects adapted from: Developing a Positive Attitude TheCuteKid.com

CHAPPY CHAT –JAMIE SHARPE

Recently I've heard, more than ever, the stories of parents struggling. Parenting is a really important, tough job that can seem thankless and demanding! If this is your experience.....then I encourage you to please keep it up.

Often we can feel we are the only ones struggling. We look at other kids and other family dynamics and wonder....how do we get a family like that? This week I want to encourage you with two things:

1. There is no such thing as a perfect family, so stop beating yourself up and feeling you're failing, because...
2. If parenting is hard, then you're doing great...keep it up!

By that I mean, please stop being too hard on yourself, and be encouraged, because if parenting is hard, you're doing it right because you're involved and engaged in your children's lives, helping to mold and shape what will be our next generation of upstanding citizens and leaders.

We can't afford to throw our hands in the air and give up parenting our kids....we're their only hope! If there's something you'd like encouraging in, or struggle you can't get past... please call me on 0418 768 393, I'm happy to journey with you and encourage you to keep on going being the best parent or carer you can be.

Jamie Sharpe
School Chaplain