



WOODHILL WHISPERS

Upcoming Events

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

Year 6 Graduation
Wed 30th November

Community BBQ and
Christmas concert
Friday Dec 2nd

Rewards Day Friday
9th December

Last day Term 4
Friday 9th December

Uniform Shop
reopens 19th and 20th
January

School resumes
Monday 23rd January

Wishing you all a safe
and festive break

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Newsletter Week 8 Term 4

As we progress towards the end of the school year it is very easy to become relaxed regarding road rules and protocols. Please remain vigilant to keep everyone safe.

COMMUNITY BBQ AND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our annual Community BBQ will be held on Friday 2nd December. Our wonderful P and C will be providing a sausage sizzle for all of our families, free of charge. Drinks will be available to purchase on the night. The sausage sizzle will start at 3:30pm with our concert commencing at approximately 4:15pm. You will find attached to this newsletter an order of events. This year the concert and BBQ will be on the top oval (weather permitting) so we invite families to bring along a picnic blanket and enjoy the festivities. The bottom oval will be open for parking. As there will be many excited students about, please use caution when parking. To enable a smooth transition from school to the concert, you may wish to send your child/ren to school with a change of clothes in their bag that they can put on at the end of the school day. We look forward to seeing you all there.

P AND C NEW BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

The P and C have changed their bank details. Please make P and C payments (uniform, billy cart derby, fundraising) to

Woodhill State School P and C
BSB 633-000
ACC 146 031 984

UNIFORM SHOP 2017

The uniform shop will be open for purchases on Thursday January 19th 2017 from 12:30 – 4:30pm and Friday 20th January 8:30am – 12:30. Please be aware that the Uniform shop does not have EFTPOS facilities.

2017

SYDNEY/CANBERRA TRIP

Last Friday was the final day for the deposit for the 2017 Year 6 Sydney/Canberra trip.

Thank you to Mrs Higgins for volunteering to co-ordinate this potential trip for our 2017 Year 6 students.

At present there is a 4/5 excursion to St Helena being planned for 2017 as well as a Year 3 camp to Camp Warrawee.

We will have a gymnastics program for the entire school for all of term one and Dance fever for term 2.

We will also be having the normal incursions for the entire school throughout the year.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Semester 2 reports will be once again sent electronically to parents during the last week of school. Please ensure the school has your current email address.

LOCKDOWN PRACTICE.

Last Wednesday we practiced for a lockdown- this went very smoothly and allows us the opportunity to iron out any potential glitches before they occur.

REWARDS DAY TERM 4

This term our Rewards Day is on the last day of term- it is the only day that we could book a pool. Students will be travelling to Jimboomba State School by bus and spending time in the pool before returning to school. If your child is eligible to attend rewards day, please send them to school with their swimming gear (togs and towel) There is no charge for this activity.

MEET THE TEACHER

Due to the ever changing student departures and new enrolments, 2017 class lists will be available on Thursday 8th December. Students will get the opportunity on this day to spend some time with their new teacher and classmates.

VOLUNTEER MORNING TEA

The staff of Woodhill would like to thank all of our wonderful parents and grandparents who have volunteered their time throughout the year, supporting our students. To show our appreciation, we would like to invite our volunteers to a morning tea on Thursday Dec 8th, 9:30 – 10:30am. We look forward to seeing you all there.

INSTRUMENTAL

If your child has participated in the instrumental program this year, please return their instrument to school on Monday 5th December. Students are welcome to leave them here after the concert on Friday afternoon.

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 term 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.

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.



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.

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/Consequen) <https://woodhillss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/Consequen>

[ce%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 : Find your strengths – I am:
energetic, dependable, willing to accept help, caring, enthusiastic, calm, trusting



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

We hope you all had a great day!!!

Holly B	Jade G
Isaac G	Morgan H
Phoenix H	Brooke J
Indiana J	Noah L
Jayde M	Cassandra N
Shanae N	Evelyn S

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – WEEK SIX TERM 4

Year Level	Student
Prep D	Levi K
Year 1 D	Sophie L Tallon S
Year1/2 R	Kobi S Alexis P
Year 2 D	Khyla D Chloe G
Year 3 D	Tyler D Denika S
Year 3/4W	Jacob G Emily J
Year 4/5 F	Cooper G Elliana S
Year 5/6 K	Lachlan M Bailey S
Year 4/ 5/6 D	Kali G Aleathia P

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – WEEK SEVEN TERM 4

Year Level	Student
Prep D	Sienna C Charlotte K
Prep 1/L	Miah G Isabella L
Year 1 D	Hayden K Sienna U
Year1/2 R	Oscar C Madeleine G
Year 2 D	Lacee F Cooper M
Year 3 D	Sarah E Kailee W
Year 3/4W	Joshua dW Angus M
Year 4/5 F	Courtney G Morgan H
Year 5/6 K	Kai B Jack C
Year 4/ 5/6 D	Paige B Jack W

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – WEEK EIGHT TERM 4

Year Level	Student
Prep D	Mia G Brooklyn H
Prep 1/L	Jaya C-R Lillee L
Year 1 D	Caleb C Oliver D
Year1/2 R	Kai A-H Karna S
Year 2 D	Rya W Kaya W
Year 3 D	Monica B Leith M
Year 3/4W	Gabriella H Emily J
Year 4/5 F	Heath H Layla M
Year 5/6 K	Ryan F Cassandra N
Year 4/ 5/6 D	Brianna L Wylie S

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.



FROM MAGGIE BUTLER – GUIDANCE OFFICER

With Christmas speeding towards us, here are some timely reminders to ensure a safe festive season:

Safe Santa's tips for this holiday season

Check when you are doing your Christmas shopping for:

- Any warning labels or safety information. The item might not be safe for the person you're buying for.
- Toys are age-appropriate. Check the age-grading on the packaging – it's there for safety as well as child development reasons.
- Toys for 3 year olds & under don't present a choking hazard. Make sure no small parts can come off, and see if the toy can fit into a cylinder pencil sharpener or film canister (approximate diameter 32 mm).
- If you have small children, make sure you keep button batteries (small, coin-sized lithium

batteries) and any devices that use them out of reach – and dispose of used batteries immediately and safely.



You've decorated the tree, now make sure your other festive decorations are safe! Some poorly-made festive candle holders may be flammable and could cause serious burns. Toys with small, high powered magnets might look like a great Christmas gift idea, but these magnets can cause serious injuries or death if children swallow them and are permanently banned in Australia.

Button batteries can quickly burn through a child's oesophagus if swallowed. Check gifts and devices for coin-sized batteries and keep them out of reach of kids.

Excerpt from ACCC Product Safety Australia