



WOODHILL WHISPERS

Upcoming Events

Volunteer Induction
Monday 8th Feb
2-3pm

Student Council
Iceblocks \$1
Commencing
Wednesday 3rd Feb

Date Claimer – School
Photos 26th February.



Welcome back! It has been a fantastic and enthusiastic beginning to 2021 with lots of new faces joining our regulars.

This first newsletter covers most of the “frequently asked questions” so please take the time to read through the information. Newsletters are also available on the school website www.woodhillss.eq.edu.au

PARENT HELPERS AND INDUCTION

Woodhill State School encourages parent involvement throughout the school whether it is in the tuck shop, on excursions, or helping out in your child’s class. If you are interested in volunteering, you will be required to complete a one hour Volunteer Induction session. These are held usually once a term, with the first one commencing Monday 8th February 2-3pm. If you are interested in attending please contact the office and register your name as there will be limited spaces available due to COVID-19 operating guidelines. Please note: If you have previously completed an induction and wish to assist as a volunteer this year, you will also be required to attend.

SENIORS

Please ensure you have your Year 6 senior shirt orders in by Friday 5th February. You may place your order through the uniform shop link <https://forms.gle/kgTUpnNwAGRqPBuM7>

Staff and students of Woodhill State School acknowledge the Mununjali people, the traditional custodians of the land on which our learning takes place. We would like to pay our respects to elders past, present and future and acknowledge their ongoing relationship and connection to country. _



SWIMMING

This year we will be using the Beaudesert pool for swimming lessons in term four only. Lessons will be offered to our students in prep to year 2.

VISITING THE SCHOOL

All visitors to the school need to sign in at the office. If your child has left their lunchbox at home and you need to deliver it to school, please do not go directly to your child's class – please deliver the item to the office and it will be forwarded on to your child. Parents are not permitted to approach classrooms without signing in at the office first. This ensures everyone's safety.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Instrumental lessons are available for students in years 4 – 6. Those students who may be interested in participating will need to complete an instrumental form and return it to the office.

PAYMENTS

Please find below a few reminders regarding payments.

Payments to the school can be made either by:

- ❖ Bank Transfer - BSB 064 400 ACC 00090138 Please reference your surname when making the payment
- ❖ Bpoint – all of the details for Bpoint payments can be found on the invoice relating to the event. Please ensure you fill out all of the requested details.
- ❖ Cash – Cash payments are accepted at school on Thursday and Fridays. Please ensure you write your child's name on the bag/envelope.

Payments to the school are for incursions (performances), instrumental music, Dance Fever programs (Gymnastics, Athletics, Dancing), excursions – anything school based can be paid into the school account.

Any uniform payments or any other P and C run events need to be paid to the P and C account which is BSB 633 000 ACC 146031984

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. Thank you to all of our parents who are waiting for their child/ren in the designated Parent Plaza. There are a number of reasons we ask you to collect your child from the Parent Plaza: it eliminates congestion in the undercover area and allows for smoother pedestrian traffic flow, students can easily access the footpath to make their way in a timely manner to stop, drop and go and most importantly it ensures the safety of our students. Mr Marios may re-direct you to the Parent Plaza if you are seen to be waiting in inappropriate areas around the school – please respect his request and follow his directions as his main concern as always is the safety of our students.

DANCE FEVER

The company Dance Fever have returned again and will be providing the school with a variety of lessons (gymnastics, dancing, athletics) throughout the year. This term, student's in prep – year 6 will be participating in Mindfulness and Wellbeing Lessons. Students will participate in 10 lessons, commencing next Tuesday. **The cost for this activity is \$20 per student and payment will need to be received by Friday 12th February. An invoice has been sent home regarding this activity.**

P AND C MEETING

Woodhill State School has a very active P and C who coordinate various fundraising activities throughout the year. These fundraising activities assist with funding school activities and capital works.

The P & C AGM will be scheduled once the accountant has finalised the financial report.

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

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.

The guidelines for using stop drop and go can be found on the school website

www.woodhillss.eq.edu.au

TEACHER CONTACTS

If you have any issues or concerns regarding your child, your first point of contact will be with your child's teacher. **Any issues that arise will need to be discussed with them first.** Please do not approach them for a 'chat' when they are collecting their class to start the day as they need to give their full attention to the students. As teachers have very limited time to return phone calls due to teaching and playground duties, we find that email is a good means of communication. Please find below a list of email contacts for our teachers.

Mrs Dougherty	jdoug132@eq.edu.au
Mrs Down	kdown42@eq.edu.au
Ms Hewitt	phewi4@eq.edu.au
Ms Devlin	sldev0@eq.edu.au
Ms Kim	dkim102@eq.edu.au
Miss Drummond	sdrum25@eq.edu.au
Mr Mason	tmaso71@eq.edu.au
Mrs Binstead	cmbin0@eq.edu.au
Mrs Watson	kwats227@eq.edu.au
Ms Goldsworthy	rgold12@eq.edu.au

PARADE

Although COVID-19 restrictions have eased, our operating guidelines stipulate that we still need to maintain social distancing for adults on the school grounds (1.5 meters). With this in mind, we will be alternating junior and senior parades each Friday to limit the amount of adults we have on site during this time (eg. Parade for preps -2's one week, parade for 3's-6's the following week) Our first parade will be Preps – 2's Friday 12th February.

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 will be emailed out to families this week. If you do 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>.

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 or contact the teacher via email. 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](#).

ABSENCE PROCESS

Safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for the Department of Education. All schools employ a 'same day' absence policy where schools contact parents on the same day their child is absent, if the absence has not already been 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. The Education General Provisions Act 2006 mandates that every student is required to attend school on every school day of their education program unless they have a reasonable excuse, such as illness. If a student is chronically absent, the Department of Child Safety may be notified and the parents can face prosecution under the Act.

If your child is absent from school, there are a number of ways to notify the school

- Phone us on 5548 9222
- studentabsence@woodhillss.eq.edu.au
- Reply text message
- Qparents

Failure to notify the school will result in an unexplained absence letter being sent home.

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

Qschools 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. Students arriving between 8:45 and 9am will need to go the library and receive a late arrival slip. 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. Please also notify the office if someone else will be collecting your child from school – we will not release a student to someone who is not a parent or guardian without your permission.

UNIFORM

The uniform is comprised of the following:

GIRLS

School Green Polo Shirt and Plain Black Skirt or Shorts, or School Dress

BOYS

School Green Polo Shirt and Plain Black Shorts.

SPORTS UNIFORM

Plain Black shorts or skirt with House Polo Shirt.

TRACKSUITS

Plain Green/black tracksuit tops and black pants.

FOOTWEAR

Children are required to wear closed-in shoes. Thongs and sandals are not permitted.

For the sake of student modesty, please ensure your child's shorts/skirt are of a suitable length. If your child wears bike pants, they need to be worn under a skirt or shorts, not as a uniform item on their own. Shorts/skirts and long pants all need to be plain black or green – no advertising/stripes/pictures.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

The following is deemed unacceptable.

- Tattoos
- Make up
- Nail Polish
- Hair Colour (Exceptions are made for children to wear washable sports house colour on sports day)
- Shaved heads-with or without rats tails
- Haircuts that are less than a number two, including tracks and patterns. Please save these for the holidays.

Please ensure your child's uniform items are clearly named as this helps us to return clothing items to their rightful owners.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform shop is run by the P and C and is open on Monday mornings. If you can't make it into the school 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. Thank you to Christina who is coordinating the Uniform Shop this year.

<https://forms.gle/kgTUpnNwAGRqPBuM7>

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council will be selling lemonade ice blocks for \$1 on Wednesdays at lunchtime. If you would like your child to purchase an iceblock, please send them along with \$1. Students may only purchase for themselves and siblings – they may not purchase ice blocks for friends.

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.

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.

MUSIC BUS

Music Bus attend Woodhill State School each week and provide lessons for a variety of instruments for students in Prep – Year 6. Please contact the office for more information.

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 attached to this newsletter so that parents and carers are aware of the consequences attached to a particular behaviour. Our Code of Conduct can also be found on our school website.

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

Awards are also given daily (gotchas) and weekly (student of the week and merit awards).

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 1 Introductions: Look at the person, smile, use their name

Week 2 Lining Up: Arrive by the bell, sit in straight lines, legs crossed, hats off, quiet

ZONES OF REGULATION

This year our students will continue to work with 'The Zones of Regulation' program. They have been learning to recognise their emotions and identify which zone they are in. Students have also been developing skills in being able to recognise situations that make them move out of the green zone-known as triggers.

Students have also been learning and practising tools that can help them to regulate their emotions and stay within the green zone, which is the ideal zone for learning.

This week your child has created a toolbox that contains some strategies that they have identified as being helpful for them to regulate their emotions.

Different tools suit different people.

Please discuss the tools with your child. Perhaps they can teach you some of the strategies that they find helpful!

Some Calming Tools

- **Learning to take a deep breath**
- **Six sides of breathing**
- **Lazy 8 breathing**
- **Count to 10**

Some Thinking Tools.

- **Size of the problem**

- **Inner coach vs. Inner critic**
- **Superflex thinking vs. Rock Brain thinking**

Adapted from **The Zones of Regulation**. A Curriculum Designed To Foster Self-Regulation And Emotional Control.

Leah M. Kuypers. 2011. *Think Social Publishing*. 1 Social Thinking vocabulary developed by Michelle Garcia Winner, Thinking About YOU Thinking About ME (2007) 2 Social Thinking vocabulary developed by Stephanie Madrigal and Michelle Garcia Winner, Superflex: A Superhero Social Thinking Curriculum (2008).

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.



Have a great week