Dates To Remember - Term 1 27th Jan to Thurs 24th March

10th February  P & C Meeting- 1:45 to 2:30pm in staffroom
17th February  - District Swimming Carnival
2nd March Free Dress Day- In school Disco gold coin donation
3rd March Tip Top Breakfast - provided by Tip Top at the Hall 8am
11th March Teddy Bears Picnic down at Prep
21st March Harmony Day
23rd March Easter Bonnet Parade - Prep to Year 2
21st & 22nd March Incentives Day

Woodridge North School Rules

Be Safe  Be Responsible
Be Respectful  Be a Learner

Universal Expectations

Tuckshop News

The tuckshop is currently operating 3 days a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This will continue in 2016.

Receipting

Cash Receipting

Please note payments at the Office are now Open. Payment days are TUESDAY AND FRIDAYS ONLY between 8:15am and 11am.

• BPoint - which is our preferred method of payment
• EFT transfer or deposit at a Commonwealth Branch

Please see the Office if you have any queries.
Welcome to the 2016 Woodridge North School Year
It has been great to catch up with lots of known faces and to welcome new faces to our school. We have a wonderful school with people who really care about each other. We are also blessed in having a lot of partners from outside the school who help provide top quality services to our students and families.

QUT (Queensland University of Technology)
QUT is providing a team of optometrists to conduct vision testing with Year 2 students. They can test other students if there are concerns about their vision. Forms went out on Tuesday 9 February to all Year 2 students. It is really important that parents sign the coloured form and send it back to the school by Tuesday 16 February.

Embedding the Reading Program
This is being led by the HOC and STLaN together with teachers who are trained Language Learning Leaders. Parents can assist greatly with reading progress by reading with their children at home. This can be supported through the use of Reading Eggs if you have access to the internet. Children can be encouraged by parents to read in the outside school environment – at shopping centres, when travelling from one place to another, when watching television. We are surrounded by print in one form or another. It is a great resource for developing awareness of the sounds in the English language and words that guide us in the community.

QUT Writing Improvement Agenda
This project is funded by ARC and the focus is on Learning to Write in the Early Years. This project provides training for teachers and pre and post testing of students to ensure that we have sound data on which to base the writing program for students. Writing in not just about making marks on paper it is about learning to use language effectively to construct and communicate through written genres.

Embedding the Maths Program
This is being led by the Master Teacher Maths and supported by personnel from the Choose Maths Project which is funded by BHP. It involves the training of three of our teachers as Maths Learning Leaders and uses an experiential approach to the teaching of maths. This makes maths more engaging for students and also involves the use of Mathletics Online.

Club Activities
We have lots of club activities happening during lunch breaks at school. We also have clubs operating through our Community Hub. Parents with young children are encouraged to contact the Hub Leaders and check out what is happening on Facebook.

Building Resilience and Positive Thinking
The Resilience Trust team will continue working with our school this year to support the learning and capabilities of students and adults to deal with difficult situations in positive ways and to get the best out of opportunities offered. We have a Guidance Officer, a Youth Worker and Behaviour and Student/Family Support Personnel working at our school to assist people to achieve social and emotional well-being. We encourage parents/carers to contact the school if they have any ideas or concerns that can help us to do the very best that we can for our students and their families.

Warm Regards, Muriel

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<td>Welcome back to another year of reading at Woodridge North State School Library. The library has been very busy during lunch breaks with many students enjoying respite from the hot weather. Students have been reading, playing games, drawing, and using iPads and computers. All students are able to borrow from the library if they have a clean library bag. If you are new to the school please encourage your child to visit the library if they are feeling a little lost in the playground. There is always something to do and a teacher on duty to supervise and help students find something to do at lunch times. Happy reading. Jan Tighe (Teacher librarian)</td>
<td>Please remember that everyday counts and we hope to see all students at school. At Woodridge North the first bell rings at 8:20am, this means it’s time to get ready for learning. The next bell rings at 8:30, this means you should be in class starting your day, If you arrive after 8:30am you will need to go to the office to collect a late note.</td>
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Head Lice

Head lice are very adaptable having survived solely on humans for 10,000 years. They are extremely common among school-aged children and are best dealt with using a community approach. You may also be reassured knowing head lice are found in all sorts of places and schools.

The good news:

Now we know where they live; we know how to find them.

By following these steps, once a week, the control of head lice in your home (and then at school) will be greatly improved.

**Step 1:** Comb inexpensive hair conditioner on to **dry, brushed (detangled)** hair. This makes it more difficult for the lice to grip hair or run around;

**Step 2:** Wipe the conditioner from the comb on to a paper towel or tissue;

**Step 3:** Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs;

**Step 4:** If lice or eggs are found; treat your child with a head lice treatment;

**Step 5:** If your child as been treated recently and only hatched eggs are found, you may not have to treat since the eggs could be from an old infection.

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### Teacher Aide Course

**Become a Teacher Aide**

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**Cert 3 in Education Support (Teacher Aide)**

2 days/week in class - school hours

Plus 100 hours work experience

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- Community Services Work
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- Childcare

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### Rugby League

**Junior Stars Football Program**

Starting 10th February Junior Soccer for grades 4 to 6. Two dollars a lesson or ten dollars for the whole terms sessions finishing on Wednesday 9th March.

Forms available from the office which need to be signed and returned to the office asap.

Lessons from 3:00pm to 4:00pm on the school oval. Students to meet at the Community hub at 2:30pm.
Prep News

We would like to send a warm welcome to all of our new families to WNSS and welcome back our returning families. It is lovely to see such a range of new and familiar faces. We would like to thank our Prep families for working with us to ensure the students are ready for learning every day with a good nights sleep, a healthy breakfast and healthy packed lunch (and full water bottle). It really does help the students to learn and participate during the day. We ask that you work on name writing, counting to 10 (to 20 if they are confident to 10) and that you read to your child every night. We believe that if we work together as a team to educate our children, they will experience much greater levels of success and self-confidence. Always feel free to ask your child’s classroom teacher or teacher aide if you have any concerns or questions.

Warm regards,
The Prep Team

Art Exchange Exhibition

Last year some of our students participated in the Logan/Shibukawa International Sister City Art Exchange Exhibition. The artworks they created will be displayed in both the Shibukawa exhibition and the Logan exhibition. The works have all arrived in Japan for display in Mid-January 2016 at the Shibukawa City Hall, Shibukawa, Japan. The artworks together with the Japanese students works will be returned to Logan for display at Logan Art Gallery 27th May to 2nd July 2016. Congratulations to all students involved and to those whose artworks have been selected for exhibition in Japan and Australia.

Thank you
Miss Seers Year 5 Teacher

HPE News

District Cross Country
The Date for the District Cross Country is 29th April at Loganlea State High. As the weather during Term 1 is too hot to hold our school Cross Country Carnival, we will be using results from our in class P.E Beep testing to select our team to compete at this Carnival. The Beep Test is a standardized fitness test which can be conducted indoors. Our school carnival will be held during Term 2 on the 27th.

SCHOOL HOUSE GROUPS
Due to the very uneven number of children in each of our house groups we have decided to slightly alter the make-up of these groups for this year.

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Introducing

YFS Connect
BUILDING INDEPENDENCE & PARTICIPATION

A hub for people experiencing homelessness, financial stress and other challenges

YFS Connect is the first point of contact for new clients at YFS. It incorporates the functions previously undertaken by IRAS (our Information, Referral and Assessment Service).

YFS Connect will help clients by providing information, finding solutions to problems and linking them to the services they need.

Accessing YFS Connect
Clients and agencies can contact YFS Connect in person, by phone, by email or via facebook.

YFS Connect is the entry point for YFS services

- First Contact information, referrals, responses to homelessness and emergency relief
- Money Smart financial work and home energy information
- Financial Counselling including Problem Gambling
- STARS Tenancy Advice (provided by Tenants Qld)

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Managing money and debts
Finding a place to live
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Domestic and family violence
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Legal help