FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN: Thank You

Thank you to parents, staff and students for the way in which you have supported this week of tests for Year 3 and Year 5 students. I am continually delighted at the warmth, care and consideration shown when difficult or challenging situations are happening at our school.

A huge thank you to Adrienne Watego and her team of awesome students who have been helping with the breakfast program for our NAPLAN test classes this week.

Thank you to all students who have been supporting the test times by being quiet and considerate during any necessary movements around the school. The quietness has helped the Year 3 and Year 5 students to concentrate on the test tasks.

Another huge thank you to James and Laura from the Pathways to Resilience Trust. They provided five sessions prior to NAPLAN to help students use their brains to stay calm and to concentrate on the tasks rather than getting stressed about having to complete the tests.

To the many others who have helped the test process to work so efficiently, an appreciative thank you for the hard work, time and effort you have put into it. I know that some have soldiered on in spite of health issues. WNSS is blessed with its people.

MURIEL COLLINGS
PRINCIPAL

ATTENDANCE: EVERY DAY COUNTS

The message is simple, the more a child attends school, the better they will do! Our attendance target is at least 95%. Student attendance is closely monitored by the Deputy Principal, Student Support Teacher and all classroom teachers. On assembly staff and students reward and acknowledge outstanding attendance. The two classes with the best attendance rates get awarded a trophy for their effort and commitment. It is also important for children to arrive on time. Student go into school at 8.20 am to prepare for the day’s learning activities.

Parents and carers are expected to send their child to school every day. If a child is unable to come to school, then parents and carers can contact the office, or email absences@woodnort.eq.edu.au

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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Community and School Connect

Woodridge North State School is a great school where we believe that we are engaging minds and empowering bright futures for our students. Parents, carers and communities play a very important role in providing a better future for our children. I am actively seeking to create partnerships with members of our local community so that we can continue to improve student achievement in literacy, numeracy, behaviour and attendance. If you are willing to help, then contact me directly as soon as possible.

Opportunities for Excellence and Extension

Woodridge North State School provides opportunities for students to engage in excellence and extension programs both within and beyond our school. Over the next few weeks we will have our local high schools running Brain Day, Mathematics Day of Excellence and a Numeracy Day. At school, students are provided with opportunities to engage in the sporting excellence program and also the senior and junior choir.

Visit us Online

Clear communication is vital in any partnership. Our school’s website and Facebook page is full of information about current events that are happening. Please take the time to visit us online at www.woodnortss.eq.edu.au to see what is going on.

Keep in Touch

If you have a concern, question, suggestion or some feedback, then you can get in contact with me by phoning the office on 3380 6333 or by emailing me directly at deputyprincipal@woodnortss.eq.edu.au

GARY BOOBYER
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

BEHAVIOUR BLOG

Our behaviour focus for this fortnight is Be Respectful to Others. Showing respect to someone means you act in a way that shows you care about their feelings and well-being. Classroom teachers are explicitly teaching these skills to our students. We are encouraging students to be respectful by:

- Following instructions the first time
- Waiting to take you turn
- Using manners like ‘please’, ‘thank you’, ‘may I’ and ‘pardon’

Parents are carers can help their child to be respectful by modelling these behaviours at home and to each other. Talking to your child about the importance of being respectful to others and how this help us all get along with each other is also a great thing to do.

DON HELLWIG
BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT TEACHER

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YEAR 1 FIRE FIGHTER VISIT

We would like to thank our local Woodridge Fire Fighters for taking the time to visit our year 1 students on Wednesday 13 May to teach them about Fire Safety. The students enjoyed the visit and loved seeing Miss Dixon dress up! They will return another day to show the year 1 students their fire truck.

HPE NEWS

Cross Country

Well done to all of the students who competed in the Cross Country Carnival last Friday. There were some fantastic performances throughout the day.

Age Champions

8 years - Blake and Nokita
9 years - Bailey and Rebeka
10 years - Sem and Jemima
11 years - Chris and Elenoa
12 years - Lachlan and Asone

Champion House - 1st - Pearson, 2nd - Booran, 3rd - Woolton

District Cross Country

Good luck to Elenoa who will be representing Logan District at the Regional Cross Country Carnival at John Paul College next week.

Athletics

On Friday 29 May we will be having our Senior Athletics Carnival. This will be an all day carnival with students competing in sprint, long jump, high jump, shot put and relay events.

Students will be bringing home a note next week with all of the necessary Sports Day Information. Please keep a look out for this note!

TONY GILLAM
HPE TEACHER
LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK FAIR IS COMING!
May 26 – June 1
Lots of Books
Win lots of prizes!

Students have been busy visiting the library in May to read for 10 minutes to have a chance to win one of TWO $25 book vouchers from the library for the Book Fair. During Book Fair there will be many other prizes to give away as well. We have again been fortunate to gain sponsorship from the Logan City Council, Cameron Dick MP and Jim Chalmers MP to assist with our fundraising efforts. We are well on our way to achieving our sales target of $3000 with $800 in sponsorship at present.

Reading has many benefits one of which is making children smarter. I have attached a link and a quote about the advantages of reading to or with your child before bed each night. There are social and emotional benefits as well as a boost to your child’s brain development. The best news is that it is never too late to start!


Evidence shows that the difference between those who get bedtime stories and those who don’t — the difference in their life chances — is bigger than the difference between those who get elite private schooling and those that don’t,” British academic Adam Swift told ABC presenter Joe Gelonesi.

So give your child a head start and an advantage to their learning that costs nothing but your time.

JAN TIGHE
TEACHER LIBRARIAN

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SATURDAY 23rd MAY 8:30-10:45AM
Take this opportunity to try it out for free.
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INDIGENOUS NEWS

Solid Pathways

What a great start to term 2 our jarjumms are having, our Homework Hub has commenced and it’s lovely to see all our mob coming to school every day. With our school term almost halfway through its 10 week cycle it’s now time to think about our Multicultural Day.

Mrs Bell is currently looking for parent support & volunteers to help organise an Indigenous performance to deliver to our school on this day. If you are available on a Friday from 1pm-1:45pm and would like to help teach our jarjumms please come and have a yarn with me.

In Spirit

SHARON BELL
INDIGENOUS SUPPORT TEACHER AIDE

RUNCORN HIGH OPEN DAY

Runcorn State High will hold an Open Day in Term 2. Our 2015 Open Day will be held on Saturday 16th May between 9.00am and 12.00pm.

A follow up Open Afternoon is held in Term 3. The Open Afternoon will be held on Thursday 17th September between 3.30pm and 5.30pm.

If you would like to attend the open day, please contact our Home Liaison Officer on (07) 3323 1611 or enquiries@runcornshs.eq.edu.au

UNDER 8’S DAY

Under 8’s Day is on the 21st of May at 11:15am-1:00pm. All children under 8 years old are welcome to attend. We do ask that you closely supervise younger children who are not Woodridge North Students. Please return your sausage sizzle order slips and money to your classroom teacher by the 14th of May. Please see your classroom teacher if you have any questions.

PREP NEWS

Prep Fun Day is coming up in Week 7 of this term. Please read through all communication that comes home. This is one of our big fundraisers that raises money for our excursion and for new prep resources, so please support us by participating.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Doubtful (adjective)
[dout-fuh l]

If something is uncertain or undecided.

- It is doubtful that I will win the lottery this weekend.

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