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Dates To Remember - Term 2

Naplan Dates: Tuesday 10th May, 11th May & 12th May
P & C Meetings 3rd Wednesday of each Month

Our Youth Worker

Hi WNSS community,
My name is Miss Louise and I am working at the school Thursdays and Fridays in the role of Youth Worker. I am very pleased to be a part of this school community and thank everybody for being so welcoming. Please come up and say gday and introduce yourself if we haven’t yet met.

What does a Youth Worker do? I am here to assist the children with their social and emotional wellbeing. This includes things like running small classes, as well as 1:1 sessions, to help the children identify their own emotions and feelings, and recognising those in other people. Helping to deal with and educate others about bullying issues and strategies to manage anxiety and conflict as well as anger management techniques to avoid physical fights.

I also participate in and run games and activities during break times.

I can also assist children and their families to access relevant supports within the community, to help them deal with issues which can impact on the children at school.

In the future I will be sharing information with everybody about common issues within a school environment, such as food choices, energy levels and the dreaded head lice.

Thank you for taking the time to read and please feel free to get in touch with me through the office.

Miss Louise.

Tuckshop News & Uniform Shop

The uniform shop operates on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 8:30-9am. Our tuckshop is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, please have orders in by 9am.

Receipting

Payment days are **TUESDAY AND FRIDAYS ONLY** between 8:15am and 11am.

- BPoint - is our preferred method of payment
- EFT transfer or deposit at a Commonwealth Branch is also possible.

Please see the office if you have any queries.
**NOTICES**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**ANZAC Ceremony**
What a beautiful experience it was for those who attended. Goosebumps and a few tears prevailed as our students laid flowers at the offering site. The behaviour of the children at that event was perfect and I know I felt so proud of them for the respect and dignity with which they conducted themselves.

**Cross Country & Helicopter Landing**
Tony managed to organise perfect weather for the school cross country event and as usual, it was organised with his usual expertise. The oval also had a drop or two of rain which helped lay the dust for the event. The story was different for the helicopter landing and take off last week. We all got a dust bath as well as seeing a helicopter close up – first time for many students.

**NAPLAN for Year 3 and Year 5**
The literacy and numeracy tasks for these year levels will take place from Tuesday 10 to Thursday 12 May. Friday will be a catch up day for any students who may have missed one of the sessions. The majority of students in these year levels complete the tasks. Some students are withdrawn if they are new learners of English, have challenging behavioural or medical conditions that would make it difficult for them to participate or if they have the type of disability that would prevent them from completing the tasks. Parent consent is required for their withdrawal. Thanks to the YMCA Breakfast Club, participating students will be provided with breakfast on the three NAPLAN days.

**Parent/Teacher Meetings**
Thank you to all those parent/carers who took the time to attend a parent/teacher meeting to discuss the progress and needs of their child. Education has to be a partnership between home and school for students to make the best gains from their learning experiences. Our key priorities are literacy and numeracy and most key learning areas contribute to achievement in literacy and numeracy to varying degrees. We also place a high priority on higher order thinking, social and emotional well-being and on differentiating the curriculum according to student needs. Talk to your teacher if you would like to know more about how our school operates to provide high quality opportunities for our students.

**Principal Leave**
I will be on long service leave for the last three weeks of Term 2 during which time I will be having medical procedures prior to heart surgery. I will then be on sick leave for at least the following term. Regional Office has been asked to approve Mr McMahon to take up the acting principal role and Mrs Hancock to take up the acting deputy principal role.

**School Budget**
Our financial situation is healthy, thanks to good management and we will be able to continue the very effective programs we have in place. This includes the purchase of additional staff to provide intervention teams which go into classrooms for Reading and Maths programs.

Thank you to our great staff for the enthusiasm and commitment that makes our school a warm, welcoming place for both students and parents. No matter who you are, you matter to us.

Muriel Collings -Principal

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<td>Parents/Caregivers please note we have had a number of students not being picked up until after 3pm. The school finishes at 2:30pm and we would appreciate if you could make arrangements for someone to pick up your child if you are unable to collect on time. We are also receiving a number of calls from Parents wanting to pass messages onto students towards the end of the day, we endeavour to pass the messages on but we have a number of classes out doing sport in the afternoons. Please advise your child early if you know you will be unable to collect them.</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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**POSITION VACANT**

**PERMANENT CLEANER - 13 HRS/WK**

Applications are invited for the position of permanent Cleaner (13 hrs/wk + ADO) at Woodridge North State School.

An application package including the Position Description and Selection Criteria to be addressed can be collected from Administration Building, Woodridge North State School, Arthur Street, Woodridge. Further information is available from the Business Services Manager on 3380 6344.

The successful applicant is required to make application for and be able to obtain a suitability card from the Commission for Children and Young People and may be required to complete a period of probation. They must be available to commence on Monday 23 May 2016.

Applications for the positions must be received by 4pm on Friday 13 May 2016 and should be addressed and forwarded to the Business Services Manager, Woodridge North State School, PO Box 881, Woodridge Qld 4114 or emailed to bsm@woodnortss.eq.edu.au.

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**Logan’s Annual Domestic Violence Candle Lighting Ceremony**

You are invited to
Logan’s Annual Domestic Violence Candle Lighting Ceremony
Wednesday 4th May – 5.30pm to 6.30pm
Logan Entertainment Centre Forecourt
Free Event – Candles Provided

The Working Against Violence Support Service (WAVSS) is hosting Logan’s Annual 2016 Candle Lighting Remembrance Ceremony.

Dominique Maurice will provide music at the memorial event held annually on Australia’s National Day of Remembrance to commemorate lives lost to Domestic and Family Violence.

“Logan’s Candle Lighting Ceremony is a time to acknowledge how devastating these deaths are and to honour each life lost”, said Linda-Ann Northey, General Manager, WAVSS.

“Importantly, these are tragedies that we believe can be prevented with the right support, increased awareness and early intervention, something that we are deeply committed to in this community. We encourage everyone who cares about this issue to join us in lighting candles to respect and remember lives lost, and as a symbol of hope in the darkness”, she said.

Information and RSVP to WAVSS Logan, E: reception@wavss.org
News from Around the School

On Tuesday 19 April we had the Westpac Rescue Helicopter pay a visit to our school, landing on our school oval.
**NOTICES**

**Library News**

**READ MORE IN MAY!**

Win Awesome Prizes

2 x $20 vouchers to be won!

Be seen in the library reading to get your ticket!

Library open before school Monday Tuesday & Wednesday from 8am
Every lunch break Monday to Friday during the month of May.

**Runcorn High Open Day**

**OPEN DAY**
Saturday May 21st
9am - 12pm

**OPEN AFTERNOON**
September 5
4pm-6pm
NOTICES

ATTENDANCE

Win a Family Pass to see the Brisbane Broncos!

To be in the draw have an attendance rate of 95% or above!

Drawn last week term 2