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Dates To Remember

Friday 26 June - Last Day of Term 2
Friday 26 June—Tuckshop CLOSED
Monday 13 July - First Day of Term 3
Wednesday 15 July - P&C Meeting - 1:50pm
Friday 17 July - Multicultural Day

Indigenous News



With the end of term wrapping up this Friday, Mrs Bell would like to extend a safe and happy holiday to all students and their families over our short break. During the school holidays there are numerous free activities to attend with your jarjums (children) from going down to your local library to borrow a book or have a stroll in the park at Logan Gardens.

A great way to get actively involved in NAIDOC in community would be to attend Brisbane city's NAIDOC in Musgrave park on Friday 10th July, this is a free event with rides for all the kids, stalls that promote social and community well being, educational resources, traditional bush tucker and 3 stages with performances from various artists including Archie Roach.

Mrs Bell has been quite busy of late helping to organise the Multicultural day's festivities for next term. A few students have been chosen to help design our Multicultural shirts to dance in on the day, our school hopes to see you their to watch all students from each year level perform on Friday 17th July week 1 Term 3.

Yugambeh Word of the Week - Kabul (Carpet Snake)

In Spirit

Sharon Bell - Indigenous Support Teacher Aide



HPE News

Touch Football - Well done to our Year 6 Girls Touch Football Teams who competed at the annual Woodridge S.H.S Touch Carnival on Monday 22 June. The girls played extremely well with Team 1 making the semi-finals and Team 2 finishing 5th. Great work girls!

Athletics - Best of luck to our Athletics Team who will be competing at the Logan District Carnival at John Paul College on the 15 & 16 July.

Rugby Union - Congratulations to Bermin and Kelvyn on their selection in the Logan District Rugby Union Team to compete at the Metropolitan East Carnival.

Tony Gillam - HPE Teacher

Multicultural Day

On Friday 17 July Woodridge North State School will holding a Multicultural Day. All students will be participating in multicultural activities for most of the day with a concert taking place from 1pm. We would like to invite parents and carers to come along and join us for the concert. Students can come to school wearing cultural costumes on this day.



Vol 10 - 24 June 2015**From The Principal****School Opinion Survey**

At this time of the year, school communities are asked to complete a School Opinion Survey. For the first time, all parents are being asked to respond so that we get a more accurate picture of how satisfied parents are with the service being provided in their child's school. All staff and students in Years 5 and 6 are also asked to complete their own surveys.

The survey does not open until 29th June and it finishes on 31st July. Every family will have a different code for logging into the survey. The surveys are totally confidential and the information is collated by authorities external to schools. They have to be completed on line and as we want ALL parents to participate, we are happy to provide access to computers at school so those who do not have internet access at home, can participate.

We are also able to provide interpreters for those who require help to complete the surveys. Our ESL teacher, Mrs Pattinasarany, will be in touch with those parents she thinks would like this support. We are hoping to have this support after the concert on Multicultural Day (Friday, 17th July) as the interpreters will be here for the day.

As the school holidays commence from the beginning of next week, we will not be sending parent codes home until after the holidays. If you particularly need to be able to do the survey over the holiday period, please contact the school and we will make your code available.

Remember, the more parents who respond, the more accurate the information will be about how our school is performing in the areas identified on the survey.

Deputy Principal Position

Mr Paul Russo, who was to take up the position as substantive deputy principal at WNSS, has not been able to accept due to family circumstances. The other applicant who was equally rated as ideal for our school has accepted the position and will commence work here on the first day of next term.

We warmly welcome Mr Michael McMahon as part of our school community. Michael has been the deputy principal at Rosedale State School for the last four years. He has also been a literacy and numeracy coach and mentor. He spent two years teaching in England in 2006/7. Prior to that he was at Mountain Creek on the Sunshine Coast. He has a wealth of experience which is very well suited to the role here at WNSS and enjoys building strong, respectful relationships with parents, students and staff.

Other Staff Changes

We wish Ms Leesa Gibbs all the very best. She will be teaching at Park Lakes State School. We thank her for her time here as part of our staff. Thank you too, to Ms Adrienne Kennedy, who has been teaching Japanese to our older students over the last three years. We also would like to thank Ms Pat Carvel for taking Mrs Del Rattray's class while she recovered from spinal surgery. To provide continuity for our students, Pat agreed to continue the contract for Del, which was longer than originally expected. Thank you to Mr Gary Boobyer for taking up the acting deputy principal role while we were going through the process of appointing a substantive DP. We wish him all the very best for his continuing journey in the education system. We welcome back Mrs Susan Pearce for Leesa's class and Mrs Renee Stewart and Ms Casey Consiglio who are returning part time.

Stay Safe

On behalf of our school staff, I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday period. I hope that busy parents and carers can find time to spend with their children to do some of the fun things that seem hard to get to in this busy world. Students, remember our four school rules both at and outside the school. They are designed to help you have a rewarding life.

Thank you to our many volunteers and to the many organisations who support our school. Logan Together is an initiative that is helping to build a stronger and more inclusive community across all organisations, including schools. We are very lucky in Logan. Our people really care about each other and that is what makes Community. No matter who you are YOU matter.

**Warm regards,
Muriel Collings
Principal**

Word Of The Fortnight**Expensive (adjective)**

[ik-spen-siv]

Something is very costly, dear or high priced.

*- iPads are very expensive so we must use them carefully.***School Watch****POLICE: 3826 1888 or 3807 7790 SCHOOL WATCH: 13 17 88 - STATE GOVERNMENT SECURITY: 3224 6666**

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From The Deputy Principal

Thank you

Thank you to students, staff and parents for their support while I have been in the role of Acting Deputy Principal at Woodridge North State School.

While I have been here we have been able work together to make some positive improvements at WNSS. Below is a summary of the improvements:

Attendance

Overall attendance has increased 1.5% - this means that the average student has attended school for 1 ½ more days this semester.

Students with an attendance rate of more than 95% has increased by 7%, and students with an attendance rate of less than 85% has decreased by 5% - so this means more kids are coming to school more of the time.

Behaviour

There has been a 44% decrease in inappropriate behaviour displayed.

Staff have given out 3401 more positive rewards and certificates this semester.

This semester the number of suspensions have decreased by 58%.

Attendance: Every Day Counts...

Our 2015 attendance target is 95% or above. The current attendance rate is 93%, and while this is a positive improvement from last year, we are looking to do even better! Our staff work hard to provide a safe, disciplined and supportive learning environment for every child. If there are any issues that make sending your child to school every day difficult, then please contact any member of staff regarding. We all share the same goal of seeing your child be a successful learner.

If a child is unable to come to school, then parents and carers are expected to provide the school with a reason. This can be done by sending a note with the child to the classroom teacher, contacting the office, or by emailing

absences@woodnort.eq.edu.au

Student Learning – Assessment and Report Cards

Report cards will be issued to students on Thursday 25 June. Report cards capture student achievement over the entire semester in the areas that have been taught and assessed. If you have any questions about your child's learning or the report card, then please contact the classroom teacher and make a time to catch up.

Come and Join us at Assembly

Parents, carers and community members are encouraged to come to our whole school assemblies that are held every Monday afternoon at 1.45pm. Assembly is a great place to hear about things that are happening at our school. On assembly we also acknowledge our students by presenting student awards.

WNSS Supports CareFlight

Students and staff were able to raise just under \$180 at our recent 'Support Your Team' free dress on Wednesday 17 June. Thank you to parents, students and the community for their support. I know that CareFlight will benefit from our contribution.

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

Prep News

Wow! Our first semester of Prep has gone so quickly. We hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable break. Please continue to read with your child every day and practice skills such as counting, sight words and number recognition regularly.

Visiting the Logan Libraries on the holidays is a great way to access a large variety of books for FREE. Information regarding our excursion will be coming home early next term so please read through all correspondence from the Prep team.

Thank you to everyone who raised money to sponsor your child for our Fun Day, your generosity was greatly appreciated.

Warm regards,
The Prep Team

School Photos

School photos will be available early in term 3.

1H News

Thank you for all of your hard work this term. You have done an outstanding job. Enjoy your well-deserved break.

Miss Huni

Community Hub News

Next term the Hub will have a scrapbooking and craft group run by Miss Jocie from our C&K.

The activity will cost a gold coin donation from each participant.

For more information please contact Miss Shelly in our community Hub:

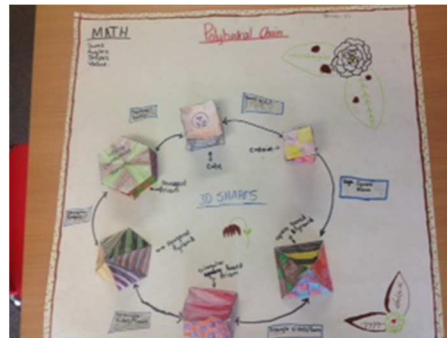
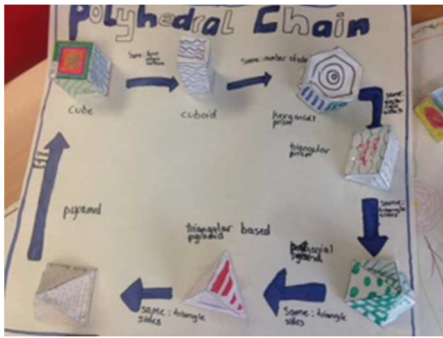
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50 News

Polyhedral Chains

Our class, 50, has been learning how to make a polyhedral chain poster. To do this, we had to learn how to make 3D shapes using a paper net. Three dimensional shapes have faces, vertices and edges. We also worked out how to identify a prism and pyramid by looking at what those shapes had in common with each other. The word polyhedral is made up of two word roots: poly in Greek means 'many' and hedra is from the Greek word 'hedra' which means 'faces'. We had to find ways of linking seven common polyhedral shapes in a circuit by finding things that each shape had in common with the next shape. Our class thought it was a fun idea to make a polyhedral chain poster because each poster could be different, depending on how we linked each shape together.



Reader's Cup

W.N.S.S. Readers Cup team go off like a reading bomb at local competition!

By Chelsea Clayton 6C

On Tuesday 16 June the W.N.S.S. Readers Cup team competed at the annual Readers Cup Brisbane South Regional competition. The students travelled to Algester State School in a maxi taxi where last minute practice questions were rehearsed.

There were five competitors in each team and 27 teams attended the competition. Some teams have been competing for ten years or more with the W.N.S.S. team attending their 5th competition. This year the team recorded their best ever result coming 16th overall. This was just reward for the team's dedication to home reading and weekly meetings in the library with Mrs Tighe the team coach.

The day was very well run and we got to listen to David Cox a famous Australian author/illustrator who gave us his ideas about his career. It required a lot of persistence to read and prepare questions for the 6 books the team were to be tested on and all members of the team performed well.

All students enjoyed the day and would definitely recommend participating in the event in 2016.



Scaughn, Maia, Chelsea, Layla and Shalom practising last minute questions.

The C.L.U.B

Congratulations to those students who graduated from the C.L.U.B

Year 4 Girls

Queenie 4E
Kubi 4B
May 4B
Fa'foa 4B
Nadia 4B

Year 4 Boys

Hawaiki 4E
Noah 4E
Cameron 4E
Jonathan 4E
Ben T 4B



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Library News



All library books are now due back in the library. Please make an effort to ask your child if they have returned their library books.

Our Book Fair was very successful this year surpassing our goal of \$3000 in sales.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair!

Logan City Council – Russell Lutton
and Mayor Parker - \$500
Cameron Dick MP - \$200
Jim Chalmers - \$100



Book Fair sales totalled \$3237 which was more than our target of \$3000! We received \$800 worth of new books from our sponsors and \$650 in commission.

BOOK FAIR WINNERS



Mehak & Tashin won \$25 voucher



BOOK FAIR WINNERS



Lachlan, Aaron & Neta won the variety packs.



Silipi & Emily won \$15 vouchers



Netta

Poster Winners



Martina



Lavinia



Taia



Tyrell

Congratulations to all of our winners

Don't forget free activities at the Logan City Council libraries during the June/July holidays. For more information the web address is www.loganlibraries.org There are many free activities but bookings are essential. There are activities for primary school age and teens. Below is an example of activities for Primary aged children.

Happy reading,
Jan Tighe [teacher librarian]
activities for primary school children

