

## Vol 13 - August 28 2015

### Dates To Remember

**Maths Family Fun Night - 2 September**

**Canberra 2016 Deposit Due - 7 September**

**Cap Day - 11 September - Gold Coin Donation**

### From The Principal

#### **Literacy and Numeracy Week - 31 August to 6 September**

This will be a very exciting week for our school community, with Maths Family Quiz Night, P-3 Reading Parties, 4-6 Showcasing Literacy Successes, Dress Your Door Competition, Reading Buddies, Storytime Reading Sessions, Illustrator/author visits, and Online Events and Competitions. Please get involved and also ask your children to tell you about the events of this week.

#### **Getting to School on Time**

We love our kids to get to school on time and thank those parents who are making sure that this happens. We do have a few students who arrive way too early. The preferred time of arrival is 8.00 as supervision cannot be provided prior to that time. Teachers are busy preparing for the day. The only exception is for those students who may be helping with Breakfast Club or another activity where their teacher has asked them to come in early.

#### **Walking on Hard Surfaces**

This seems to be the most difficult rule for students to follow at our school. We have the rule for safety reasons. Please encourage your own and other children to "Stop and Walk!" if you see them running on hard surfaces. We have had a few accidents where running children have bumped into others and been hurt.

#### **Health and Hygiene**

We encourage children to wash their hands regularly during the day, particularly when they go to the toilet. As contexts where a lot of people are in close contact with each other daily, schools are places where communicable conditions can be passed from one to another very easily. Please work with us to remind children of the need for healthy eating and good hygiene.

#### **Acting Principal for Two Weeks**

I will be on leave for the next two weeks. Our deputy principal, Mr Michael McMahon will be acting principal while I am away. We will also have another staff member step into the deputy principal position for that period. Thanks everyone. I know that the school will be in good hands with the great people we have in our school community.

### Student Exchange

Experience another culture, make new friends and improve your language studies at home

#### **Hosting – An Experience for Life**

Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home

[www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au)

# NOTICES

## From our H.O.C

### National Literacy and Numeracy Week

**31 August - 6 September**

WNSS has lots of exciting events and celebrations planned for Literacy and Numeracy Week. Take a look at what's on the agenda!

#### Prep to Year 3 Literacy Parties!

Come along on Thursday 3 September to celebrate your child's reading and writing successes. You will be thoroughly entertained by the children and you will be impressed with their progress. Look out for your invitation detailing your child's Literacy Party events!

#### Family Maths Quiz Night!

Mark Wednesday 2nd September in your calendar because our Family Maths Night is back with a vengeance in 2015!

5:30pm: Sausage Sizzle & Art Exhibition

6:00pm: Quiz, Competitions & Prizes

Come along for a great night with the whole family!

#### Other Exciting Events!

On-line literacy festival and competitions, web conferences authors, workshops with an illustrator, a 'Dress Your Door' competition with a pizza party prize, buddy reading sessions across the school, book readings in the library and more. What an exciting week it is going to be!

Amber Cottrell

Head of Curriculum



## Canberra Camp 2016

After 2 very successful Canberra Camps in 2012 and 2014 we are excited to offer this experience to our year 5 and 6 students in 2016. A letter outlining the details of the camp was sent home last week, if you need another copy feel free to see our office. A non-refundable deposit of \$250 is required by September 7th to secure your students spot on this camp.

The cost of the camp depends on the number of students attending and includes:

- Return flights to Sydney from Brisbane
- Return coach travel from Sydney to Canberra and during our stay
- Accommodation at a motel in Canberra
- Three meals plus morning and afternoon tea each day
- All snow clothing and toboggan hire for the snow day
- Entry to all attractions



## Woolies Earn & Learn

Keep your Woolies Earn and Learn stickers coming in! For every \$10 you spend you receive 1 sticker. If you do not have any sticker sheets please see our office for one or feel free to drop your stickers off.

We appreciate your support and can't wait to see what goodies we'll be able to purchase for our school!



## NOTICES

### Library News

**Books light up our world!**



**MARIE FELIUAI LENE**

**Books make me laugh and smile  
especially JOKE BOOKS!!!**

With Literacy and Numeracy week approaching in week 8 (August 31 – September 4) the library will also be celebrating Book Week. The theme this year is “Books light up our world!” The students have been busy investigating what this theme means to them. The library will be running activities throughout Literacy and Numeracy week during lunch breaks. There will be story time each day with the Student Council assisting with this activity. There will be guest readers and a space to “Shine a light on reading.”

There will also be a “DRESS YOUR DOORWAY” competition running for all classes where they get to design and decorate their classroom door to celebrate their Literacy and Numeracy learning for this term. The winning door will receive a PIZZA PARTY in week 10.

Be part of your child’s literacy learning and visit the library before school (8am-8.20) any day to read with your child.

### Positive Parenting

## **THE POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING**

**Professor Matt Saunders  
is providing a free seminar for parents/carers**

**at**

**Woodridge North State School**

**on**

**Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00am – 11.30am**

**Parents/carers are invited to attend this seminar  
which will be held in our hall.**



# NOTICES

## Words of the Fortnight

### **Abandon** (verb)

[uh-ban-duh n]

To give up completely or give up control of.

### **Glimpse** (noun)

[glimps]

A very brief look. A vague idea.

# NOTICES

## C&K News

Woodridge North  
Community Kindergarten  
Kindergarten News



Kindy children in the Starfish Group learnt about the Great Barrier Reef and all the amazing marine life that call the reef their home. Through songs and counting games we learnt how to care for the Reef. Afterwards the children shared in conversation with other children, reflecting on their learning before drawing their memories and sharing their stories with teachers.



**ENROLLING NOW- 2016**  
**ONLY 19 spaces remaining**

Children born between 1/7/2011 – 31/7/2012

Pension & Health Care Card Holders **\$1.96 per day**

Fee subsidies also available for all other families

\*\*Daily Fees current at 26 August 2015

15 Mawson Street, Woodridge PH: 3208 5435

<http://www.candk.asn.au/woodridgenorth>

*Where children come first*

## University of Queensland Study

### INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH PROJECT

Parents of children **with and without disabilities aged between 6 and 18 years** are invited to complete a questionnaire about their parenting experiences. This study will investigate the inter-relationships between parent wellbeing, support, coping, and child behaviour, which are known predictors of positive parenting experiences. The research findings will support the creation of profiles of the parenting experience, which could enhance current disability services such as improved identification of families and children in need of additional supports. This research is being conducted in collaboration by a team of researchers from the University of Queensland and RMIT University.

#### How you can help:

Complete a 30 minute online or paper questionnaire. The online questionnaire can be accessed at <https://goo.gl/HJocGd> and the password to access this questionnaire is **profiles**. To request a paper version of the questionnaire, feel free to contact Maria [07 3247 5080, [maria.vassos@uq.net.au](mailto:maria.vassos@uq.net.au)] or Susana [03 9925 7710, [susana.gavidia-payne@rmit.edu.au](mailto:susana.gavidia-payne@rmit.edu.au)].

#### To thank you for your time and effort:

Those who participate can go into a raffle to win one of four \$100 Coles Myer gift cards!

#### If you have any questions:

Feel free to contact Maria (details above) if you have any queries about this study.

## PEACH™

### Get your family active and eating well

Families in Logan can now sign up the free healthy lifestyle program called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health. Registrations are open for a new group to commence in term 4, 2015.

The program is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of everyday life. It is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight their age and consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each.

Topics covered include nutrition skills, reducing screen time and being more active as a family. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

**What:** PEACH (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health) program

**When:** Term 4, Wednesdays, 3.30-5pm

**Where:** Woodridge State School

**Cost:** FREE

The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered state-wide by the Queensland University of Technology.