

## Vol 14 - September 11 2015

### Dates To Remember

Thursday September 17 - Free Triple P Program - Hall - 10am

Friday September 18 - Freddo Friday - 1st Break Only

Friday September 18 - Last Day of Term 3

Monday October 5 - Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday October 6 - First Day of Term 4

### From The Principal

#### Welcome back!

In week 10, term 3 we welcome back Muriel from her two weeks leave. During her absence the school has been supported by Don Hellwig in the Deputy Principal role and Michelle McPherson in the Behaviour Support Teacher role. I would like to thank them for their efforts, as well as every staff member at WNSS for their unwavering support of our students as we head towards the September break.

#### Well done students and parents

Our Literacy & Numeracy Week was a wonderful event marked by numerous highlights. The Maths Quiz Night and Doorway Decorating Competition in particular were great examples of the enjoyment that can be had when we engage in learning. It was fantastic to have so many parents and family members join with us at the Literacy Parties and show their support of the importance of reading. It isn't surprising then that our attendance figures for week 8 were the highest for the term.

#### 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 still have a few students who arrive way too early. The preferred time of arrival is 8.00 as there is reduced supervision prior to that time. Parents are requested to play a role in keeping our kids safe by following these times.

#### Stay positive parents

Our school continues to look for ways to improve across many aspects. One area we focus on is the ability to offer opportunities to our parents and community. That said, Thursday 17th September at 10am our school hall will host a Triple P event—1 of only 3 offered in Logan. This free 90 minute opportunity is open to all parents and caregivers to be exposed to positive strategies to use at home. Please read the flyers or advertisements for more information.

#### Happy holidays

Finally I'd like to wish all of our families a safe September/October break. School resumes Tuesday 6th October. Please report any suspicious activity at state schools to Schoolwatch ph: 131788.

Michael McMahon  
Acting Principal

# 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.



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*Where children come first*

## Prep News

Thank you to all of our prep families for an amazing term. Over the holidays we highly recommend a visit to your local Logan City Library to borrow some children's books for your child to read.

An example of the skills that prep students need by the end of the year includes 100 sight words, all of their letter sounds and know how to count to 100. Please continue to practice these important skills over the holidays.

See your child's classroom teacher if you require a new sight word list. Please remember to provide a full named WATER bottle every day and a healthy lunch for your prep child.

We look forward to seeing you for a busy and hot fourth term.

The Prep Team

## BPoint

BPoint is our new preferred method of paying your school invoices using a Visa or MasterCard - debit card or credit card!

Please use this link which will take you directly to our school's payment page - [www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete](http://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete) - it is a step by step, easy to follow way to pay.

Each invoice will need to be paid separately using the student's Customer Reference Number (CRN) and each invoice has it's own **unique** number that will need to be entered for each payment, eg: 2 invoices = 2 separate transactions.

If you would like to know more or would like help using BPoint please see our office staff.



## R U OK?

A National Day of action to start a conversation that could change a life. R U OK? is a not-for-profit organisation with the mission to encourage and equip everyone to meaningfully ask "are you ok?".

If you think something's worrying a friend at work, start a conversation to see if they are okay. If they're not, all you need to do is listen, and then help them think about what can be done to make life easier. For more information on how to start a conversation that could change a life, visit <https://www.ruok.org.au/inspire-conversations/ruok-at-work>.

An Employee Assistance Program can help colleagues struggling at work, contact 1800 604 640 (available 24/7) or visit their website [Employee Assistance Program](http://www.ruok.org.au/employee-assistance-program).

For more ideas on how to raise awareness or organise a fundraising event for R U OK? visit <https://www.ruok.org.au/fundraising>.



## Mabel Park State High Open Day

Recently at Mabel Park State High School, we had Year 5 students from Mabel Park State School and Woodridge North State School attend to participate in electives that Junior Secondary students complete. They had the chance to complete Technology electives, including Home Economics, Manual Arts, Business and Information Technology. Similarly, they all engaged in Arts electives including, Drama, Visual Art. Finally students also had an authentic Japanese experience with Nakajima Sensei. For more information go to the hyperlink below.

<http://mabelparkshs.schoolzinewsletters.com/2015/20150904/>

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## Indigenous News

Last week to help celebrate Literacy and Numeracy week we had a local artist/illustrator and former Woodridge North student Mr Vincent Watego come to the school and share his love of art with our years fours to six students. We also took some year five and six students to Burragah kindy to read to the jarjums.

Mr Vincent Watego used to come to our school when he was younger and he is now an artist/illustrator. Mr Watego came to our school and showed us lots of his illustrations. He made a special book for our school which he illustrated. The story was Gwyala and is about how the country around Beaudesert became flat. He also showed us children's pictures he re-created as art pieces as a fund raiser for the children's hospital. Mr Watego showed us step by step how to draw a turtle. Our turtles turned out kind of the same as his, I was impressed with how good they looked. I think Mr Watego is a very talented artist and hope he can come back one day and teach us some more about art.

By Scaughn 6B



Last week we went to Burragah Kindy. We did this because it was Literacy and Numeracy week. We had to read to young children. We also had puppets and we played with the Burragah Kindy Kids. The puppets made the kids feel safe and helped them to talk to us. We did singing and dancing and also made little books with animal pictures that had their traditional Yugambah names. We had lunch with them and played with them in the playground. We all had fun at Burragah Kindy.

By Mark 6B





# NOTICES

## Words of the Fortnight

### **Ambiguous** (adjective)

[am-big-yoo-uh s]

Having more than one meaning or being difficult to sort.

*It was difficult to build the treehouse because the instructions were **ambiguous**.*

### **Temporary** (adjective)

[tem-puh-rer-ee]

Not permanent, lasting for a short time.

*A tent can be a **temporary** home when you are camping.*