

Dates To Remember

Mondays - 1:45pm - Assembly - Hall

Wednesdays - 1:50pm - GoodStart Fitness - Hall

Thursday March 5 - Little Leagies 9-10am - Community Hub - Register with Shelly - 3380 6337

Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays - Ice Cups - 50 cents - Hall Kitchen

Friday 20 March - Cross Country

Friday 20 March - Harmony Day - Actions Against Bullying

Friday 27 March - Student Council - Freddo Friday \$1 each - Max of 2 each

Thursday 2 April - Student Council - Cap Day - Gold Coin Donation

Welcome

We would like to welcome the following students to Woodridge North:

Ethan P3	Trekiah P3	Jevon P1	Kyle 1H
Jesse 2R	Damita-Jo 2S	Madison 3T	Fofoa 4B
Jada 4B	Sharon 5O	Mehnaz 6B	Ryan 6B

Behaviour Blog

This fortnight, the students of Woodridge North are focussing on Staying Safe throughout the school. On assembly this week I discussed a variety of ways in which your children can remain safe here at Woodridge North. We spoke about the importance of; wearing a hat when playing. If your student does not have hat, they are able to go to the Library or Computer Room during playtime. Students were also reminded that they were to keep their Hands, Feet and other objects to themselves and that if they had a problem in the playground, they were to speak to a teacher on duty.

Emphasis was placed on the students walking on the cement throughout the school rather than running. We have seen an increase in students needing medical attention for falling over while running on the concrete at Woodridge North. Please talk to your children about ways they can "Stay Safe" here at Woodridge North State School.

Don Hellwig - Behaviour Support Teacher

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From The Principal

"If I Had My Child To Raise Again"

Diane Loomans - "Full Esteem Ahead - 100 ways to build"



If I had my child to raise all over again,
I'd finger paint more and point the finger less.
I'd do less correcting and more connecting.
I'd take my eyes off my watch and watch with my eyes.
I would care to know less and know to care more.
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.
I'd stop playing seriously and seriously play.
I'd run through more fields and gaze at more stars.
I'd do more hugging and less tugging.
I would be firm less often and affirm much more.
I'd build self esteem first and the house later.



I'd teach less about the love of power and more about the power of love.

Warm Regards to All,
Muriel Collings Principal

Indigenous News

Mrs Bell would like to invite all indigenous parents and carers to an Aboriginal meeting to be held in the Indigenous room on Wednesday 11 March at 1:45pm. This meeting will be to meet and greet new and old families and to go over important information relevant to families this year. Also, we would like to acknowledge Closing The Gap Day, 20 March 2015. Our school is Closing The Gap in:

- Education
- Attendance
- Community Support

In Spirit
Sharon Bell
Indigenous Support Worker



Community News

Logan Districts Scouts Try Scouting Night

Boys and Girls 11-18 years Monday 9th March
6:30 - 8pm

Boys and Girls 6-11 years Tuesday 10 March
6:30-8pm



Woodridge Scout Group - Donna - 0404 553 361 - donna.mickeygirl@yahoo.com.au
Marsden Scout Group - Warren - 0450 669 544 - glmarsdenscoutgroup@hotmail.com
Underwood Scout Group - David - 0415 145 126 - underwoodscoutgroup@gmail.com
Browns Plains Scout Group - Lynne 0 0409 570 673 - harahone@hotmail.com
Priestdale Scout Group - Leanne - 0433 200 875 - Possum.Priestdale@yahoo.com.au
Shailer Park Scout Group - Bob - 0429 322 988 - shailerparkscouts@gmail.com

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From The Deputy

Social and Emotional Awareness Skills

Many parents and carers acknowledge that the main role of school is to develop literacy and mathematical skills and knowledge. While this fact is true, our school works hard to develop a child's social and emotional awareness. Social and emotional awareness is the ability of an individual to understand their own feelings and those of others. Staff at Woodridge North State School deliver focussed lessons to help students develop these skills while also teaching students how to manage and act appropriately when they are emotive. Parents and carers are encouraged to talk to their children about the different types of feelings and how to act when they are feeling emotional.

Every Day Counts...

The message is simple, the more a child attends school, the better they will do! Our 2015 attendance target is at least 95%. Our current attendance rate is 93.1%, and while this is a positive increase from last year, we are looking to do even better! If a child has had only 1 day away from school this year, then they are currently above our 95% attendance target. It is also important to have students start the school day on time, so remember that students go into school at 8.20am 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 need to contact the office, classroom teacher or email absences@woodnort.eq.edu.au to provide an appropriate explanation for the absence.

Before and After School

Parents and carers are reminded that our school play equipment is 'out of bounds' before or after school. Please talk to your child about this expectation as student safety is a shared responsibility and your help is appreciated.

Parking

Schools are busy at the end of the day when it is time to pick up children. A number of drivers are failing to follow the parking regulations outside the main entrance to the school, and as a result they are putting the safety of students at risk. Student safety is everyone's responsibility, so drivers are asked to follow the parking signage around the school. Police and council inspectors make regular patrols of the area to enforce parking regulations.

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 3666 or by emailing me directly at the.deputyprincipal@woodnortss.eq.edu.au

Gary Boobyer
Deputy Principal

NAPLAN 2015

NAPLAN testing for years 3 and 5 will take place on **Tuesday May 12 - Thursday May 14**. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday 12 May - Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday 13 May - Reading
Thursday 14 May - Numeracy

The best way to prepare for the testing is to get a good night's sleep and have a healthy breakfast the morning of the testing. If you have any questions regarding the NAPLAN tests please contact our school office - 3380 6333.

Messages To Students

We would like to remind parents that it is quite difficult during the last session to pass on messages to the students. The office can be a very busy place and it is not always as easy as making a phone call to a classroom. In cases of emergency we will go out of our way to get a message to a student, in other circumstances though, we will endeavour to do our best but can not make guarantees. We thank you for your understanding.

School Watch

POLICE: 3826 1888 or 3807 7790 SCHOOL WATCH: 13 17 88

STATE GOVERNMENT SECURITY: 3224 6666

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Library News



We are well into term one and it is great to see so many students with library bags borrowing from the library. Library books are a great way for students to practice their reading strategies at home. The library has also been a very busy place at lunch times with students visiting to get out of the heat and play games, read or use the library computers. Some days we have had 60-70 students using the library at break time.

The library is open from 8-8.30am on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This is a time that students can visit the library to change their books, read, play games or go on the school

computers. Parents are also welcome at this time to read or play games with their child/children.



Next term the library will be running our annual Book Fair. This year the fair will take place from the 26th May to June 1st. The library will again be running our "Read More in May" competition. More information will be coming next term about this exciting event.

Happy Reading

Jan Tighe - Teacher Librarian

HPE and Sport

Cross Country - Due to the early cut off date for our District Cross Country nominations - our school Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday 20 March 2015.

8:45- 10:30 - Years 3, 4 5 & 6

11:15-12:30 - Years Prep, 1 2 and Kindy

Students may wear their coloured HOUSE shirts on this day. House groups are allocated according to the first letter of the student's surname.

House	Colour	Letters
BOORAN	Blue	A-F
PEARSON	Red	G-O
WOOLTON	Yellow	P-Z

District Netball - Congratulations to Jade in 6C who gained selection in the Logan District Netball team to compete at the Regional Carnival in April at the State Netball Centre. Well done jade!

Girl's Touch Football - Touch football trials are currently being held to choose teams to compete at the Woodridge State High School touch footy carnival in Term 2.

Mable Park State High

2015 has really been a Flying Start for all the new students who have enrolled at Mabel Park State High school. Year 7 students from partner primary schools have joined us and settled in really well along with all the fresh-faced Year 8 students. Classes have gotten straight into the business of teaching and learning and the feedback from the parents who attended MPSHS's first Community into the Classroom event was highly complementary. They were impressed with the level of engagement in our classrooms. Follow the hyperlink to access the MPSHS website for access to our newsletters and for some of the great programs we have to offer.

<https://mabelparkshs.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx>

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Head Lice

- Head Lice are tiny insects that live on the human head.
- They feed from the scalp and lay eggs (nits) on the hair shaft.
- Head lice are spread from head to head contact with a person who has head lice. Head lice can not fly. They can run from one head to another in seconds.
- When you have head lice your scalp can get very itchy.
- A cheap and easy way to treat head lice is the “Conditioner Treatment”. Apply lots of white conditioner to dry hair until saturated. Comb through the hair with a regular comb to untangle the hair. Comb through again with a “nit comb”, forwards, backwards, left and right.
- After each combing, wipe the comb on a tissue or paper towel. Continue to comb until the whole head has been done.
- Rinse off the conditioner and dry the hair.
- Repeat this process every 1 – 2 days over a 10 day period to cover the hatching cycle of the eggs.
- Alternatively you can purchase insecticide treatments from your local chemist.



Prep News

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their raffle ticket booklet and money. Some families have even requested another booklet to try and sell more tickets. This is a fantastic effort! All money raised will go towards funding the Prep Excursion later in the year and to purchase new resources for Prep students to benefit from. Please start bringing in your donations as soon as possible so we can put together our prize baskets. Parents, please be consistent with prep homework. Name writing and number recognition as well as reading and sight word practice are very important at this time of year. Our Easter Bonnet Parade will be held in the hall in week 10, please read through all information coming home and in our waiting areas for more information.

A Message From Head Of Curriculum

5 ways to become a better reader!

1. Read! 2. Read! 3. Read! 4. Read! 5. READ!

At WNSS, our goal is to develop confident readers who share a love of reading. We do this by delivering a quality reading program which is supported by our Fly-in Squads and Reading Heroes program.

Fly-in Squads, a support teacher and teacher aide, ‘fly around’ to each class in their year level for 40 minute reading sessions. This approach to reading intervention means that we can cater for every student, every day.

We also run a Reading Heroes program in the last session of the day. This involves a teacher or teacher aide working with individuals. Reading Hero students are selected for various reasons, some are struggling readers while others require extension. This program is a big hit with our students. The junior school students are always keen to put on their Reading Hero capes and **read, read, read!** Be sure to ask your child who he/she has been reading with at school and what goals he/she is working on!

Amber Cottrell
Acting Head of Curriculum

