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### Harmony Day/Actions Against Bullying

Friday 20 March is Harmony Day and Actions Against Bullying Day. Students are encouraged to wear orange on this day. Please ensure shirts worn are sun safe; i.e.; they have sleeves - NO SINGLETS ALLOWED.

### Behaviour Blog

This fortnight at Woodridge North State School, the students are focusing on “Being Responsible – After the play bell”. It is important that the students have done a number of things before making their way back into the classroom after a playtime, in order to ensure that this transition is as smooth as possible. We want to ensure that all students have gone to the toilets and washed their hands and gotten themselves a drink of water. We ask that the students tuck their shirts in and remove their hats, and that they line up in their designated area and talk quietly to a friend. By completing these few simple tasks, we know that the students of Woodridge North will be settled and calm when they return to their classrooms.

This Friday (20 March) is National Day against Bullying and Violence and we are asking that students wear orange clothing to show their support for this day. Remember, if you feel that your child may be getting bullied here at Woodridge North State School, please feel free to discuss this matter with me.

Have a great fortnight.

Don Hellwig
Behaviour Support Teacher.
## From The Principal

### VANUATU APPEAL

Most of you would be aware of the devastation that occurred during the Category 5 cyclone ‘Pam’ which struck Vanuatu. It was the most destructive in recorded history and has left 80% of the population homeless. Because we care, we are appealing to families to help out by donating to the charity appeal that the Student Council is running for Vanuatu. The collection will start this Friday, which is also Harmony Day.

Every little contribution counts as lots of little contributions add up to significant support. The Student Leaders will go round to collect the donations but families can also drop their donation in at the office if they prefer. The appeal will remain open until Friday 27th March.

Thank you for your care and concern for others.

Warm Regards, Muriel

## From The Deputy Principal

### National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

On Friday 20 March our school will be participating in a range of activities as part of the National Day of Action. This is an opportunity for our school and the wider school community, including parents and carers, to strengthen our everyday messages against bullying and violence.

**What is it?**

Bullying is when someone keeps picking on another child again and again and tries to make them feel bad. They say or do many mean and hurtful things, make fun of them a lot, try to stop them from joining in or make others not like them. Although it isn't nice if someone says or does something mean to someone else, we don't necessarily call that bullying. It also isn't bullying if children have a one-off argument.

**How do we prevent it?**

Bullying behaviours at Woodridge North State School are not tolerated. Our staff set high expectations for our students. We prevent bullying by:

- Everyone knowing and following the 4 school rules
- Using our High 5 (ignore, talk kindly, walk away, talk firmly, report it) strategies if someone is experiencing bullying behaviours
- Building greater social and emotional resilience through our 5 ‘You Can Do It’ keys to success – Organisation, Getting Along, Persistence, Confidence and Resilience.
- Providing active supervision during learning and play times

**What can you do to help?**

Stay calm
- talk with your child
- Don’t advise your child to fight with the other child
- Report the bullying to the school
- Seek help for your child to improve his or her social skills


**What can on-lookers or bystanders do?**

A child who witnesses or knows bullying is occurring is called a bystander. Bullying has been shown to stop within 10 seconds when bystanders take positive action.

If it is safe to do so a bystander could consider supporting the child who is being bullied by:

- taking the child away from the person who is bullying them
- telling the child doing the bullying that their behaviour is bullying and that it's not okay introducing the child who has been bullied to other friends
- getting immediate help from an adult if it is not safe to intervene.

If you would like more information about bullying, then visit these website, or contact the office:

From The Deputy Principal (continued)

Dress Code
Parents, carers and students of Woodridge North State School take pride in our school. A central part of our school is the wearing of our school uniform. Our school uniform reflects our shared school community standards and balances the rights of individual students with the best interests of the whole school community.

Our students wear bottle green polo shorts and grey shorts for boys and green skirts, shorts or skorts for girls. Our dress code also consists of laced shoes and socks and school bucket hat or legionnaire cap for all students. All headwear is expected to be plain bottle green, black or grey. Extreme haircuts, styles, colours or adornments are not allowed. The only jewellery a child is permitted to wear is a watch and one pair of small studs or small sleepers for children with pierced ears.

You can get access to the school’s dress code by contacting the office or viewing the parent handbook by following this link:


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 the.deputyprincipal@woodnortss.eq.edu.au

Gary Boobyer
Deputy Principal

HPE and Sport
CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL – POSTPONED DUE TO HOT WEATHER
Due to the forecast hot weather for this Friday, we have decided to postpone our Cross Country Carnival until early next Term.

The reason for scheduling the Cross Country in Term 1 is to use the results from this carnival to select our school Cross Country Team to compete at the Logan District Carnival on Thursday 2 April. However the forecast hot weather has made the running of the carnival this Friday unsafe for our students. To select our team Mr Gillam will use the results obtained from the Beep Tests (Fitness Testing) that have been conducted during Years 4 – 6 PE lessons.

The new date for the Cross Country Carnival will be FRIDAY 1 May 2015.

REPRESENTATIVE SPORT
Congratulations to Tyrone and Maya for their selection in the Logan District BASKETBALL Team to compete at the Metropolitan East Carnival.

Tony Gillam
HPE Teacher

Prep News
We would like to welcome families to the P-2/ Flexi Easter Bonnet Parade which is on Tuesday 31st March at 9am and will go for 30-40 minutes. We look forward to seeing you there.

ANZAC Day 2015
Springwood Tri-Services RSL Sub Branch Invites you to commemorate ANZAC Day 2015 in Springwood
Parade 7.15am  (6.45am form up)
The march will step off from the Logan East Community Neighbourhood Centre. Cnr Cinderella Drive & Vanessa Blvd to Springwood Park. ANZAC Day Service 7.30am An ANZAC Day Service will be conducted at Springwood Park Cinderella Drive following the march. Commemorate the Centenary of ANZAC

School Watch
POLICE: 3826 1888 or 3807 7790 SCHOOL WATCH: 13 17 88
STATE GOVERNMENT SECURITY: 3224 6666
Library News

All student library books are due back this Friday. Please remind your child/children to return their books to the library as soon as possible. If you are leaving the school please ask your child/children if they have a book from the school library. If so return these before your departure. We have already lost some books in term 1 in this manner. The library continues to be a very busy and active place at lunch times. Students are enjoying games and technology during these breaks.

The library is also open before school from 8-8.20am from Monday-Wednesday for students and parents to come in and enjoy a seat and a read together. Computers are also available for use at this time.

Another exciting event happening this term has been the Quocka Reading Program which has started across all year 2 classes. Over the coming weeks if your child is in year two they will come home with a free book that they have read with the Quota volunteer ladies. They are also presented with an additional book that is then donated to the library. We are very grateful to these Quota ladies for giving up their time and for finding the sponsorship dollars to run this program. The students from last Friday’s group were very excited to receive their books.

Don’t forget about our Book Fair which will be running next term at the end of May. We have been fortunate to receive sponsorship for this event from our federal MP Jim Chalmers who has donated $100. A big thankyou to Mr Chalmers for supporting Woodridge North State School.

Happy reading,
Jan Tighe [teacher librarian]

Indigenous News

Thankyou to those Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander parents who attended the meeting last week, if you were not there but would like information relating to the meeting please feel free to come in and have a yarn. We would like to give you another community contact in our area this time it’s KERIBA MABAIGAL TSI CORPORATION. Keriba Mabaigal is a corporation that specifically deals with Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage. Keriba Mabaigal also has aims to preserve, protect, promote and practise culture and heritage.

OPERATING HOURS: Monday to Friday – 9:00am to 4:00pm

CONTACT DETAILS:

Address: 21 Clarinda Avenue, Springwood QLD 4127
Mobile 1: 0439012600
Mobile 2: 0416023301
Email: keribamabaigaltsic@gmail.com

SERVICE/S PROVIDED:

Information about:
- Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage
- History
- Language
- Torres Strait Islander Dance Group
- Social Services

In Spirit
Sharon Bell
Indigenous Support Teacher Adie
At WNSS, we draw on a range of resources to support the delivery of a high quality literacy program. One widely implemented practice is Daily 5. This involves students in 5 essential literacy tasks to develop as independent learners. These tasks are *Read to Self, Read to Someone, Word Work, Listen to Reading* and *Work on Writing*.

During the literacy block, teachers will sometimes direct students to complete a particular Daily 5 task and they will sometimes offer students the choice of an activity. Offering choice really motivates our learners and as a result, we see great work being produced.

This week, Arabelle (Flexi-Junior class) chose to write a narrative at *Work on Writing*. We were all so impressed that we are publishing it here in the newsletter!

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“Ha, ha, ha! This robot will beat that measly Pikachu at its own game,” bragged Meowth and grabbed Pikachu. “Pikaaaaaa”

ZAP ZAP ZAP

She zapped so hard that the robot exploded. Team Rocket shouted, “We are blasting off again!”  - Arabelle
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Amber Cottrell
Acting Head of Curriculum

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**Student Council News**

- Between Friday March 20 and Friday March 27 the student council will be taking up a collection for The Vanuatu Appeal. Student Council members will be visiting classrooms to receive student contributions. As Ms Collings said, parents may feel free to donate at the office if they wish.

- Friday March 27 is going to be FREDDO FRIDAY! The student council will be selling Freddos for $1 each. Maximum of 2 Freddos per student.

- On the last day of Term 1, Thursday April 2, the student council will be having a “Cap Day”. Students may wear a cap to school on this day for a gold coin donation.

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**Culture in the Park**

_Ewing Park - Ewing Road, Woodridge_  - Sunday 22 March 2015—11.00am-3.00pm

BBQ & Cultural Learning - An opportunity for young Indigenous youth and their families to participate in cultural activities in the park, relax and enjoy the day with Elders and others who will support them to become more resilient through sharing their stories in a culturally safe environment.

**NATIONAL CLOSE THE GAP DAY**

Logan District Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation For Elders
Phone: 0432 589764

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