

Dates To Remember

Wednesdays - 1:50pm - GoodStart Fitness - Hall

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

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

Thursday 2 April - Tuckshop CLOSED

Thursday 2 April - Last day of Term 1

Monday 20 April - First day of Term 2

Friday April 24 - ANZAC Ceremony - Hall

Saturday April 25 - ANZAC Day

Friday May 1 - Cross Country

Friday May 1 - Last Day To Order And Pay For A Senior Shirt

Tuesday 5 May - School Photo Day

Behaviour Blog

Well, only a couple days until our Easter break. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students and their parents/carers for an excellent start to 2015. It has been great to see so many of our students receiving awards and certificates for following our school rules.

On this week's parade, I took the time to discuss with the students how they can stay safe over the holidays. I stressed the importance of using pedestrian crossings when crossing roads and train lines. I also took time to discuss the importance of not talking to people they didn't know.

Please take the time to discuss these things with your child throughout the holidays. We want to see everyone back at school in 1 piece.

Once again enjoy the Easter break and see everyone back on the 20th April.

Have a great fortnight.

Don Hellwig Behaviour Support Teacher.

Prep News

Thank you to all of the families who donated Easter Eggs, money and who sold raffle tickets. Your kind and generous donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you to the parents who attended parent teacher interviews. It was great to discuss your child's achievements and goals. Please continue to read every day with your child over the holidays and continue to practice counting. The prep team wishes you all a Happy Easter and a safe school holidays. Congratulations to Matthew in P3 - he won the first prize!



Senior Shirt

All year 6 students should have taken home a note regarding this year's senior shirt. The cost of a shirt is \$35. To make things easier on families you are able to pay this off but, full payment must be made by May 1. No orders will be placed after this date.

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From The Principal

Holiday Suggestions

Holidays are great but we often find that over a holiday period, students tend to slip back a little with their reading levels. There are lots of opportunities for reading in the home and community environment. Please encourage your kids to read and write over the holidays. It can be fun things like making a bucket list of things they would like to do over the holidays and then writing the 2 things they enjoyed most about each item they were able to accomplish. They can help with shopping, calculating costs as they move through the shop with an adult. Re-reading a favourite story book or buying some new reading material. Watching a favourite TV movie then writing and illustrating a retell of the story. Playing games outside, having a picnic in a park, going to the beach, playing board games, helping with cooking, playing snap, scrabble, monopoly and lots of others with parents/carers inside. Having conversations about what you are doing, planning to do, how it went.

Parent Handbook

At the last P&C meeting, we realised that while new parents to the school get a handbook on enrolment, older parents would only have an out-dated version of the Handbook. It outlines policies that have been approved by the P&C for our school community. We are going to photocopy and provide every family with an updated version of the Handbook. Please check it out when you have a question about our procedures and policies as the answer to your question may be in the Handbook. Have a special place in which to keep it at home as I know, only too well, how easy it is to misplace things – I still haven't located my cars keys which I 'hid' in a different place to my normal key location before I flew to Newcastle to look after my daughter late last year.

Thank You to an AWESOME school community

Our school is blessed by having students, parents/carers, staff and community partners who really care about our kids. Together we can make a real difference for our students. Thank you to all staff and particularly to our class teachers who are at the coal face with smiles and quality teaching every day. Thank you to the parents/carers and students who make sure they attend Every Day, On Time. This makes a huge difference to the learning outcomes of students. Holiday time is a great time for families to do things together and to build relationships that leave fond memories of childhood for those young people who will be the future. "It takes a village to raise a child." "No matter who you are, you matter." "Together we can make a difference."

Thank You Everyone. Stay Safe and Look After Yourselves. Muriel

Please Keep An Eye On Our School

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88. The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let's work together to help create a safer school community. If you would like to know more about the School Watch program, please call our Emergency and Security Management Unit on (07) 3034 6013.

Workout Wednesday!

The parents and staff of Woodridge North would like to thank Fox and his team from **Good Start** for the free fitness classes every Wednesday. We have had great feedback and look forward to continuing this partnership. The students of Woodridge North would like to thank Kym from **Return Serve** for holding tennis classes each Wednesday afternoon. The kids have such a great time. We at Woodridge North really appreciate these free events being held for our families, and thank Shelly our Hub co-ordinator for helping facilitate these. We have included a picture of one of our grateful families, Momoi participates in the fitness program whilst her Son Daniel learns to play tennis.



NOTICES

From The Deputy Principal

Thank you Woodridge North State School

As we come towards the April holidays I'd like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff, families and community members for how openly they have welcomed me to Woodridge North State School. It always warms my heart to see so many smiling faces when I am supervising students before and after school.

My role as Deputy Principal is to work as part of the school's leadership team to employ strategies to strengthen teaching and learning practices, and also to foster greater partnerships between the school and the community.

We have a great school and in the short time that I have been here I have noticed how our school is always trying to improve in all that we do. Here are just some of the ways that Woodridge North State School is improving:

- Attendance rate has improved 2.5% when compared to 2014. Our current rate is 93.9%, but our target is 95% or above.
- 61.2% of students have an attendance rate of above 95%, this is an increase of 19.4% when compared to 2014
- 296% increase in awards, certificates and learning goals being issued to our students.
- 42% reduction of inappropriate behaviour.

These achievements would not be possible without parents, carers, students and staff working closely together. Have a safe and relaxing April holiday. I look forward to welcoming all the students, staff and families back on Monday 20 April 2015 for the first day of term 2.

Attendance: Every Day Counts...

The message is simple, the more a child attends school, the better they will do! Our target is for every child in the school to attend school at least 95% of the time. Student attendance is closely monitored and on assembly staff and students view weekly attendance rates for every class. The two classes with the best attendance level get awarded a trophy for their effort and commitment.

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 are expected to provide the school with a reason. This can be done by sending a with the child to the classroom teacher, contacting the office, or by emailing absences@woodnort.eq.edu.au

It is also important for children to arrive on time. Students go into classrooms at 8.20 am to prepare for the day's learning. Students should not be at school earlier than 8.00 am unless they have a special event which requires them to come earlier.

Attendance awards

On Thursday 2 April the class with the greatest average attendance will be awarded with a range of prizes. There are a number of classes that are very close to winning, so make sure that students come to school every day. The winners will need to be at school on Thursday 2 April to receive their prize.

School photos

School photos will be held on week 3 of term 2 (Tuesday 5 May).

Woodridge North State School students, staff and community take pride in how we dress and present to the community. It is expected that students will wear their full school uniform as it is outlined in the school Dress Code.

Parents and carers are reminded about the expectation regarding acceptable haircuts, earrings and jewellery. Information about the school's dress code can be located in the parent handbook or at the office. (insert pictures of the school uniform.



ANZAC Day Service

On Friday 24 April our school will be holding an ANZAC Day service. 2015 we mark the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli. The service will commence at 10.00am in the hall. Parent, carers and community members are welcome to attend.

Adopt-a-Cop Visit

Our Adopt-a-Cop, Sharon MacRae, will be visiting our assembly on Monday 27 April. This will be a great opportunity for students and families to meet our Adopt-a-Cop. Sharon will be working closely with our school community and students to improve safety and well-being.

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

School Watch

POLICE: 3826 1888 or 3807 7790 SCHOOL WATCH: 13 17 88 - STATE GOVERNMENT SECURITY: 3224 6666

NOTICES

Logan's Musical Celebration



BE A PART OF LOGAN'S MUSICAL CELEBRATION

We're calling out to all City of Logan residents to audition for *Logan's Musical Celebration*.

Under the Artistic Direction of James Morrison, Queensland Music Festival will present a spectacular performance in Logan on Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 August at Logan Brothers. This musical event is inspired and created by the people of Logan.

Vocalists need to prepare two short contrasting pieces of their own choice, no more than five minutes in total. All styles are welcome (pop, rap, contemporary and rock genres will be prominent in this performance). These auditions are to identify soloists, a core backing vocal group and other ensembles that will be featured in the performance.

VOCAL AUDITIONS

Friday 27 March, 4.30pm-8.30pm Canterbury College Old Logan Village Road, Waterford

Tuesday 31 March, 4.30pm-8.30pm Logan Metro Indoor Sports Centre 357 Browns Plains Road, Crestmead

**Register to audition - qmf.org.au/logan
For more information, email logan@qmf.org.au or phone 07 3010 6612.**

Please note: The recommended age for the choir and vocal parts needed in this performance is nine and above.
Logan's Musical Celebration is presented by Queensland Music Festival and Logan City Council.

Runcorn High Open Day



Runcorn State High will hold an Open Day in Term 2. Our 2015 Open Day will be held on Saturday 16th May between 9.00am and 12.00pm.

A follow up Open Afternoon is held in Term 3. The Open Afternoon will be held on Thursday 17th September between 3.30pm and 5.30pm.

If you would like to attend the open day, please contact our Home Liaison Officer on
(07) 3323 1611 or enquiries@runcornshs.eq.edu.au.

Smith Road Crossing

Please be aware that there have been changes to the Supervised Crossing on Smith Road. Please take care when driving through there each day. Thank you.

Indigenous News

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter long weekend and school holiday. I look forward to seeing you next term beginning April 20!

In Spirit
Sharon Bell
Indigenous Support Teacher Adie



Ready, Read, Run!

The next Ready, Read and Run program will begin week one of term 2! If you have a child aged 3-4 and would like to register please contact Shelly in our Hub, phone 3380 6337 or email mobri159@eq.edu.au. Shelly will be checking her emails over the holidays and taking names of those interested. Places are limited so get in quick!

Little Leagies comes to Logan school

Scott Prince gets children into sport

By Kelly Daniels

FORMER State of Origin player and NRL halfback Scott Prince is bringing his Little Leagies program to Woodridge North State School.

In partnership with Access, the pilot program will have children aged two to four taking part in rugby league sessions and reading time.

Prince said the program had been a success on the Gold Coast and he wanted to see it work in Logan.

"I've been given this opportunity to work in the Logan community and it's great, I'm dipping my toes in," he said.

"In terms of sporting idols out of here, it's a huge growth area."

Prince said the program was about giving kids a chance to get involved in sport.

"We want them to be active, I started out when I was four or five," he said.

Access community hub leader Shelly Yip said the program catered for kids who were moving into school in the coming years.

"There will be eight sessions in the first group and then we will run it again next term," she said.

"The first half-hour of the session is a reading program and the second half is Little Leagies."

There are still spots available, if anyone is interested in signing their child up please contact the school.

The program has been made possible with funding from the Logan City Council Community Services Grants program.

» IN THE GAME: Scott Prince tosses the ball to four-year-old Tannayah Vincent, who will take part in the Little Leagies program at Woodridge North State School, while Access representatives Etienne Roux, Shelly Yip and school principal Muriel Collings watch on.



Scott Prince
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Student Council News

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. Student council members will visit classrooms to collect the coins.



Word Of The Week

Explain (verb)

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Give details about something so that it is understood.

- Mr Hellwig will explain the behaviour focus at assembly.

Winter Uniform



We would like to remind parents, carers and students that the Winter uniform is a plain green or a grey tracksuit. No "hoodies" please.

