



# WOODRIDGE NORTH STATE SCHOOL

STRIVE TO EXCEL

Newsletter issue 6: 30 April 2015

## EVENTS

Friday 1 May  
Order & Pay for  
Senior Shirt

Tuesday 5 May  
School Photo Day

Friday 8 May  
Cross Country

12-14 May  
NAPLAN: Yr 3 & 5

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## SCHOOL RULES

BE RESPECTFUL  
BE RESPONSIBLE  
BE SAFE  
BE A LEARNER

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Welcome Back

Welcome back for Term 2. Holidays are lovely, but it is also really good to be back with the awesome people who make up our school community. We have a busy term ahead including the Year 3 and Year 5 national tests. We have Laura and James from the Pathways to Resilience team working with students from those classes over the next couple of weeks. They will be focusing on having a positive mind set when engaging in tests to help students achieve their best.

### Our Four Major General Capabilities

Literacy and Numeracy, Social-Emotional Well-Being and Higher Order Thinking are our four major general capabilities that we develop through our learning programs at WNSS. These capabilities are what enables students to develop as successful life-long learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens. All of the key learning areas such as English, Maths, Science, Visual and Performing Arts, Health and Physical Education, History and Geography are included in our curriculum framework.

### Our Four Positive Behaviour Rules

Our school has four key rules to promote positive behaviours for learning. They are:

**Be Safe**

**Be Responsible**

**Be Respectful**

**Be a Learner**

Staff work with students to promote understanding of what each of these looks like in the various context within and beyond the school. Parents and carers are an important part of developing these understandings for their children. Together we can achieve positive outcomes for every student.

### Our Vision Statement: Engaging Minds, Empowering Futures

**Our Belief is that "No matter who you are, you matter."**

Everyone at our school is committed to providing the best possible service for our students and their families. We really appreciate the way you work with us to help make WNSS a great school for kids.

MURIEL COLLINGS  
PRINCIPAL

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## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

### Welcome to Term 2

Welcome to Term 2, it is great to see everyone returning from their Easter holiday safe and ready for learning. During the first few days of school I have been greeted by many smiling faces from students and parents. It is great to be back. With the weather cooling we are reminded about the school's Dress Code. Bottle green or grey jumpers and long pants are part of the expected school uniform. Jumpers without 'hoodies' are definitely the preferred option for all students. Our school Dress Code reflects the values and expectation of our school community.

### Attendance: Every Day Counts...

Our current attendance rate for the year is 93.5%, while our target is 95% or above. Our entire school works hard to provide a safe, disciplined and supportive learning environment. If there are any matters that making sending your child to school every day difficult, then please contact any member of staff regarding the matter. We all share the same goal of seeing your child be a successful learner.

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](mailto:absences@woodnort.eq.edu.au)

### 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 and photo envelopes have been provided to students. If you are yet to receive this information, then contact the office. A reminder that payment is only to be brought on photo day, and the office is unable to provide any change.

### ANZAC Day Ceremony

On Friday 24 April our school held an ANZAC Day service. The ceremony was thought provoking and moving. Our special guest Mr Tony Dusting, representing the Springwood Tri-Services RSL, made specific mention on our ceremony and our student's behaviour. It was very pleasing to see a large number of parent, carers and community members were able to attend.

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### Attendance Improvement Strategies

While being absent from school is sometimes unavoidable due to illness or family matters, it is an expectation that every student absence is explained. Our school currently sends a SMS message to parents if their child is absent from school. Many parents and carers reply to this SMS message with an explanation for the absence, which is great, but we still have a significant number of absences unexplained.

#### Strategy 1

Commencing this week our school will now be sending home with students a formal letter requesting an explanation for any unexplained absences. It is asked that this letter is completed, signed and returned to school the following day. Your help with this matter is greatly appreciated.

#### Strategy 2

Specific students with an attendance rate of below 85% will work with a staff member to create an 'Individual Attendance Plan'. This plan will see the student and the staff member working together to:

- identify any barriers to regular attendance,
- set an attendance goal,
- decide on a review period

Parents and carers will be contacted and encouraged to be part of creating this Individual Attendance Plan.

### 'Outstanding Attendance' Awards

On Monday 20 April 270 students across the entire school were presented with an 'outstanding attendance' certificate. The certificate was given to acknowledge these students having an attendance rate of 95% or above.

'Outstanding attendance' certificates will be given out to students every 5 weeks. Every student knows that coming to school every day is the only way to work towards a certificate.

### 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](mailto:deputyprincipal@woodnortss.eq.edu.au)

GARY BOOBYER  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



## BEHAVIOUR BLOG

Welcome back to school, it is great to see everyone after the holidays.

**Our behaviour focus** is Be Responsible: Throughout the School. We are encouraging students to be responsible for:

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Parents and carers can help their child to be responsible by giving them age appropriate jobs at home. It could be as simple as putting their bag and shoes away when they come home after school.

### Design our High 5 symbol

Our school believes in teaching and supporting our students to be problem solvers when they have problems with their friends. At school we talk to students about our High 5 strategies that can be used, they are:

1. ignore,
2. talk friendly,
3. walk away,
4. talk firmly, and
5. report



We are holding a competition to design our school High 5 symbol. If you are wanting to be a part of the competition, then drop into the RTR to collect a blank High 5 hand start designing.

DON HELLWIG  
**BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT TEACHER**

## ATTENDANCE: EVERY DAY COUNTS

The message is simple, the more a child attends school, the better they will do! Our attendance target is at least 95%. Student attendance is closely monitored by the Deputy Principal, Student Support Teacher and all classroom teachers. On assembly staff and students reward and acknowledge outstanding attendance. The two classes with the best attendance rates get awarded a trophy for their effort and commitment. It is also important for children to arrive on time. Student go into school at 8.20 am to prepare for the day's learning activities.

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## OUR NEW YOUTH WORKER

Woodridge North State School will have a new Youth Worker, Andy, coming into the school to work with students on Thursdays and Fridays. Students from years one to six have been selected to work with Andy either individually or in small groups.

Andy will also support students in the classroom. All students in the school will also have the opportunity to engage in lunchtime activities with our Youth Worker.



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## THE C.L.U.B.

Congratulations to our YFS CLUB graduates from year 6 , Tamira, Shannon, Emma, Jordyn, Martina, Banchayeu, Behzad, Connah, Mohamed, and Kane. These students, their parents and C.L.U.B leader, Lauree, celebrated in style in the last week of term 1. Selected students in year 4 have started C.L.U.B with Lauree this term.

## INDIGENOUS NEWS

### Solid Pathways

Three of our students, Victoria, Leila and Emma were chosen to work on an on-line program with the University of Queensland. Last term the girls were invited to the University where they were able to take part in University classes along with other students from around South East Queensland. The girls really enjoyed the day and can't wait until the next time the University invites them to visit.

### Gunyjiuu

Gunyjuu Homework Club. Gunyjuu will be running a homework club here at Woodridge North on Thursday afternoons from 2:30 – 3:45pm. If you would like your children to attend homework Club please pick up a form from the office.

In Spirit

SHARON BELL

**INDIGENOUS SUPPORT TEACHER AIDE**

## 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](mailto:enquiries@runcornshs.eq.edu.au)



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## THANK YOU

Sincere thank you to Ron and Christine Hill who donated books to the Woodridge North State School library in memory of their Son Ryan Kirby Hill who completed year 1 at Woodridge North in 1991 and tragically passed away December 1991.

## HEAD LICE

Here is a natural remedy that you may want to try should head lice make its way in to your household.

- \* 1 tablespoon Tea Tree Oil
- \* 1 tablespoon Lavender Oil
- \* 1 tablespoon Eucalyptus Oil

Place oils in a spray bottle and half fill with water. Shake well. When a child has head lice spray **everyday for a week** and use comb to remove lice, then every 2nd day for a week, then every 3rd day for a week. Once head lice have gone use spray weekly to keep hair free from lice.

## UNDER 8'S DAY

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May

11:30am -12:45pm

In the PREP area

Kids to come dressed in play clothes, there will be activities, craft, dancing etc

We will have a sausage sizzle \$1.50, Student Council will be selling Freddo's for \$1.00, water for \$1.00

Notes providing information, order form and a map of where each activity will be, will be sent home with students in the near future.

## WORD OF THE WEEK

Serene (adjective)

[suh-reen]

Calm, peaceful or clear.

*-Sitting under a palm tree on my tropical island I felt at peace and **serene**.*

Remarkable (adjective)

[ri-mahr-kuh-buh l]

Unusual or amazing.

*-WNSS students did a **remarkable** job at the District Cross Country Carnival.*



## 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.



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## LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to term 2 in the library. This term the library will be very busy with our Book Fair arriving on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Please see the following for opening times.

**READ MORE IN MAY!**

Starts this Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

1. Visit the library before school (Mon-Wed) or at lunch time.
2. Choose a book and read for 10 minutes.
3. Get a ticket, write your name and grade on it and place it in purple box.
4. Return your library book to the correct place.

Winners drawn on Friday 29 May. You might win one of two Book Fair vouchers worth \$25 to spend as you choose.

**BOOK FAIR IS COMING!**  
May 26 – June 1  
Opening Times  
Tuesday 26 May opens 2.30pm -3.30pm  
Wednesday – Friday 8-8.30am & 2.30-3.30pm  
Monday June 1 8-8.30am  
Close June 2 8.30am

**CASH SALES ONLY**

Our Book Fair is sponsored by  
Russel Lutton & Mayor Parker  
LCC  
Jim Charmers MP [Rankin]  
Cameron Dick MP [Woodridge]

**WIN PRIZES**  
Posters, Books  
Variety Packs

This event is a major fundraiser for the school library and this year we want to dedicate our fundraising to purchasing some new furniture for the library to make our library space more inviting and resources more accessible for the students. We have been lucky to receive sponsorship from the above mentioned people to help with our fundraising. We also need your help to make this event successful.

We will be running a month long competition during the month of May which is Family Reading Month. This is a great way to improve reading skills and also be in the running to win some books from the Book Fair. Please see below for details.

Parents are most welcome to come into the library with their children before school to sit and read. The library is open before school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8am-8.20. It is lovely and warm as the winter wind starts to blow. Your preschool children are also welcome.

The QuoCKa program is up and running again this term for 2R, 2G, and the year 2's in Flexi Junior. If your child brings home a free book it has been donated by the Springwood branch of Quota. Please see below for some very happy students with their reading mentor, Pat.

There are a number of outstanding library books from last term. Please look for your child's book if they have misplaced it.

Happy reading,

JAN TIGHE  
TEACHER LIBRARIAN

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