FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We would like to thank and acknowledge Mable Park State High School for the wonderful Maths Day they provided here at WNSS on Monday 25th May for all students from Years 5 and 6. Teachers and students from NPSHS provided a variety of Maths challenges for the students who rotated from one activity to the next. Students were highly engaged in the challenges and all enjoyed the experience. MPSHS also provided the Drumline and a beautiful quartet of singers who wowed us at our assembly in the afternoon. MPSHS provides strong literacy, numeracy and arts programs for students and we are happy to partner with them to support student learning. MPSHS also offers a range of scholarships for students entering secondary school.

Our school is proud of the increasing number of visits being made by other schools to watch our teachers work because they are doing such great things with literacy. Our super HOC works with teaching teams and our literacy practices across the school are recognised both within and outside our district. Well done to all our class teachers.

If your children use the Tuckshop, please stop off and say Thank You to the wonderful volunteers who give freely of their time to provide the service for our students. Thank You also to our Breakfast Club volunteers, especially Pat and Joanne, who climb the hill every week, not only for the Club but also to read with our younger children.

We would also like to congratulate Shelly our Hub leader and to thank the Logan City Council for its continuing support for the Ready Read and Run Program which gets pre-prep aged children ready for school. Mayor Pam Parker is a strong advocate for early reading programs and she will be visiting the school to see the program at WNSS. The additional funding which Council is making available to our community is $4080. This will enable it to continue until the end of 2015.

Thanks to Sharon, our Indigenous Worker, for reminding us that “National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held on May 26 each year. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Stolen generations refer to Indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their families and communities”.

MURIEL COLLINGS
PRINCIPAL
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

P&C Meeting

Our P&C Meeting will be held at 1.45pm on 10 June in the meeting room. Attending the P&C Meeting is a great way to hear about the exciting things that are planned for the future of Woodridge North State School. Your ideas, suggestions and feedback moves our school from good to great! If you can’t get to the meeting and you have something that you want to share, then email pandc@woodnortss.eq.edu.au

Incentives Day

The purpose of the Incentives Day has always been to provide an opportunity to individual students who display exceptional behaviour while at school. This term our Incentives Day will focus on acknowledging the students who regularly reach the top of the behaviour rocket or diamond. For our term 2 Incentives Day we will be inviting students who reach the top of the behaviour rocket/diamond 15 times (Prep – Year 3) and 10 times (Year 4 to Year 6) over the course of this term. The change to who participates in the Incentives Day will be reviewed early in term 3 by the school’s behaviour team.

Outstanding Attendance Awards

It is with great pleasure that I awarded 267 students this week with an award for having an attendance rate that is higher than our 95% target. These outstanding attendance awards are based on this term’s attendance. Thank you parents and families for valuing your child’s education and sending them to school every day.

Attendance: Every Day Counts...

Our 2015 attendance target is 95% or above. The current attendance rate is 93.1%, and while this is a positive improvement from last year, we are looking to do even better! Our staff work hard to provide a safe, disciplined and supportive learning environment for every child. If there are any issues that make sending your child to school every day difficult, then please contact any member of staff regarding. 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 note with the child to the classroom teacher, contacting the office, or by emailing absences@woodnortss.eq.edu.au

School Dress Code

Thank you to parents and carers who have been providing their children with the correct winter uniform. Bottle green or grey jumpers and long pants are our approved uniform. If your child attends school with a non-school jumper, they may be asked by a staff member to swap it over with a jumper from the office. Jumpers without hoodies are also strongly encouraged. The cooler weather has started to set in over the past few days. A reminder that nail polish, extreme haircuts and excessive jewellery are not acceptable at school. A copy of the school’s Dress Code can be requested at the Office.

EVERY DAY COUNTS... the more that a child attends school, the better they will do!
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Safe Travel to and from School

Parents and carers are asked to take some time to discuss with their children safe behaviour when travelling to and from school. A small number of our students cross the road or school carpark without thinking about the traffic. Student safety is everyone’s responsibility.

Connecting with Woodridge North State School

Woodridge North State School is a great place for your child to get their education. Our school believes that we work in partnership with our community, and clear communication is a key to a productive partnership. Our school will start to send text messages to parents and carers if their child has received a special award. These text messages are an opportunity to engage with your child’s education, talk to your children about their day at school and strengthen our school and community relationship.

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

COMMUNITY HUB

Our Community Hub will be holding another second hand sale very soon. If you have any donations of good clean clothing, household items (NOT electrical), books etc., we would love for you to bring them to the office. The sale will take place 10 & 11 June.

SHELLEY YEP
COMMUNITY HUB CO-ORDINATOR

PREP NEWS

Our fun day will be held on Friday 5 June at 8.30am followed by a picnic morning tea and sausage sizzle ($1.50 per sausage) which friends and family are welcome to attend. The activities are for our prep students to participate in. The cost of the bus is a large expense and we hope to cover the cost of transport to Queens Park to ensure it is an affordable excursion for our students to attend. Please have all donations ready to hand in on the fun day. Prep Team!

PREP TEACHERS

CAMP CURRIMUNDI DEPOSITS

Just a reminder to parents of year 5 and 6 students. The $40 deposit for Camp Currimundi is due by Friday 12 June. Our payment window is open every Tuesday and Friday morning 8am-11 am, EFTPOS available. If you would like to deposit directly in to our bank account please see the office for details.
BEHAVIOUR BLOG

Our behaviour focus for this week has been around ‘Being Respectful - Throughout the School’. On assembly the importance of showing Respect and being Respectful was explained, along with examples of how to show respect.

Respect is about how people feel about one another and that it is important that we think good things about a person and that people can have respect for both themselves as well as others.

Showing respect to someone means you act in a way that shows you care about their feelings and well-being.

In short, treat other people the way you want to be treated.

Have a great week,

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. Students go into school at 8.20 am 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 can contact the office, or email absences@woodnortss.eq.edu.au

MULTICULTURAL DAY

On Friday 17 July Woodridge North State School will holding a Multicultural Day. All students will be participating in multicultural activities for most of the day with a concert taking place from 1pm. We would like to invite parents and carers to come along and join us for the concert. Students can come to school wearing cultural costumes on this day.

GRAND PLAZA SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Grand Plaza Shopping Centre invite you to join them at their Prehistoric Creatures of the Ice workshop. From Monday 29 June until Friday 10 July (excludes Sunday 5 July) kids will have the chance to step back in time and visit the Prehistoric Creatures of the Ice. Workshops will be held in centre court from 11am – 2pm daily where kids will be able to decorate their own snow globes or puzzles to take home. Children as well as parents will also have the opportunity to take photos with a 2m tall animatronic Woolly Mammoth. It will be a fantastic day of fun for the whole family.

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INDIGENOUS NEWS

Mrs Bell and students are currently learning an Aboriginal dance on a Friday afternoon in the hall from 1pm-1.45pm for the remainder of the term. We are enthusiastic about showing it to you come our Multicultural day. On another note Mrs Bell would like to take this opportunity along with the staff at Woodridge North State School to acknowledge elders past and present of the Stolen generation and pay tribute to their perseverance through hard times, also we acknowledge Reconciliation Week throughout this week and next being 27th May - 3rd June. If you would like to know more about Reconciliation Week and their events please check out the website Reconciliation Australia. The Yugambeh word of the week is Bullang Bujerum meaning Strong Spirit

In Spirit

SHARON BELL
INDIGENOUS SUPPORT TEACHER AIDE

HPE NEWS

On Friday 29 May we will be having our Senior Athletics Carnival. This will be an all day carnival with students competing in sprint, long jump, high jump, shot put and relay events.

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TONY GILLIAM
HPE TEACHER

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.
FLEXI JUNIOR NEWS

We have had a lot of fun learning about the life cycle of a bean. Together we have investigated and discussed what we need to help plants to grow healthy and strong. After we were given some magic beans from ‘Jack’, we planted them in our decorated pots and have watched our beanstalks grow. Our observations and labelled diagrams were recorded in our very own bean plant diary. Bye for now from Flexi Junior.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair has commenced and the students have been very excited about visiting the Book Fair and looking at what they might like to purchase. Students have been busy also visiting the library in May to read for 10 minutes to have a chance to win one of TWO $25 book vouchers from the library for the Book Fair. During Book Fair there will be many other prizes to give away as well. We have again been fortunate to gain sponsorship from the Logan City Council, Cameron Dick MP and Jim Chalmers MP to assist with our fundraising efforts. We are well on our way to achieving our sales target of $3000 with $800 in sponsorship at present. Please support this fundraiser as all money raised directly benefits your child’s learning at Woodridge North State School.

 WORD OF THE WEEK

Reluctant (adjective)  
[ri-luhk-tuhnt]  
Unwilling, don’t really want to do something.  
- I was reluctant to get out of bed this morning because it was so cold.

Bewildered (adjective)  
[bih-wil-derd]  
Completely puzzled or confused.  
- NSW fans are once again bewildered by their State of Origin loss.