



# WOODRIDGE NORTH STATE SCHOOL

STRIVE TO EXCEL

Newsletter issue 9: 10 June 2015

## EVENTS

Wednesday 10 & 11  
June—Second Hand  
Sale

Friday 12 June—  
Freddo Friday

Friday 12 June—  
Camp Deposit (\$40)

Wednesday 17  
June—Free Dress:  
Support Your Team

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## SCHOOL RULES

BE RESPECTFUL  
BE RESPONSIBLE  
BE SAFE  
BE A LEARNER

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Deputy Principal Position

The substantive DP position has now been filled and the successful applicant for the role is Mr Paul Russo. Paul is currently the DP at Childers SS. He is highly committed to education and has extensive experience working as a curriculum leader with programs similar to those we use at WNSS. He has had experience in behaviour support roles and as a physical education specialist. His areas of expertise match really well with the requirements of the role at WNSS. He will be commencing duties here in Term 3, but will be visiting the school the last two days of this term.

### Thank You

A huge **Thank You** to Mr Gary Boobyer, who has been acting in the DP role for this semester. Gary has made a valuable contribution to the school, both personally and professionally, offering his expertise to help ensure that our school is operating as effectively and efficiently as possible. He has continued the focus on learning, attendance and behaviour, providing engaging assemblies and comprehensive data to support our school goals and direction. We wish him all the very best for the future.

### Logan Together

On Wednesday, 10 June, two staff members and I attended a Logan Together meeting at Beenleigh. The Logan Together initiative is about providing better coordinated services for young children and their families. It is changing the image of Logan so that this area is now seen as a great example of how a city council can bring together the wide range of services available to children and their families living in the area. It is about improving the health, education and social well-being of every child in the Logan community so that by the age of eight, Logan children will be doing as well as any other group of Australian children. Currently, the Australian Early Development Collection of data indicates that there is a gap that needs to be closed between our children and those of Australian children in general. Our school is blessed to be part of this initiative.

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### Vandalism

Over the long weekend, the Community Hub had windows smashed and paint was thrown over the walls of the Prep 3 building. The police have been on the scene and we are hoping that they can identify the culprits as we have been left with approximately \$2,000 worth of damage that the school has to use to repair the damage. This money should have been going to support students and teachers. If you see people on the school site at weekends or after hours who you know are not engaged in approved activities, please report the situation immediately to School Watch on 131788. We need people to be the Eyes and Ears of Our Security.

MURIEL COLLINGS  
PRINCIPAL

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

### Attendance: Every Day Counts...

Our 2015 attendance target is 95% or above. The current attendance rate is 93%, 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@woodnort.eq.edu.au](mailto:absences@woodnort.eq.edu.au)

### Student Learning – Assessment and Report Cards

Teaching staff are busily working on completing report cards for students. Report cards capture student achievement over the entire semester in the areas that have been taught and assessed. Report cards will be issued to students on Thursday 25 June. If you have any questions about your child's learning or the report card, then please contact the classroom teacher and make a time to catch up.

### Come and Join us at Assembly

Parents, carers and community members are encouraged to come to our whole school assemblies that are held every Monday afternoon at 1.45pm. Assembly is a great place to hear about things that are happening at our school. On assembly we also acknowledge our students by presenting student awards.

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### Free Dress: Support Your Team

Students and staff are being asked to bring a gold coin donation and 'Support Your Team' on Wednesday 17 June. The event is linked to the much anticipated second State of Origin game – so show your true colours! The money raised will be given to CareFlight ([www.careflight.org](http://www.careflight.org)).

### School Dress Code

Thank you to parents and carers who have been providing their children with the correct winter uniform. The cold weather has really set in this past week. 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.

### Help our Kids by Doing the High 5

Woodridge North State School is committed to providing a safe, respectful and disciplined learning environment, where students have opportunities to develop the skills to be lifelong learners. We teach and expect our students to use the High 5 strategies in and around the school. The strategies are: Ignore. Talk Friendly, Walk Away, Talk Firmly and Report. Each of these strategies are used by students (and adults) when needed. Please take some time to talk to your child about how you model and use the High 5 strategies in everyday life.

### 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

### COMMUNITY HUB

Next term the Hub will have a scrapbooking and craft group run by Miss Jocie from our C&K. The activity will cost a gold coin donation from each participant. For more information please contact Miss Shelly in our community Hub: [mobri159@eq.edu.au](mailto:mobri159@eq.edu.au) or 3380 63337

SHELLY YEP  
COMMUNITY HUB CO-ORDINATOR

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## BEHAVIOUR BLOG

Our Behaviour Focus for this week centres on the students Being Responsible as they go off to play, and return from play after the play-bell. I have spoken to the students about the importance of keeping our school eating areas neat and tidy and free of rubbish. I also explained that they must wait for teacher's instructions before going off to play.

Before returning to the classroom, students were reminded of a few things to remember. This included making sure that they have gone to the toilet and washed their hands, gotten themselves a drink, and are lined up quietly in the correct area. This time before re-entering the classroom is the perfect time for students to calm themselves down and get themselves prepared for learning.

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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## 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.

## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The student council will be holding a "Freddo Friday" on Friday the 12th of June. Freddos will be \$1 each and there is a limit of 2 Freddos per student.

The bin ball competition is now on for year 5 & 6. The competition will run every Thursday. The winners will be decided by a best of 3!

## SUPPORT YOUR TEAM

### **Blue or Maroon? NSW or Qld? Who do you support?**

On the day of State of Origin Game 2, students can attend school wearing their state colours. We are asking that all students who participate bring a gold coin donation. All monies donated will be going to Careflight.

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## HPE NEWS

Well done to all of the year 3-6 students who competed in the school sports day on Friday May 29. There were some excellent performances with many students gaining selection in the Athletics Team to compete at the district carnival at John Paul College on 15 & 16 July.

### Age Champions:

**12 years - Tyrone and Aone - 11 years - Mohammed and Perrina**

**10 years - Lotu and Melani - 9 years - Paki and Rebekah**

**Champion House - WOOLTON**

### Rugby Union:

Congratulations to Bermin on his selection in the Logan District Rugby Union team!

### Touch Football:

Good luck to the year 6 girls who are competing in the Woodridge State High School Touch Football carnival on Monday June 22.

TONY GILLIAM

**HPE TEACHER**

## CAMP DEPOSIT

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.

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### Week 1

**Fascinating** (adjective)

[fas-uh-ney-ting]

Something very interesting or captivating

*-The teachers were telling a fascinating story about a land where all students had maroon hair.*

**\*\*Can you find the SILENT LETTER?\*\*\***

### Week 2

**Gleam** (noun)

[gleem]

A flash or beam of light.

*-I saw a gleam of light from the moon being reflected on the sea.*

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