PRINCIPAL’S PARAGRAPH
Welcome to everyone in the Woodstock State School community including past students and families and our new families. 2017 already promises to be a great year for us as we continue our focus of Reading, especially using comprehension strategies with the CARS and STARS program. Analysing our school and NAPLAN data from 2016 we will also focus on our Writing program and skills. The next few days will be a time to capture data in each area for our students so will be a very busy time. I have attached a school 2017 calendar for your perusal. Please note that Term 1 concludes on Friday 31st March 2017-
a ten week term.

WELCOME
Please help me welcome Ms Treacy in the P/1/2 class and Mr Stockman as our new HPE teacher to Woodstock. Thank you once again to our wonderful staff for preparing our school for the year. Thank you to Mr Sexton for the beautiful grounds and maintenance around the school, and to Mrs Schneekloth for our classroom organisation and clean facilities. Thanks also to our P&C committee and especially Cat and Rachael for organising our book packs. We thank Gayle Stockham in the front office for her expertise at doing everything and our great teachers and aides who attended all last week to complete full days of professional development and prepare for our great kids. Thank you to all parents who have supported us by providing students with their book list requirements. We would like to remind parents that the Reprographic Levy ($40.00) on the book list may be paid at the office at your earliest convenience.

MEET & GREET
Our first get together is scheduled for Wednesday 8th February at 5.30pm to provide opportunities to meet each teacher in their room and to share class routines and expectations. The timetable will be from 5.30- sausage sizzle; 6:00 - 6:15 in Prep/1/2, 6:15 - 6:30 Year 3/4 class and 6:30 - 6:45 in the 5/6 class.

SWIMMING LESSONS
Arrangements are being made for swimming lessons for the upcoming Swimming Carnival. Please complete the attached permission form in this newsletter and return ASAP so we can work out monies and transport.

PARADE
For new and existing parents, please feel welcome to join us during Parade times each FRIDAY from 2:30pm. The day change allows for teachers to award Student of the Week certificates for the past week and for students to celebrate and share their learning for the week.

BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS FOR THE WEEK
Let’s begin our year by choosing each day to ‘be safe’, ‘be respectful’ and ‘be a learner’. This is where “Each Day Brings a Chance to do Better”- our School Motto. So we can do our best at getting on at school, making friends, helping our teachers, fellow students and parents or carers, “Treat others the same way you want them to treat you.”

Our Behaviour Expectation Focus for this week was to establish our expectations in the classroom and playground for the year. This included
- Lunch play safety – separate areas for age groups,
- Walk on concrete & stairs
- Library Expectations
- Foot Ball Games – No Tackle Rule
- Play / Eating Areas Review
- Litter / scraps expectations
- Student Duty Rosters
- Bookwork expectations
- Older student Leadership Opportunities / Expectations
Next week the older students will be invited to nominate for leadership positions throughout the school. More information will follow.

**BOOKS IN HOMES**

Once again we will have the Books In Homes Program delivered to our school as part of our explicit improvement agenda to continually improve reading at our school. Students may view the selection of books in the library from week 2 and 3 and choose 4 books in order of preference. They then receive THREE FREE books.

**BUDDY READING**

The success of this program was astounding last year and will begin in week 2. Folders and buddies are ready in preparation and classes will prepare for this program over the next few days.

**PHOTOS**

School photos have been organised for Friday 24th February this year. Envelopes will be sent home once they come to the school. We will keep you informed of this until the day.

**DATE CLAIMERS**

At this stage some of our upcoming events include

**Swimming Carnival 13th March**

Harmony Day 21st March

Yours in Education,
Allison Greenaway

**Calendar of Events**

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**STLan News**

Welcome back.

I hope you all had an enjoyable break.

I am looking forward to working with our teachers, students and parents.

Madelyn Dixon

**Chaplain’s Note**

2017 Wow here we are in a new school year and a big hello from Mr D.

The first day of school has already happened and it was good to see all our returning students and lots of new ones. Many students were glad to be back at school and looking forward to settling in to routine for learning and growing and there has been lots of growing. We now have giants in our class rooms because our students have got taller, or Mr D could be shrinking, Mmm.

It was good to see all the school community at school from Principal, Teachers, Teacher Aides, Cleaner, Office manager, Canteen volunteers, P&C and Moms, Dads and carers and most of all our students. We hope that the year of 2017 will be our best school year yet. We have school photos, meet and greet, swimming lessons all to come but most of all, our school learning.

I believe because of our buddy reading from last year we will be starting from a higher base in
reading and caring, and because of this our achievements will be higher and greater. Let us all do our best in staying true to the school values and to each other in treating each other as we would like to be treated. Ref Luke 3 v 21

Hooroo Mr D
Woodstock State School Chaplain
Bringing Hope to a Young Generation

CLASSROOM NEWS
Year P/1/2 - Rainbow Raptors
Welcome, my name is Megan. I have just made the move here from a small country town in Victoria called Kerang. I am the middle child of three, with an older and a younger brother. My mum, dad and younger brother are moving here later in the year so it will be amazing to have them here as they are very important to me.

I am extremely excited to be coming here to Woodstock, a small country school. I met many of you last year and I am looking forward to working with and your children. I am going to continue with many of the routines established by Miss Neilsen so that all students have a smooth transition into 2017. I am still with Mrs Broxham, our fantastic Aide. As shared in the newsletter we will have a Meet and Greet in the coming weeks. I look forward to meeting you all face to face.

Our units start off with getting to know each other activities, exploring emotions in stories for English and looking at numbers, location and data in Maths. We also have an exciting unit of science, looking at living things and we are looking at the features of places in Geography.

Megan Treacy

Year 3&4 - Pink Grizzly Bears
Welcome to a new year. We have a wonderful class this year. I am really looking forward to working with you (the parents) and kids this year. I hope everyone had a wonderful break. We have a public holiday on Thursday for Australia Day but then back to school on Friday.

We have started some writing activities and the kids are totally engaged! I am very impressed with what they have done so far. This will be a wonderful year!

If you have any enquiries please don’t hesitate to come and see me.

Until next week
Sue Jensen

Year 5/6 – Golden Sloths
As you can see, we have chosen our class name for 2017. After reminding the students how slow Sloths are they insisted that they are ‘cool’ – this is the impact media has. At this stage we have a small class of just 15 and they have settled back into routine extremely well. Well done, everyone. Homework for this week was sent home yesterday and is due back Friday. Please make sure you sign off on the activities your children undertake.

In Maths this term we are covering Location (mapping and direction), Data (collecting data and graphing) and addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of numbers up to tens of thousands. Last year we looked at the draft of Economics and Business that included collection of data to inform decisions and we will complete this again focusing on choosing a stall that our class could run at the Country Fair. This will make the learning practical and of greater value than a hypothetical situation, so you may be approached to answer survey questions at some point over the next few weeks.

Our English unit requires us to look at emotion in short stories. Morris Gleitzman is the main Author that we will be using for this study. We are also learning about the 7 Steps to Writing and on Monday the students wrote about something that happened on their holiday. They had to begin with a ‘sizzling start’. Ask them what this means.

Anyway, welcome back to school. We are looking forward to lots of fun and learning and are very pleased to welcome Caitlin to our community.

Enjoy your Australia Day, see you back on Friday.

Welcome Woodstock families for 2016!

Welcome everyone! We are looking forward to a wonderful year rich in learning, caring and playing. 😊

We would like to thank you in advance for supporting your child with reading, resources, healthy lunches and lots of sleep! These are the things that will enable your child to work to the best of his/her potential throughout their schooling years. Many thanks go to the parents who have assisted by providing all items on the booklist within the first week of
If your child has not brought necessary items a note will be sent home listing the items that your child requires. We have set up all the resources and labelled our books and equipment. Please name school bags, lunch boxes, hats and other items. At this stage our specialist lessons are as follows: LOTE on Wednesday, Music on Thursday, and PE on Friday. Parade will be each Friday. We look forward to meeting you all at our Meet and Greet. Thanks again for your support, Allison Greenaway and Robyn Hurst.

**Senior Shirts**
Parents of Year 6 students interested in purchasing a Senior shirt for their child, please contact Lesley on 0416 041 632 via text. I will need numbers to obtain price. Thanks, Lesley

**Student Banking**
Students can participate in the School Banking program at Woodstock State School. Please send banking to the office before Friday each week. For further details or forms to participate, please see Gayle in the office.

**P&C NEWS**

**Country Fair - 19th August 2017 (SAVE THE DATE!!!)**
* Live Band - Hillbilly Goats
* Kids Rides & Games
* Bar
* Cafe - cakes & coffee
* Hot Food
* Auction
* Multi Draw Raffle (Dodgers)
* Duck Poo lotto
* Cent Sale
* Toad Races
* Kids Lollie Run
* Plant & Craft stalls
* Kids Dances
* Plus more to come!!!
OP Shop
Tuesday 31st January, 2017
At QCWA Hall, Woodstock
Open 8.30am to 4.30pm
Clothing $1 per item or fill a bag for $5
Ladies, Mens & Childrens,
Also books and kitchen ware.
Donations welcome
Come & have a free cuppa, a chat & grab a bargain.