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Developing Students to be Life Long Learners and active, responsible and respectful citizens.

PRINCIPAL’S PARAGRAPH
Into our second week and Thursday is Day 8. Our numbers stand at
Prep - 6
Year 1 - 6
Year 2 - 12
Year 3 - 7
Year 4 - 11
Year 5 - 10 and
Year 6 - 6 with a total of 58

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 permission form sent home last week and return by Friday 3rd February to send in final numbers.

PARADE
Please feel welcome to join us during Parade times each FRIDAY from 2:30pm.
Our Behaviour Expectation Focus for this week is based on RESPECT, especially using manners in the classroom, playground and on the bus.

At the end of the week, potential candidates for leadership roles will share their speeches with the student body so they can vote them for leadership positions throughout the school. We wish them all the very best.

BOOKS IN HOMES
Our Books In Homes Program books will be on display next week for students to choose their free books. Teachers will share these in the morning during Buddy Reading and Library lessons. 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
Buddy Reading started yesterday and students did a wonderful job fulfilling these roles. Our data last year showed a resounding success of this program. Well done kids.

PHOTOS
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.
Our packs will be:
The packages are the same as last year, no price increases!
Group only $24
Basic Pack $34
Essential Pack $37
Value Pack $40
Classic Pack $43
Premium Pack $47
Family Packs starting from $15

DATE CLAIMERS
At this stage some of our upcoming events include

Swimming Carnival 13th March
National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence 17th March
Harmony Day 21st March

Yours in Education,
Allison Greenaway
Calendar of Events

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Chaplain’s Note

It was interesting to see how the students settled in to the first week of school. In the Golden Sloth class I could see a maturity from all of the students which bodes well for the new year. I still need to spend more time with the Pink Grizzly Bears during class time, but last week I spent time during Health and Physical Education to get to know Mr Stockman and learn how he does lessons. I learnt a lot from them! In the Rainbow Raptors class, I had forgotten how much our Preppers have to learn and where they start from. It shows how amazing our new Prep teacher, Miss Treacy is, to build the learning blocks for our students to grow on and how parents, family siblings and other students help by leading and being role models and guides for our students. Mums, Dads and Carers you can be very proud of our newest citizens.

Who can figure out what Scooby is looking at & thinking?

Write on a piece of paper and Mr D will collect them and we will find out to see what you all come up with.

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

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

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<td>Bo Myers</td>
<td>For being a great role model for the new students.</td>
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<td>Tony Zirkzee</td>
<td>For a great start to the year.</td>
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<td>Dustyn Hammond</td>
<td>For awesome sentence writing.</td>
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<td>Hugh Pratchett</td>
<td>For fitting in so beautifully with our class.</td>
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<td>5/6</td>
<td>Taylah Grubb</td>
<td>For attempting new work with gusto.</td>
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<td>Caitlin Lowmow</td>
<td>For settling into her new class smoothly and eager to please.</td>
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Bullying No Way
National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
Friday 17th March 2017

The national definition of bullying for Australian schools says:

Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Online bullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies, e.g. the internet or mobile devices. Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Single incidents and conflicts or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

In short, bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships involving a pattern of harmful verbal, physical or social behaviour.

Is all conflict between students bullying?

Not all aggressive or harmful behaviour between people is bullying. While conflicts and aggressive behaviour need to be addressed, it is important to be clear when these behaviours are not actually bullying.
The definition of bullying has three critical aspects: it is a misuse of power within relationships, it is repeated and ongoing, and it involves behaviours which can cause harm. All three aspects need to be present in order for behaviour to be called bullying. The three critical aspects that distinguishes violence, harassment and discrimination.

There are six key steps for parents if their child tells them they have been bullied:
1. Listen calmly to what your child wants to say and make sure you get the full story
2. Reassure your child that they are not to blame and ask open and empathetic questions to find out more details
3. Ask your child what they want to do and what they want you to do
4. Discuss with your child some sensible strategies to handle the bullying – starting a fight is not sensible
5. Contact the school and stay in touch with them
6. Check in regularly with your child.

Harmony Day – Everyone Belongs
Tuesday 21st March 2017

Harmony Day is celebrated around Australia in February each year. It’s a day when all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity. The day is also the United Nation’s International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Harmony Day is managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) and gives people the opportunity to celebrate what makes each Australian unique and share what we have in common.

The continuing message for Harmony Day in 2017 is that Everyone Belongs, which means all Australians are a welcome part of our country, regardless of their background. It’s a time to reflect on where Australia has come from, recognizing the traditional owners of this land. It’s also about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – celebrating the different cultures that make Australia a great place to live.

STLaN News
Pre-writing skills are the fundamental skills children need to develop before they are able to write. These skills contribute to the child’s ability to hold and use a pencil, and the ability to draw, write, copy and colour. A major component of pre-writing skills are the pre-writing shapes. These are the pencil strokes that most letters, numbers and early drawings are comprised of. They are typically mastered in sequential order and to an age specific level. These strokes include the following: I, __, 0, +, /, square, \, x and triangle.

Madelyn Dixon

Bus Conveyance Meeting – Reid River Bus Run & Majors Creek Bus Run
A combined meeting will be held 9:00am Monday 20th February, 2017 at the school under the front shade sail.
We require at least 5 family representatives for each run to attend this meeting to keep our buses running. These meetings are a requirement of the department.

CLASSROOM NEWS
Year P/1/2 - Rainbow Raptors
We have had an exciting start to the year! It is great to see so many happy faces each day. This week we are looking at emotions in picture books and number work in Maths.
Any questions, please do not hesitate to come and see me or email me on mbtre@eq.edu.au.
Megan Treacy

Year 3&4 - Pink Grizzly Bears
We have had an awesome start to the year. The kids have shown they have retained a lot of information from last year. We are having rotations for English and Maths this year. It is the first time I have attempted this and the kids seem to be enjoying it as there are a variety of activities for them to do in their groups.
We have Meet and Greet next Wednesday. I am looking forward to seeing familiar faces and new ones too.
If you have any concerns, please don’t hesitate to come and see me.
Until next week.
Sue Jensen

Year 5/6 – Golden Sloths-Flash
Learning has been in full swing and our students have been engaged and astounding us with their efforts and application. Speeches are nearly ready and routines and activities
are running smoothly. Well done kids! We are so proud of you. Our diaries have arrived so will be handed out to those who have paid their reprographics in the next few days.

Our Kinchant Dam Camp has been booked for the 21-23 August and buses have been organised. We will be sharing the camp with Townsville West State School and Giru State School upper grades, so promises to be very successful. Parents may wish to start to budget for this event.

Allison Greenaway and Robyn Hurst
5/6 Classroom Teachers

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**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

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**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.

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**P&C NEWS**

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**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!!!

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If you can volunteer your time or services to help our Fair along, please don’t hesitate to contact Mandy on Ph. 0400747008

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**Woodstock State School P&C Facebook**

**Page:** Keep up to date with the FB page!! Request to join, it’s easy!! Please feel free to contact Mandy for any information, ideas, or to volunteer your time, thank-you.

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**Tuckshop News**

We have some new items now selling in the tuckshop.

- Corn on the cob with butter 70c
- Ice cream cup (Dixie cup) $1.00
- Paddle Pop Twirly Pops $1.20
- Red Deli chips $1.00
- Smaller packets 50c – all varieties

I am working on a new menu and will have it out soon.

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**Tuckshop Roster**

- Monday 6th February - Renel Jurgens & Janelle Zirkzee
- Monday 13th February - Racheal Taylor & Janelle Zirkzee
- Monday 20th February - Renel Jurgens & Janelle Zirkzee
- Monday 27th February - Kristen Ridge & Janelle Zirkzee

If you are available to help out in the tuckshop, please ring me on 0424 974 040.

Thank you,
Janelle

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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**Catholic Church Woodstock**

Service at 10:30am Saturday

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**CWA Cooking Lessons**

Lessons will commence again around Term 2, 2017.

Kathleen

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**Yoga Classes – Thursday only**

Where: Woodstock Sport & Rec Club

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Time: 1:30pm till 2:30pm

Bring a towel, water & mat if you have one.

Cost: $15.00 per session

Contact: Sherie 0439890783
Woodstock Playgroup
Fridays 9:00am to 11:00am at Woodstock School. Bring a piece of fruit plus $2.00/family. Contact Alexis Macor on 0427 565 729 for further information.

OP Shop
Tuesday 7th March, 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.