PRINCIPAL’S PARAGRAPH

MEET & GREET
A friendly reminder that our Meet and Greet is on today, **Wednesday 8\(^{th}\) 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. Hope to see you here!

SWIMMING LESSONS
Swimming lessons start next week on Wednesday 15\(^{th}\) February. Our bus will leave here after 9.15 to allow plenty of time to prepare for the 10.00 am lesson. For those parents intending to go and watch please be aware that the first lesson will be identifying students’ strengths so lessons can cater to them. Thank you to parents for returning notes and money to allow the smooth organisation of this worthwhile activity especially with the amount of drownings in the news lately.

Parade times each **FRIDAY from 2:30pm**.

Our Behaviour Expectation Focus for this week is based on LEARNING and will focus on our book work expectations that have been set early in the year. Our students display pride in their work when presentation is neat, uniform and organised.

Last week potential candidates for leadership roles shared their speeches with the student body for voting. They made us very proud. When all staff and absent students vote we will be able to announce the team. We wish them all the very best.

BOOKS IN HOMES
Our Books In Homes Program books will be on display this week for students to choose their free books. Please drop in this afternoon.

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. The order goes in next week so choices must be made by Friday. Please see me if you have any queries.

PHOTOS
You will see attached this week your envelope for photos. Photos have been organised for Friday 24\(^{th}\) February so we would appreciate your prompt return of them.

Duty of Care
Just a reminder that Duty of Care starts at 8.30am each morning to allow staff to prepare for the day.

DATE CLAIMERS
At this stage some of our upcoming events include
Swimming Carnival 13\(^{th}\) March
National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence – 17\(^{th}\) March
Harmony Day – 21\(^{st}\) March

Yours in Education,
Allison Greenaway

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**Calendar of Events**

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Chaplain’s Note
As we journey in to our 3rd school week, our new students have been introduced to democracy, speeches and voting candidates, and all this in week 2. I pray that all students are pleased with their candidacy for the school leaders and Student Council. It is great that our students have the opportunity to experience positions of leadership, decision making, responsibility and being a role model. Mr D will be away from school next week as he will be going down to Victoria and Tasmania, and Mr D will be donning the apron and hat to cook up a sausage sizzle for our Meet and Greet today. Hope to see you.

Next week our swimming lessons start which will be a lot of fun and cool and refreshing being in the water, Mr D will have to find his floaties, flippers and goggles and his sun screen. Tomorrow Mr D will follow up on who knows what Scooby is looking at.

Do You Know “What is 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

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Student Council News 2017
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
What are the building blocks necessary to develop writing readiness?

- Hand and finger strength. An ability to use the necessary muscle power for controlled movement of the pencil.
- Crossing the mid-line. The ability to cross the imaginary line that divides the body into left and right sides.
- Pencil grasp. The efficiency of how the pencil is held allowing age appropriate pencil movement generation.
- Hand eye coordination. The ability to process information received from the eyes to control, guide and direct the hands in the task of handwriting.
- Bilateral integration. Using 2 hands together with one hand leading.
- Upper body strength. The strength and stability provided by the shoulder to allow controlled hand movement for good pencil control.
- Object manipulation. The ability to skilfully manipulate tools. (pencils, scissors, cutlery, toothbrush)
- Visual perception. The brain’s ability to interpret and make sense of visual images seen by the eyes. (letters and numbers)
- Hand dominance. The consistent use of one hand for task performance.
- Hand division. Using just the thumb, index and middle finger for manipulation, leaving the fourth and little finger tucked into the palm stabilising the other fingers.

Kid Sense Child Development
And we thought it was easy!!!!

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.

Book Club
Attached to this newsletter is a Book Club Catalogue. Scholastic offers some great bargains and when you purchase from the catalogue you also earn points for the school. We use these points to add to our school resources.
Please return any orders to the office by Thursday 16th February.
Thank you for your support.

CLASSROOM NEWS
Year P/1/2 - Rainbow Raptors
All students are settling in well. In class this week, we are focusing on number and pattern. Preps are getting very good at making a pattern, while year 1
and 2 are looking at teen numbers, addition and subtraction. In English, we are looking at comparing characters in picture story books. In Art this week, we made a collage of “our favourite place”. It was great to hear about each student’s favourite place.

Looking forward to seeing everyone tonight at the Meet and Greet.

Megan Treacy

**Year 3&4 - Pink Grizzly Bears**

I am looking forward to catching up with some old (not age) faces and meeting new tonight. We have our annual Meet and Greet. Our room will be presenting 6:15 – 6:30. Please feel free to ask any questions.

Rotations for English and Maths in the middle session is working well. The kids are enjoying the variety of activities and being able to discuss what they are doing and how they do it.

If you are wanting to have a chat but are unable to get in to see me, my email is: sjens74@eq.edu.au.

Hope to see you tonight.

Sue Jensen

**Year 5/6 – Golden Sloths-Flash**

Don’t forget our Meet and Greet this afternoon. We are looking forward to seeing familiar and new faces.

In Maths we have begun Rotation activities that practise and reinforce maths facts. Recall of number facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) is important as we use these in our everyday lives. If we know these facts then we can focus on the bigger picture when solving problems. For example, when shopping, we can use maths facts to calculate how much multiple items will cost, keep track of what we are spending and determine if we have enough money for that all important treat! We are also practising multiplication by double digits and division with and without remainders. Ask your children what strategies they are learning to reinforce the skills.

Happy calculating!

Allison Greenaway and Robyn Hurst
5/6 Classroom Teachers

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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.

**P&C NEWS**

*Next meeting is the AGM, Wednesday 15th February at 3.30pm in the library with a General meeting to follow.*

**Application for $200 P&C Representative Sport Grant:**

If your child is or has competed in a School Representative Sport and has travelled away you can be eligible for a $200 payment from the P&C to help towards these costs. Please just fill out and return the below section to Gayle. This will then be taken to the next P&C meeting to be approved for payment.

| Parent’s Name: |
| Child’s Name: |
| Sport Representing: |
| Where & When: |

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**Country Fair - 19th August 2017 (SAVE THE DATE!!!)**

* Live Band - Hillbilly Goats
* Kids Rides & Games
* Cafe - cakes & coffee
* Multi Draw Raffle (Dodgers)
* Duck Poo lotto
* Kids Lollie Run
* Plant & Craft stalls
* Plus more to come!!!

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!!
**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.

**Tuckshop Roster**
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

**COMMITTEE NEWS**

**Catholic Church Woodstock**
Service at 10:30am Saturday

**CWA Cooking Lessons**
Lessons will commence again around Term 2, 2017.
*Kathleen*

**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.

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**FOR SALE**
William Ross State High School UNIFORMS
WRSHS Polo Shirts Size XS (1) @ $15
WRSHS Shorts Size S (1) @ $10
WRSHS Polo Shirts Size XS (1) @ $10
WRSHS Shorts Size S (1) : free
WRSHS Polo Shirts Size 14 (2) @ $10 each
WRSHS Shorts Size 14 (3) @ $10 each
M: 0428 762 722

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**Printer Ink for Brother Printer**:
Cartridges Professionally Refilled by PRINTER RE-INKING NQ
600 pages A4 Large [High Yield] Black x 6 (LC67BK) Paid $24.95 //SELL
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If all ink cartridges are purchased by one person included are 3 free colour cartridges (M/Y/C)
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SCHOOL KIDS BONUS IS FINISHED!!

Do you have children at School now or starting Prep in 2018?

Are they involved in Sport or The Arts?

Did you struggle with Back to School costs this year?

Do you have an expensive school trip to pay for?

PREPARE NOW TO RELIEVE 2018 BACK TO SCHOOL STRESS!!!

Would you like $500 to help pay for school uniforms, books, sporting fees and equipment, music lessons, camps and excursions, or even a school Ball? Saver Plus can match your savings or education costs dollar for dollar, up to $500. Wouldn’t it be great to take control of your financial situation and earn new skills on how to budget and save? Allow me to introduce you to the Saver Plus Program!!

To be eligible you need to:

- have a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card
- have a child or school now or starting next year, or be attending vocational study yourself
- have some form of household income from work, for example your partner or yourself may have part-time, casual, full-time or seasonal employment or can also be doing minding, ironing or mowing a lawn
- have not received matched funds from completing Saver Plus already

For further information please contact:

Nikki Horney, Saver Plus Coordinator
Call OR 1800 your name to 2413 307 020

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