PRINCIPAL’S PARAGRAPH

MEET & GREET
Thank you to the parents who came to our Meet and Greet. As always it is wonderful to see our parents join us for a lovely sausage sizzle and get together.

SWIMMING LESSONS
Swimming lessons started today. Thank you to the parents who have supported this activity especially with the amount of drownings in the news lately. Our next lesson is next Wednesday 22nd February. Please remember your bathers, rashie, towel, thongs and hairbrush to take for swimming and your uniform and underwear (in a bag) to change into. Students may put their closed in shoes and socks on at school. Please be at school for the roll and fruit break at 9.00am as the bus will leave at 9.10am. An esky will be provided again for snacks at 11.00 am after lessons. Please remember to put them in a bag with name written for easy access.

LEADERSHIP INDUCTION CEREMONY
Our leadership induction ceremony will be held this Friday during Parade at 2:30pm. Mr Reid Thompson, our Assistant Regional Director will assist to present the badges and certificates. Our leadership roles are as follows:-

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We know they will make us very proud. Well done!

Our Behaviour Expectation Focus for this week is based on SAFETY and will focus on practise evacuations. WE will be having a LOCKDOWN practice during the week, where everyone goes to the nearest building on the sound of the alarm.

BOOKS IN HOMES
Our Books In Homes Program book orders have been sent. Thank you everyone for your assistance choosing the books. Our parade has been proposed for Friday 24th March during parade, so it will be an exciting time.

PHOTOS
Please return your envelope for photos. Photos will be held on Friday 24th February so we would appreciate your prompt return of them.

With the increase in colds and flus, to help us follow guidelines, if your child required medication, please complete the attached form and return to school for audit purposes. Students should not administer their own medication due to policy. Please see below department policy regarding administering of medication. Thank you for your support.

Administering medication at school
If your child requires staff to administer medication to your child at school, please contact the school office in the first instance to discuss your child’s requirements.
Please note, school staff will only administer medication that:

- has been prescribed by a qualified health practitioner (e.g. doctor, dentist)
- is in its original container
- has an attached pharmacy label.

Office staff will ask you to complete and sign Section 1 of the Administration of medication at school record sheet. (of which a hard copy is attached)

N.B. If your child requires more than one medication, you will need to complete a form for each medication.

Providing medication to the school
Before you provide the school with your child’s medication, check the expiry date to ensure it is in-date and there is enough for the agreed time period. It is also a good idea to take a note of the expiry date so that you can replace the medication before it expires.

Please note, school staff will not administer medication that you can buy over-the-counter at chemists and supermarkets (e.g. paracetamol, eye drops, cough syrup) unless it has been prescribed by your child’s qualified health practitioner. For example, the school would administer paracetamol to a student only if it has been prescribed by their dentist to be taken for a short time after dental treatment.

School staff are bound by these regulations and we hope that all parents will acknowledge and cooperate with these rules.

Microsoft Office 2016
All Queensland state school students and staff can now download multiple free copies of the Microsoft Office 2016 suite to their personal home computers and mobile devices. You can choose to install Office 2016 or upgrade from Office 2013. Please contact the school for details.

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
Mr D will be away this week attending his daughter’s graduation but will return next week starting with BREAKFAST CLUB on Thursday morning and holding the GAMES ROOM during 1st Break. We wish him a happy birthday for Monday.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

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<td>Arribella Ferguson</td>
<td>For working hard during the week. For trying her best all week.</td>
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<td>Ruby Shaw</td>
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<td>3/4</td>
<td>Jesse Campbell</td>
<td>For using his questioning skills to understand a Maths concept. For working hard during Maths rotations.</td>
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<td>Jack Campbell</td>
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<td>5/6</td>
<td>David Scott</td>
<td>For his diligence and application to all aspects of school. For his clear explanation of our English Learning Wall.</td>
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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
How can I tell if my child has problems with writing readiness?
If a child has difficulties with writing readiness they might:
• Have an awkward pencil grip.
• Have difficulty controlling a pencil for colouring, drawing or writing.
• Show a tendency to use their whole hand to manipulate objects rather than just a few fingers.
• Have poor endurance for pencil based activities.
• Display messy and/or slow handwriting.
• Have difficulty staying within the lines when colouring.
• Apply inappropriate pressure to the paper for pencil activities.
• Have poor upper limb strength (weak shoulders).
• Have difficulty coordinating both hands together for two-handed tasks. Have poor hand-eye coordination.
• Be verbally skilled but has difficulty showing this on paper.
• Not meeting the pre-writing expectations.

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 Redgum Book Club Catalogue. Redgum offer 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 Monday 20th February. All Scholastic Book Club orders are to be returned by tomorrow, Thursday 16th February. Thank you for your support.

CLASSROOM NEWS

Year P/1/2 - Rainbow Raptors
I have been away for the last couple of days. Huge thanks to Jenny Saxby for holding the fort. Everybody is very excited for the first day of swimming.
Megan Treacy

Year 3&4 - Pink Grizzly Bears
We are almost half way through the term. Swimming lessons start today. If your child is not going swimming they are still required to attend school. We have been working hard and have completed our first assessment for the year. Our second is not too far away. Time is going so fast. Until next week.
Sue Jensen

Year 5/6 – Golden Sloths-Flash
Week 4 already and our first week of swimming. Everyone will sleep well tonight! Those students who remained at school had some valuable time spent working with staff on a small group basis. Our students revised the maths we have been learning for the last few weeks. This week I encourage you, as part of their homework (teach your parents), to ask your children to explain multiplication and division. Google ‘Dead Monkeys Smell Bad’ and you will find Youtube videos that explain this as a division strategy. Multiplication by two digit numbers is proving difficult for a number of students also, so have them ‘teach’ you the Split Strategy to solve these. Happy calculating!
Allison Greenaway and Robyn Hurst
5/6 Classroom Teachers

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, Thursday 23rd 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.

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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

Woodstock State School P&C Facebook Page: Keep up to date with the FB page!! Request to join, it’s easy!!

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
**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 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

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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

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

**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.

**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 $15.00 each
- 325 pages A4 Magenta x 3 (LC67M) $10.00 each
- 325 pages A4 Yellow x 3 (LC67Y) $10.00 each
- 325 pages A4 Cyan x 2 (LC67C) $10 each

If all ink cartridges are purchased by one person included are 3 free colour cartridges (M/Y/C)
M: 0428 762 722

**World Education Program (WEP)**
Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation. Every July, we welcome high school students from Italy, France, Belgium, Brazil, the USA and so many more. These brave young role models come to Australia to live with a local family and learn about Australian culture. Their presence in our communities opens minds and hearts.

Any families interested in hosting can request a free comprehensive information pack on our website, wep.org.au.
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 holiday? Saver Plus can help your savings or education costs down for you, up to $500. Would it be great to take control of your finances 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 at 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, can also be uncaring, mining or nursing a loan
- have not received related funds from completing Saver Plus already

For further information please contact:

Nikki Heney, Saver Plus Coordinator
Call OR 138839 your name to 0419 201 033

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