

THE WOODBERRY WORD

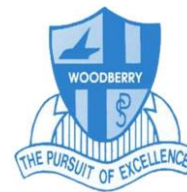
RESPECT, COMMITMENT, RESPONSIBILITY

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Term 2, Week 4

Monday, 16th May 2016

From the Principal

NAPLAN

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students who sat their NAPLAN tests last week. In anticipation of the results please remember that they are just one test at one point in time. NAPLAN tests give teachers information to help with the teaching and learning cycle for Literacy and Numeracy. They DO NOT tell us about your child as a whole. We cannot judge a child from one test. It takes many tests, lessons, conversations, observations and learning opportunities for us to know how much a child has grown. Have a chat with your child's teacher about the progress they have made this year.

P&C

Last week the P&C attempted to have their second AGM for the year as the first one didn't have enough members to hold a vote. This time there was enough people to vote but unfortunately there was not enough people willing to be nominated for one of the executive rolls. Brian Nash was successful in being voted as the President for another year. The positions of Vice President (2 positions), Secretary and Treasurer were left unfilled. On TUESDAY 31st MAY at 9:30am we will be having another P&C meeting to try and fill these positions. If you are interested but would like more information please come and see me or come along to the meeting. We hope to see on the 31st.

Cold Weather

The cold weather is setting in and it is time to put away our thongs and dust of our jumpers! Unfortunately the cold weather has made our school look like a rainbow. Some of our students are wearing jumpers that are not navy blue. Our school uniform requires the students wear a navy blue jumper. We have them on sale at the front office for \$25. Student assistance is available to all families to help out with the cost of schooling and it can be used to purchase uniforms. If you require assistance please come and ask. There is no reason why any of our students should be out of school uniform.

Until next time,
Joanne



PBL FOCUS WEEK 1-2

Following teacher instructions
in the classroom & on the playground



Calendar of Events

Date	Event/s
17 May	Book Club due back
25 May	PaTCH Afternoon Tea
30 May	Questacon Science Circus
31 May	P&C AGM
2 June	Sports Carnival
8 August	Stage 2&3 Myuna Bay Camp

Values Awards

WEEK 2

KM – Shayea Last

1/2L – Harley Woolfrey

1/2H – Koby Skuthorpe

2/3W- Abbey Harris

3/4C – Deegan Cammarrata

3/4H – Meila Sutton

5/6T – Angelyka Penera

5/6M – Sky Delaney

Congratulations to ALL our Award winners!



SPORTS CARNIVAL

When: Thursday 2nd June 2016

Where: Woodberry Oval

Further details to come

Start your training!



I would like to celebrate the hard work of all of our K-2 teachers and students.

During the week our school was highlighted for making substantial growth in Literacy and Numeracy during a State-wide video conference.

Congratulations Woodberry PS – keep up your commitment to learning.

Mrs Wright

1/2HP News

What a great start to the Term Two 1/2HP has had! We have already been very busy in Literacy with our Daily 5 activities and writing amazing descriptions about our Wild Things. In Mathematics we have continued to practise counting, adding, subtracting, discussing 2D shapes and probability. So much great learning happening and it's only Week 3!

This term we are having a fantastic time with gymnastics in the hall. Kylie and David have a range of challenging activities ready for us every Monday morning. We are working on building up our strength, coordination and flexibility. It is lots of fun!



60 secs with Craig

What is your role at WPS?

Community Garden Coordinator

Who is your hero?

David Attenborough.

What is your favourite meal?

Pumpkin, blue cheese and coriander pizza.

What is your favourite travel destination?

Loas (Vietnam).

The skill you would most like to have?

Be able to do *Parkour* (a training discipline using movement that developed from military obstacle course training).

What is your perfect day away from work? Half the day surfing, and the other half gardening.

Tell us something that might surprise us about you.

I trade on the foreign exchange.



Assembly Times

2PM EVERY FRIDAY
ALL WELCOME!

Early Birds

Early Birds has started and are in full swing. We have been very busy meeting our news friends and teachers as well as getting to know our new Early Bird routines and environment.

The Early Bird children have enjoyed going for walks to feed the chickens and meet the guinea pigs in the garden. We have also been to the Library looking and listening to some amazing story books.

We are having a Speech pathologist come and join us on Wednesday her name is Rowena White and she is from All Areas Speech Pathology. Permission forms have been handed to Parents/Carers, could you please return to Mrs J ASAP so that Rowena and her team can begin activities with the children. Next time we will have some Happy Snaps to highlight some of the activities Early Birds have been doing and learning about during their time at School.

Until Next Time
Early Birds.



ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Last Friday we took a team of runners to Tocal College. All the students put in an amazing effort and we got some excellent results from the whole team of runners. A special mention to Hailey Price placing 3rd and Melissa Duffield for placing 4th. I am sure these girls will do Woodberry P.S proud at regionals!

Miss Hermens



Super Silver Saver Fundraiser

Remember to keep bringing in your loose change in order to win some great prizes in our canteen fundraiser!



Mara Boolang News

Mums & Bubs Sewing Group

Come and join us every Wednesday 9.30am -12.30pm.
Meet other mums and enjoy each other's company and do some sewing at the same time.
ALL Welcome!



ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH FORUM

On Thursday of week two Soko, Latifah, Melissa and Joey from 5/6M and Siu, Ben, Connor and Jenelle from 5/6T attended an Environmental Youth Forum run by Maitland City Council at Walka Water Works. The students participated in a day full of hands-on activities and presentations that focused on helping the environment. The students enjoyed the alternative energy source workshop where they turned on light bulbs with pedal power and found which bulbs requires the least amount of energy. They also enjoyed the recycling workshop where they were surprised by what objects can be put in the recycle bin, including aerosol cans. I would like to give a big thank you to Jeanette Wallace for assisting with transporting students to and from the excursion, without your help we would not have been able to attend. It was a great day and the students were wonderful representatives of Woodberry Public School. I was proud of the way they conducted themselves the whole day.

Mrs Letticia Welsh



P&C

Mother's Day Raffle Winners!

We would like to thank everybody for their kind donations for our Mother's Raffle that was held the last week.

Congratulations to all the winners!



REMINDER: P&C AGM Tuesday 31st May @ 930am. Would love to see you there!

Library news

Scholastic Book Club is due back tomorrow Tuesday 17 May. If your child has any overdue books at home could they please return the ASAP, as we have a heap of exciting new books coming into our library and I wouldn't want your child to miss out!

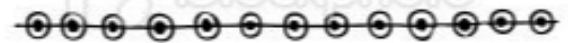
Library borrowing days are:

Even weeks- KM, 1/2H, 1/2L, 2/3W

Odd weeks- 3/4C, 3/4H, 5/6M, 5/6T

Thanks

Leah Mitchell



Garden Gossip

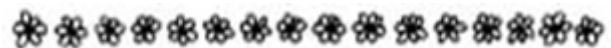
with Gazza Galah



Arrrrghh...I tell you what, those chooks are happier than a pelican at a fish farm. They've been given the chicken run to run in all day every day. It's all thanks to those clever year five and six kids who built the big fence and gate. I thought only adult humans could concrete posts in, string up wire and build gates. The young ones appear to be quite capable.

Speaking of capable I noticed a big pizza cook up the other day. Fifty kids came down. Apparently they were the ones who didn't miss a day of school for the whole of Term 1. If that's all you have to do to get some pizza around here I'd be here every day with bells on. I reckon next term there might be 100 kids for the pizza. That Craig fella will be busier than a budgie in a wind farm.

They're also cooking the stew every Tuesday again. Lamb, stew, beef stew, chicken stew, goat stew, you name it, they've cooked it. It's popular with adults and kids alike. They seem to welcome everyone there. Who knows some parents might even decide to drop in for a bowl.



READING NOOKS

**EVERY THURSDAY
IN THE
PLAYGROUND
8:30 - 9AM**

Parents welcome!



Fire & Rescue NSW Open Day 2016

Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting its annual Fire Station Open Day on Saturday, 21 May 2016 between 10am and 2pm. Children and their parents are invited to watch fire safety demonstrations, hop aboard our station's fire truck, hold a fire hose, pick up a Brigade Kids fire safety activity booklet and LEGO City Mini figures, and chat with fire fighters about what they do. This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local fire fighters and with winter just around the corner, which is the worst time of the year for house fires, this is a great opportunity to learn as much as you can about home fire safety. So come along to Tarro Fire Station, Eastern Ave Tarro.



Winter School Uniform

Winter is just around the corner, and students are reminded to wear their WPS jumpers, jackets and track pants over the cooler months ahead (clearly labelled with their name). All are available for purchase at the school office.



PaTCH



Parents as Teachers and Community Helpers

Do you want to help in the classroom?

Are you interested in learning how to be a great classroom helper?

Would you like to improve your ability to assist your child at home with reading, writing and maths?

PaTCH may be exactly what you are looking for!

If this is you, please come and join us for afternoon tea to find out more!

When: Wednesday 25th May 2016

Where: Under the cola out the Kindergarten room

Time: 2:30pm

Hope to see you there!

Belinda Baxter & Jessie Wright

AWARDS TIME!



Come along and spin like an ice skater, discover how fast you can throw a ball, freeze your shadow on a wall and test your reflexes. Spectacular shows are presented regularly during opening hours. You may see giant smoke rings, bricks being smashed on someone's stomach or a Science Circus presenter holding fire in their hands.

MONDAY 30TH MAY 2016
SCHOOL HALL

9.30 am Kinder – Year 2

12pm Years 5 & 6

2pm Years 3 & 4

\$3 per student or \$5 per family.
Parents and siblings welcome at no charge.

Please return permission note and money to the front office as soon as possible.



Health
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Local Health District

Does Your Child Receive Regular, High Quality Dental Care?

Hunter New England Oral Health provides comprehensive dental care for children under 18 years of age, completely FREE of charge.

For more information, phone 1300 651 625

Local clinic locations:
Beresfield, Raymond Terrace, Maitland, Cessnock



What's happening at our high school?

Our very own bus! Late last term our school bus arrived and has been used for students to go out on excursions. It will be visiting your school to collect students involved in the Gifted and Talented Program. We must thank our fabulous P&C for making this purchase possible.



Francis Greenway High School turns 50

We are busy organising our birthday celebration which will take place during education week in August. On Wednesday, 3rd August we will have an assembly with the cutting of our birthday cake. There will be a display of artefacts and tours of the school facilities. On Saturday, the 6th August the school will be open from 10.00am -2.00pm for tours, a sausage sizzle and to see the displays. More detailed information will be available closer to the time.

School Attendance

I have included a chart to highlight the impact on a child's learning when they regularly miss school. At Francis Greenway we expect students to be in attendance and on time to school unless they are sick or there is a family emergency. Missing school for a birthday or to go shopping, for example, is not an acceptable reason.



COFFEE CLUB



A gathering for Grandparents & Community members

Each fortnight starting on Wednesday 4th May at 10am

Noel Unicomb Hall, Woodberry
Coffee & Scones provided

For further details contact Nicole on 4932 0950 or nicole.mnc@live.com.au

Maitland Family Care Cottage in partnership with
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An 8 week group for caregivers of toddlers-4 year olds

What is COS-P? Ever wished your child came with an instruction manual? Children are born with the ability to communicate their needs – they **are** the instruction manual!

Circle of Security Parenting™

- Helps caregivers understand how children communicate their needs through their behaviour.
- Supports caregivers to meet their child's need whenever possible and take charge whenever necessary, leading to stronger relationships between caregivers and children.
- Is a user friendly visually based approach to helping parents and carers better understand the needs of their children

Facilitators: Alison Wright (Child & Family Health Nurse) & Margot Rooney (Social Worker)
Circle of Security Registered Parent Educators

Dates & Times: Fridays 6th May – 24th June 2016
10.00am – 12.00pm

Venue: Place of Friends
Woodberry Public School
Lawson Ave Woodberry

Places are strictly limited and you must be registered to attend.

Limited FREE children's group available. If you have a younger baby who is not mobile and would like to attend please discuss this with Margo or Alison.

To register contact:

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