

THE WOODBERRY WORD

RESPECT, COMMITMENT, RESPONSIBILITY

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WE MEET AND LEARN ON WONARUAH COUNTRY

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Term 2, Week 4

Monday, 30th May 2016

From the Principal

I cannot believe that we are half way through this term!
Time flies when you are having fun!

Reports

The teachers have started to write the Semester One school reports. Traditionally these reports have been sent home in the second last week of the term and parent teacher interviews are conducted before the end of term. Writing reports takes time (hours of personal, at home, late at night time) and are usually started early term 2 so they can be completed by week 9 for the interviews. Starting so early does not allow sufficient time for the teachers to 'get to know' each child well enough. To allow the teachers to be able to report on your child more effectively we have changed the process. The reports will be going home IN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF TERM THREE. This means the teachers have not had to start writing them until now. The reports will not be sent home. You will be required to attend an informal meeting with the teacher and your child to discuss the report and at the same time you will revisit your child's PLP (personalised Learning Plan). From the report and the conversations with the teacher you will be able to set different goals with your child. Your child will benefit from this process as they will have their 'team' all together working for them. There is one exception to this rule and that is 3/4C. Miss Clarke will not be returning to Woodberry in Term 3 as she will be having her baby. In order for Miss Clarke to meet with parents and students to discuss the report and set PLP goals, the interviews will be held in the last 2 weeks of this term.

SILVER COINS FUNDRAISER

The P&C Silver Coin fundraiser is IN ITS LAST WEEK! Each class has a money box at the canteen they can put their silver coins in (or gold). At the end of this week the money will be counted and the class who has the most money will be win a prize.

P&C

The P&C will meet again tomorrow (31st May). This is not an AGM but executive positions will be nominated and voted on. We currently have a president, Brian Nash, and need find a vice president, secretary and treasurer. Everyone is welcome. To be able to vote and be nominated you must be a paid financial member of the P&C.

Until next time,
Joanne



Calendar of Events

Date	Event/s
31 May	P&C Meeting
1 June	Mums & Bubs Sewing Group
2 June	Sports Carnival
7 June	Debating at Ashtonfield PS
20 June	Stewart House
8 August	Stage 2 & 3 Myuna Bay Camp

Values Awards

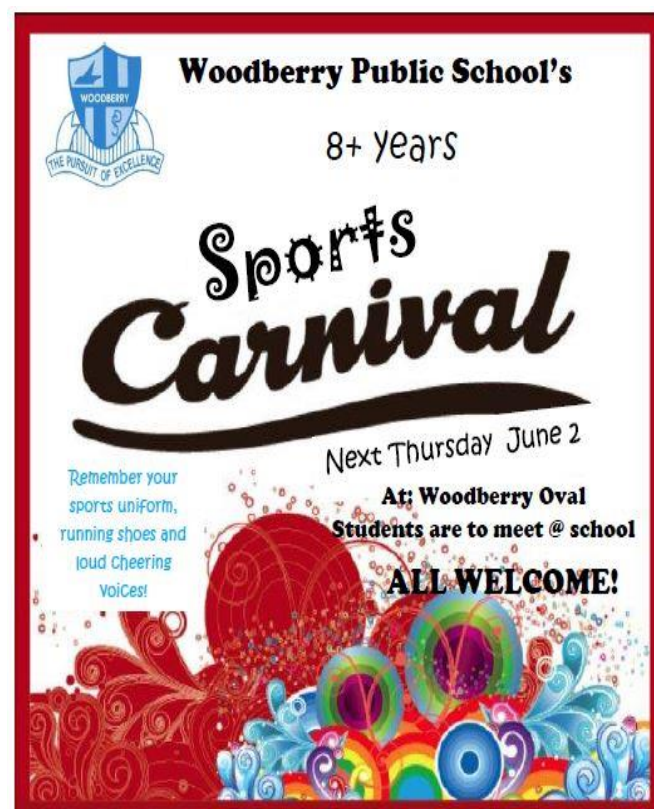
WEEK 4

KM – Tye Dennis
1/2H – Danielle Nash
1/2L – Kodi McVey
2/3W- Sharda Neaves
3/4C – Shane Dixon
3/4H – Mitchell Ryan
5/6T – Sam Lewins
5/6M –

WEEK 5

Isabella Gardiner
Ysobel Moon
Sienna Lawrence-Delaney
Jasmin Shaw
Aleisha Ryan
Stevie Smith

Congratulations to ALL our Award winners!



5/6M News

5/6M are focusing on the theme *Australia grows to nationhood*. We are studying the text 'My Place' and using this as an introduction to significant events that have happened in Australia as well as how these events have shaped our nation. Below are some pictures of our students engaging in learning about our country through reading and visual prompts.

Mr Mandas.



60 secs with Mrs Wollington

What is your role at WPS? *School Learning Support Officer*

Your favourite book of all time? *Lord of the Rings (read it 15 times).*

What is your favourite meal?
Homemade Lamb Roast.

What is one thing you can't live without? *Apart from my family, my iPhone.*

If you could do another job for one day, what would it be?
Work at Baldwins - chocolate house!

Name a person you would like to have dinner with and why? *My dad because I miss him.*

Tell us something that might surprise us about you.
I am very shy in new situations.



Assembly Times

**2PM EVERY FRIDAY
ALL WELCOME!**

Early Birds

Early Birds have been enjoying their time in the indoor and outdoor environments. We have all settled well into our routine and enjoy being with our new friends.

Since the beginning of Term 2 Early Birds have been listening to stories and completing art and craft, developing skills ready for Kindergarten. Also as part of reading, we read the story "Too Many Pears" By Jackie French and in keeping with this theme we made pear muffins! The children enjoyed mixing the mixture but most of all licking the bowl at the end, YUM!

Early Birds also welcomed two new friends to our group, taking our total of Early Bird enrolments for 2016 to 32 which is amazing and very busy at the same time. Mrs J and Mrs Pirreca look forward to what the Early Birds will continue to surprise them with over the coming terms.

Mrs Jaunalksnis



DEBATING

The first debate for Woodberry Public School's debating group, "The Woodberry Wonders" was held on Thursday 26th May against the Thornton

The subject for the debate was *Maths and Science should be taught more than music and art* and WPS were on the affirmative side. Although we were not winners on the day, our speakers prepared well and delivered their argument with confidence.

Thank you to Ms Kavanagh and the time keepers for your help and support. Bring on our next debate at Ashtonfield PS on Tues 7th June @ 9:30am.





Thanks to those who recognised and nominated 4 of our amazing teachers: Miss Clarke, Miss Hermens, Mrs McGrath and Miss Lambert. They are absolutely thrilled to be thought of in this way!

Please follow the link to vote and win some amazing prizes for our school: <http://www.newfm.com.au/apple-for-the-teacher/>

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!



E PROGRAM

On Thursday 12th April we got on the FGHS bus at 8:30am then we went and picked up Beresfield, Tarro and Thornton. When we got to the music class, we made drums out of plastic cups, colourful tape, string and balloons. After recess we went to art class and made fake food out of clay, then we painted them to look like real food. After art we went to drama and played some really cool games and made some cool noises.

The new bus was very comfy we sat at the back when we got picked up and sat in the front when we were getting dropped off.

The rooms were decorated really nice and they were cool. The art room was really pretty because there was really good art. The drama room was decorated really nice as well. Everyone there was so excited as soon as we walked into every room.

By Kendall, Dakota D, Sky D, Marnie



READING NOOKS

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

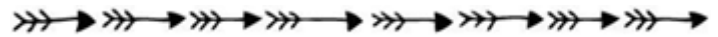
Parents welcome!



WARNING



Last year, all students were given a FREE new school hat which must be worn everyday whilst in the playground and participating in sport. Please be aware that if students are not wearing a hat they are required to play in the shade. This applies all year round! Hats can be purchased for \$10 from the school office.



Garden Gossip

with Gazza Galah



Arrrrrghh... It's got a head. It's uglier than a vulture in a mulcher, but it's a head. It's better than a monster without a head. Those year 5 and six kids are a creative bunch.

Speaking of creative 3/4C was channelling the ancestors in the garden the other day. Local Aboriginal man Johny Robinson was teaching them about traditional Aboriginal Culture. He is a Bungalung Man. He grew up in the bush up north hunting with his brother and learning traditional ways. What a great fella. He taught the kids about hunting with boomerangs and spears and how to dance. He played the Didgeridoo and taught them about respecting the cultural traditions. Like not hunting the animal that is the local totem. I wonder where the galah is the local totem? That's where I want to be.

Aunty Dawn Field and Uncle Glenn Yarnald have also been teaching 3/4C about the cultural traditions. Like what it means to come from Country, how to cook a damper in the fire and what it means to respect your Elders.



The kids around here are luckier than a crow in a crow Bar. Not many schools have so many Aboriginal people willing and ready to pass on their traditional knowledge.



THANK YOU - Stewart House

Thank you to the families who kindly contributed to the 2016 Stewart House gold coin donation. Your generosity is very much appreciated with all proceeds going to a worthwhile charity. All envelopes have been collected and sent off for the chance to win a family holiday. We wish all of those families good luck in the draw!!

This year 3 of our students will be attending the Stewart House camp. This will be held from Monday 20th June to Friday 1st July. We wish them loads of fun during their stay and look forward to the stories they will share with us upon their return!!!



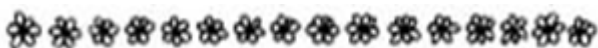
PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

WPS will be again competing in the Hunter Inter-Schools Primary Public Speaking Competition. All Hunter primary schools are invited to participate in this competition. The competition will include Early Stage 1, Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 levels.

The organisation will be as follows:
Students need to prepare a speech at home about a topic of their choice. They need to have their speech prepared and ready for Monday 30th of May. Students will present their speech in front on their class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of that week and two stage representatives will be chosen.

These two finalists selected will present their speech at assembly. In addition the two finalists will represent our school at the Zone finals.

Please note that it is expected that students are to prepare their own speeches and present these to the class. If students require assistance with writing or presenting their speech please see their classroom teacher. The duration of speeches for Stage 1 should be approximately 1-2 minutes. Students should also think about creativity, originality, humour and stance.



PBL FOCUS WEEK 4-5

Following teacher instructions in the classroom & on the playground.



AWARDS TIME!



Today I
choose to
be the Best
version of
myself.



Principal: Joanne Stamos
Assistant Principal: Cheryl Taggart
Rel. Assistant Principal: Meegan Kavanagh
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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.



National Excellence
in Teaching Awards

ASG NEITA is proud to be associated with creating opportunities and reward inspirational teachers, directors and principals who are responsible for teaching our young people and ensuring they are equipped with the necessary skills- sets to meet their future goals.

Click on the link below for further information, and to nominate an inspirational educator for the 2016 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards now:

<https://www.asg.com.au/asg-neita/nominations>

Nominations close 21 July 2016



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Woodberry - Noel Uncomb Hall

Every Monday
Oz Harvest 2.00pm


Mon
Mondays @ The Noel
10-1pm

Tue
8am to 9am
Start Your Day the Brekky Way
with bacon 'n' eggs


Tue
Free Bread
Tuesdays 10am

Wed fortnightly
Dept. of Human Services visits
(Centrelink)

2nd Wed of the month
10am to 12 noon
GARAGE SALE



COFFEE CLUB




A gathering for Grandparents & Community members

Each fortnight starting on Wednesday 4th May at 10am

Noel Uncomb Hall, Woodberry
Coffee & Scones provided

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



The Science Circus is coming to MAITLAND!

The Shell Questacon Science Circus is a great opportunity for parents and children to share, discover and explore science together. You can encourage a fascination and enjoyment of science by exploring hands-on exhibits.

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 science 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!

Science toys for sale (cash only).

Maitland Federation Centre
10 Bent Street, MAITLAND

Saturday 4 June 2016
Come any time between
10 am-3 pm

Admission: Family \$18, Adult \$6, Student/Concession \$5 (cash only)
Children under 5 and student ticket FREE
Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult

Enquiries: 0447 160 124
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