

THE WOODBERRY WORD

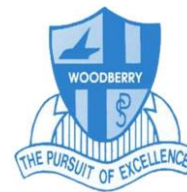
RESPECT, COMMITMENT, RESPONSIBILITY

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Term 1, Week 9

Monday, 20th March 2017

From the Principal

Hello

Learning

I have had the privilege of having many students visit my office in the last week or so to show me the learning that they are doing in class. It is amazing to see so many students, ranging from Kinder to Year 6 smiling and being super proud of their learning. This learning is a result of countless hours of planning from our teachers to provide teaching and learning activities that cater for the individual needs of all our students.

Extra Activities

In the last four weeks of school there is a range of extra activities planned for our students. There is Harmony Day activities, Fun Runs, Easter Hat parade and a reward for a large group of our students. Please ensure you keep up to date with what is happening and when by reading the newsletter, responding to notes sent home or checking out Facebook. We want as many of our families and community members at these events as possible.

Until next time
Joanne Stamos



DATES TO REMEMBER...

Date	Event/s
24 March	Harmony Day Activities
4 April	Zero Entry Reward Day
4 April	P&C Assoc. AGM
5 April	School Fun Run
6 April	Easter Hat Parade 12pm

ZERO ENTRY REWARD DAY!!

When: Tuesday April 4th, 2:15pm

Who: Students with zero negative entries all term

More details soon!

Bullying No Way!!!

Friday 17th March was National Day against Bullying and Violence. At Woodberry P.S. we always expect all students to be able to come to school to learn. The school is a PBL school and each week teachers and students focus on expectations that help make our school a place of learning where all students feel happy and safe. Our 3 school values are:

- Respect;
- Commitment; and
- Responsibility.

Bullying — what can you do?

If it happens in person:

- Ignore them.
- Tell them to stop and then walk away.
- Pretend you don't care.
- Go somewhere safe.
- Get support from your friends.

If it happens online:

- Avoid responding to the bullying.
- Block and report anyone who is bullying online.
- Protect yourself online — use privacy settings and keep records.

If you see someone being bullied:

- Leave negative online conversations — don't join in
- Support others being bullied.

If it doesn't stop:

- Talk to an adult (parent, teacher) who can help stop the bullying.
- Keep asking for support until the bullying stops.



Values Awards

Class	Term 1 Week 6	Week 7
KM	Ivory Thompson	Nate Bennetts
KJ	Shelby Skinner	Matthew Ryan
1/2HP		Aurora Sowter
1/2W	Hannah Maere	CRT Absent
3/4L	Ellyse Swadling	Matilda Trotter
3/4B	Breanna Milson	Jayson Miller
3/4H	Luke Ryan	CRT Absent
5/6M	Nicole Milne	Lachie Cooper
5/6K	Alecia Ryan	Niamh Cluer

Congratulations to ALL our Award winners!



PBL WEEK 8 Focus

Right Place - Right Time To Learn

Peek at our

Week $3/4H$

What a fabulous start we've had in $3/4H$! The students have been busy writing and publishing some imaginative stories based around our quality reads. Our Daily Cafe Literacy groups are in full swing with everyone independently moving through work on writing, work with words, read to self, read to someone and listen to reading.

This term we have been looking at life cycles of frogs and plants. We have incorporated the garden into our learning. The students have enjoyed looking for frogs and planting seeds with Craig.

Our classroom art has been influenced by our theme of life cycles. Students have made frogs, lilly pads and flowers. $3/4H$ is looking very colourful.



A massive thank you to FOOD FOR LESS for their support and generous contribution to our Crunch n Sip program.

Peek at our

Week $1/2W$

Wow the term is flying by extremely fast. $1/2W$ have been exploding in their learning. They are independently learning throughout our Literacy session and have had their writer's hat on, putting pen to paper and creating some amazing writing already this year. In Maths they have been exploring shapes, patterns and whole numbers. We also have been exploring the garden and have been having fun learning about "How plants grow". Well done to all the students in $1/2W$.



60 secs with Mrs J

1. What is your role at WPS? **I'm a kindergarten teacher**
2. If you weren't a teacher, what would you be doing? **I would be a dietician if I wasn't a teacher**
3. How do you like to spend your free time? **I love to watch movies in my free time**
4. Favourite song/ book/ movie? **Top Gun**
5. Do you like to sing in the shower? How do you rate?
No I'm not a singer in the shower
6. Tell us something that may surprise us about you. **I've walked to the top of Mount Kosciuszko and back in the dark.**
7. Best piece of advice you have been given? **Never change who you are to be something your not!**



Garden Gossip

with Gazza Galah

Arrrrrrgggggh....seriously people, why in the blazes would you have a worm farm? I asked Felicity frog, she reckons it's to save money on fencing. "But why! I says, "you can't eat em". Although Felicity does, and probably Craig when no one is looking.



Well I heard the PROFESSOR Craig talking to some kids about it the other day. "They eat our waste" he says, so that it doesn't go to the dump" I asked Bazza Butcher Bird what a dump is....you don't want to know. "They turn the waste into a fertiliser called vermicast" says Craig, "that we can use on the garden". Dress it up how you like professor Craig, but I think the technical term you are looking for is POO. Vermicast indeed.

It's hard for me to look after the garden all the time. I get a little bit of help from that dingbat Craig. But he doesn't really know what he's doing. That's why I want to show my appreciation to all those kids who help from week to week. You know who you are, you cut the fire wood, clean the chook pen, plant the seedlings, fertilise and water the seedlings, make the compost, and feed the chooks. If it weren't for you folks that garden would be deader than a dry dingoesyou know what I mean.

So I'll have a word in Craig's ear and get him to fire up that pizza oven in the last week of term. We can celebrate my success with some millet and cockroach pizza. Mmm... makes my beak water just writing about it.



**Woodberry Public School's
Harmony Day Celebrations**
"Dress in Orange Black or White"
(or appropriate National Costume)

Date: Friday 24th March
Cost: Gold coin donation
(proceeds to Year 6 Farewell)



SCHOOL FUN RUN /CROSS COUNTRY

Get excited! It is that time of the year again, our School Cross Country! This year it will be held on the school grounds on the 5th April 2017. It will be a fun filled morning with a big blow up starting line, ice blocks for all students involved and prizes to give away.

A part of this we will be fundraising for the school to be able to purchase more technology. To make this happen we ask you for your support!

The fundraiser is all about participation! Students raise funds and are rewarded with fantastic incentive prizes. Family support is key to our fundraising success and we encourage all students to participate

How Does My Child Fundraise?

Students have now received a Sponsorship Form which will assist in raising funds for the school. Please read through the Sponsorship Form and get familiar with the five steps to supercharge your fundraising.

Students who raise as little as \$10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. There are over 70 prizes on offer, so best to select your favourite and make this your fundraising goal.

Student Profile Page

Create a profile page at www.myprofilepage.com.au and you're in the draw to win an APPLE WATCH. It's that simple! There are also some great features like recording your sponsorships and selecting your prize goal. You can also register for online fundraising which is the easiest way to boost your funds raised and to achieve your fundraising goal sooner.

Simply raise \$30 or more in donations and one lucky family will WIN a \$5,000 Cruiseabout Gift Voucher.

How to Order Prizes

As a reward for your efforts, each child will receive an incentive prize based on the total amount of sponsorship raised. Please complete Step 5. on the back page of the Sponsorship Form and return to the school in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and class. Student incentive prizes will be delivered shortly after the fundraiser has finalised.

Thank you for your support and happy fundraising!

Woodberry Public School
CANTEEN SPECIAL
LASAGNE
 Monday 20th & 27th March



\$4.50

Orders to be in by each Friday afternoon prior to the Monday special. Correct money is to be handed in to the office in an envelope with students name on the front.

If you have any suggestions for future healthy menu options, please contact the school office, canteen staff or email us at woodberry-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



**EASTER
HAT PARADE**
Thurs 6th April

12.00 In The School Hall.

**Easter
RAFFLE**
DONATIONS WANTED!

To make our Easter Raffle bigger and better than ever, we are asking each child at our school to provide a donation of Easter eggs.

The eggs will be used to make up 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize with left over eggs used as individual prizes.

THE MORE EGGS THE MORE PRIZES SO START DONATING!



Please bring the eggs to the office.
Thank you



Our Local Area"

All about The Big Ugg Boots.



Creative Arts competition

Students are asked to take part in this opportunity to be creative and learn about our local area.

Kinder to Year2 students can draw, paint or collage an artwork depicting the uggs and the Giant they may belong to.

Year 3 and 4 students are asked to write a poem all about the "The Big Ugg Boots". The poem can take any form. Points will be awarded for quality presentation and in line with the criteria outlined in the attached rubric.

Year 5 and 6 students are asked to write a story about the adventures of "The Big Ugg Boots". The story must be a maximum of 500 words. Points will be awarded for quality presentation and in line with the criteria outlined in the attached rubric.

There will be a first prize and highly commended in each category.

The Prizes are: \$100 voucher for first place in each category. \$50 voucher for each highly commended. The first place entrant in the 5/6 category will also receive a free factory tour for their class.

Please be sure to put your name, school year and school on the back of each entry.



Entries due no later than the 31st March.

Please leave these at the front office.

Library News

BOOK CLUB

Book Club catalogues went home with your child last week. Book Club is a great opportunity for kids to buy books to read at home and it also helps our school out with bonus points to purchase more new exciting books for our library.

Please return all orders and money to the front office or online by Tuesday 28 March 2017

The students borrowing days are fortnightly on **Wednesdays**.

We have lots of exciting new books in our library. As we like our books to stay nice & protected please pack child's library bag on borrowing days, students without a library bag cannot borrow.

We sell WPS library bags in our front office for \$10 each.

Even week

KJ
1/2W
3/4H
3/4B
5/6K

Odd Week

KM
1/2HP
3/4L
5/6M



Thank you
Leah Mitchell



Our annual AGM is being held on the **4th April at 9.30am**. It is important to know that in order to vote or stand for a position at the AGM you **must be a fully paid member by the meeting on the 14th March**.

The P&C are holding an Easter Raffle. We are asking for Easter egg donations from our school community. Anyone who would like to donate any Easter items please hand them into the front office. All donations will go towards awesome prizes for our raffle. Thank you for your support.

OPAL (Bus Travel) PASSES

As you are aware there have been changes to free school transport. All students must apply and hold an Opal card to travel by bus to school.

Who can apply:

Years K-2 are eligible for FREE school travel (still must apply online for card)

Years 3-4 are only eligible if you live 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking. (Must apply on line for card and can purchase term passes at a cost to student if ineligible).

For more information: contact 131 500 or go to: www.transportnsw.info/school-students



Hats can be purchased for \$7 from the school office.

AWARDS TIME!



Principal:
Assistant Principal:
Rel. Assistant Principal:
Instructional Leader:

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Cheryl Taggart
Brittany Beegah
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Good for Kids good for life**KEEP CRUNCHING ON THE WEEKENDS**

Most NSW primary schools have incorporated Crunch & Sip® as a regular part of their school day.

Crunch & Sip® helps children to meet their recommendations for vegetable and fruit intake as well as an opportunity to introduce new vegetables and fruits to children.

The benefits of Crunch & Sip® can happen at home as well as at schools. Keep kids eating healthy snacks of fruit and vegetables no matter the day, this could include on the weekends, during sporting events etc.



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

PHONE 4924 6491

START YOUR DAY**THE BREKKIE WAY**

Every Tuesday between 8-9am

Noel Unicombe Hall

Gold coin donation

**Swamp Stomp 2017**

Sunday 2 April
Fred Harvey Oval, Woodberry

Colour Run

Colour Run
starts at 11am & 1pm
Wear a white t-shirt
or buy one for \$5
Proceeds to Anglican Parish
Food Pantry

**SWAMP STOMP**

COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

**SUNDAY 2
APRIL 2017**

10AM-2PM
WOODBERRY OVAL

Gold Coin Donation

Colour Run

Market Stalls

Pop-up Playgroup

Face Painting

Amusement Rides

Live Entertainment

Youth Space

Prizes

BBQ

For more information please call Naomi at Maitland
Neighbourhood Centre 4932 0950. For market stalls
information, call Doug at the Anglican Parish 0478 050 012.

**WOODBERRY WARRIORS JRL****WE NEED YOU**

UNDER 7 PLAYERS FREE REGO

ALSO

UNDER 9S, 11S, 16S AND 17S

ALL NEW PLAYERS REQUIRED FREE

SHIRTS AND SOCKS

JOIN UP FRED HARVEY OVAL TUESDAY AND THURSDAYS AT TRAINING
OR GO ONLINE WWW.PLAYTHINK.COM

If you are interested in playing SOCCER
for fun on Saturday mornings

BERESFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB

Still has vacancies for 5 to 12 year olds

Registrations are done on line at www.myfootballclub.com

For further information call Denise 4966 1192

or Sue on 49 664018