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# Principal's Message

## Why Is Your Involvement Important in Your Child's Education?

Here at Woodridge SHS we are indeed fortunate to have a significant number of families that are actively involved in their student's education. In study after study, researchers discover how important it is for parents/guardians to be actively involved in their student's education. Some of the main findings from this research indicate that when parents/guardians are involved in their student's education at home, they do better at school. Secondly, when parents are involved in school, children go farther in school and the schools they go to are better.

As a family you make critical contributions to your student's achievement from preschool through high school. Research indicates that a home environment that encourages learning is more important to student achievement than income, educational level or cultural background. When children and parents talk regularly about school, children perform better academically.

Listed below are three ways that if done consistently by parents/guardians are associated with higher student achievement.

- Actively organising and monitoring a child's time;
- Helping with homework; and
- Discussing school matters.

## Welcome

During the past couple of weeks we have experienced some staff changes due to staff going on leave. Mrs. Cathy Crawford (Deputy Principal) has joined our Admin team whilst Mr. Jones is on leave and Mr. Jason English (Acting HOD) who will be filling in for Mrs. Anita McCormack whilst she is on leave.

On behalf of the school I extend a very warm welcome to Mrs. Crawford and Mr. English and trust that your time with us will be both very rewarding and enjoyable.

## Every Day Counts

During this term our school attendance has increased to the point where we are very close to the state average. Although this is good news, I would still remind families as we head towards the end of term it is important to ensure that students attend school every day and arrive on time in order to maximise their learning outcomes.

## Uniform

Woodridge SHS, like many workplaces, has a dress code. Every student and family commits to abide by this dress code when they enroll in the school. I would encourage every family to revisit the school dress code and ensure students have and wear the correct uniform to school each day. It is each student's responsibility to ensure they meet the school dress code expectations. With winter now here I would ask that you ensure your student has the correct warm clothing uniform items that meet our dress code. I thank you for your support in this matter and should you have any further question or concerns regards meeting our dress code expectations then please contact the school.

**Geoff Sippel**  
**Principal**



Updated  
progress of  
our new  
building for  
**YEAR 7'S IN 2015**



**This is a reminder to all families, that ALL PAYMENTS  
can only be accepted on:  
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY'S**

**WOODRIDGE STATE HIGH SCHOOL  
"MATHEMATICS DAY OF EXCELLENCE",  
TERM2, 2014**

Each term, Woodridge SHS Mathematics Department hosts a "Mathematics Day of Excellence", for state schools in our local area. Students from Years 5, 6 and 7, who excel in Mathematics are invited to attend a one day workshop where the students work individually to extend their Mathematical knowledge and then in teams to solve complex challenges. This program has now been running for four years.

At the start of each session, we always ask students to tell us a little bit about themselves. One student gave his name and told the group that he had attended 10 "Mathematic Days of Excellence" and was really looking forward to the session on Aerodynamics of Paper planes (the science and maths behind flying paper planes). We have now promised to deliver this context next term.

On Wednesday June 4, we hosted 50 students, with a new school, Slacks Creek State School attending for the first time. This was a record number of students for us. We had a busy and fun filled day as students worked hard to grasp new concepts and then apply them in a team to solve the challenge. The challenge for the day focused on World Cup Soccer; the photo below shows students working hard to graph a kick at goal and then discover whether the goalie was able to successfully defend the goal. Berrinba East Team One, was the winning team for day, successfully kicking 3 goals and correctly finding the equation for six kicks.



**Fiona Dodd  
Head of Department, Mathematics**

*P & C meets on the first Monday of every month at 6.30pm in the Board Room in the Administration building.  
**ALL WELCOME!***

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**Kokoda 2014**

Last Sunday June 1, twelve students and three teachers woke up at around 3:30am to participate in what can be best described as a 30km torture trek, otherwise known as the Kokoda Challenge, all in the name of charity raising much needed money for the Kokoda Challenge Youth Program (KCYP) which helps troubled youths across Australia. The gruesome event took place in Brisbane's Forest Park where contestants were pushed to their limits running, walking and at times crawling up and down Mt Cootha and the surrounding valleys and creek beds. The three Woodridge teams competed against hundreds of participants which included hard-core athletes right down to weekend warriors who do this for fun. Team Woodridge #1 consisting of; Dieu, Chance, Chekole, Christopher and team leader Mr Boxall put in a massive effort coming second in the schools division running a time of 4 hrs 27mins. A big mention must be given to all these boys who showed inspirational teamwork to finish together as a group even though Chris had obtained a calf injury within the first three kms of the race and bravely battled through the next 27kms thanks to the encouragement offered by the rest of the team. Team Woodridge #2 consisting of; Mariah, Chantelle, Mercy, Hebata and team leader Miss Chirila showed great determination to finish with a time of 5hrs 30mins and coming fifth in the schools division. The girls showed great desire to finish the race with such a great time and again demonstrated great teamwork to finish all together as a group. Finally a big congratulations to Team Woodridge #3 consisting of Wine Wine, Grace, Zera, Aminata and team leader Mrs Gotame who came first in the 15kms race after a little bit of confusion of the race track. Again a massive congratulations to all those competitors you all showed great determination and teamwork to finish the gruelling race and you should all be very proud of yourselves.

**Mr Boxall**

**Preventing flu**

**Hygiene**

Good hygiene is essential to protect yourself and others in flu season.

- Use a tissue, or the inside of your arm, when you cough and sneeze.
  - Dispose of tissues after use.
  - Wash your hands immediately after coughing or sneezing using soap and water or an alcohol-based gel.
  - Stay home if you have flu-like symptoms, so you don't pass it on.
  - Don't share items like glasses, cups, cutlery, lipstick, toys or anything which has come into contact with the mouth or nose.
  - Regularly clean frequently touched surfaces, such as door handles, taps, tables, benches and fridge doors with regular household detergent.
  - Keep at least 1 metre between you and people who have flu-like symptoms such as coughing or sneezing.
- Consult your doctor if you have a cough and high fever (38 degrees Celcius or more) that is not improving or you are concerned about and follow their instructions, including taking medicine as prescribed.

If attending a medical practice or emergency department, alert the receptionist of your symptoms so you can be seated away from others and possibly be given a surgical mask.

**Erica  
School Health Nurse**

# From the Deputies

## Our New Junior Secondary Building Update

Last week several of the administration team had the opportunity to tour the new building currently under construction. With hard hats on, it was fantastic to see the building from the inside. While the outside of the building is certainly a landmark feature, it is the inside that will set the standard of excellence for our new junior secondary students in Year 7 & 8 when they join us in 2015.

The classrooms are huge! Large windows give lots of natural light, the building is fully air-conditioned, and state of the art data projectors will be in every classroom. The verandas and stair cases are wide to assist with safety and ease of student movement. Our junior secondary team has also been busy selecting furniture, including some pretty funky colour choices.

This will be a fantastic asset to the school that is set for completion sometime during term three and we are planning an open week for current and future parents to view the building and to enrol their students for 2015.



## Postcard Rewards

In term two our students have been introduced to our new postcard rewards. We still have our Gotcha's that are rewarded in class, but every teacher is also given a postcard to fill out on a weekly basis for the student they feel has gone above and beyond in their behaviour and effort around school. Once the teacher fills out the postcard they go into a lucky draw, where a postcard is selected on assembly each week and the winning student is rewarded with a tuckshop voucher. All the postcards are then mailed home. So far nearly 100 postcards have been mailed out to parents to acknowledge their students. This is a great addition to our student reward scheme, and we hope all parents can keep an eye on their letterbox for a postcard coming home soon.

## Introducing our NEW Website!

Our Woodridge SHS website has been updated and went live last week. The new design is more interactive and provides a full calendar of events and latest news updates. Even the school newsletter, including previous copies, is available at our website. Over the next few weeks the website will be updated to include further information on the curriculum subjects on offer, plus the numerous extra-curricular programs available in the school – keep visiting on a regular basis. To find our school website just “google” – “woodridge state high school”.

### Qschools App

Do you have smartphone? Download the free “Qschools” app! Then search for our school and make it your favourite – then you have instant access to most of the website information right on your phone. News and newsletters, school hours and contact details, our canteen menu and uniform shop information – all this, and more.

**Rod Flood**  
**Deputy Principal**

## ITEMS FOR SALE

Woodridge State High School has five pottery wheels for sale as they are no longer used. They can be purchased as is for \$250 each. First in best dressed. It will be the buyer's responsibility to collect the wheel. Payment can be made at the school office in the Administration building. Also for sale are a Metal Lathe - \$400, and a Cold Saw - \$200.

Schoolwide Positive  
Behaviour Program  
*Positive Culture, Improved  
Behaviour  
Greater Performance*



# House of Champions

Our students have been very hard at work since the beginning of March, developing a really exciting and technically sophisticated Hip Hop Dance routine, in order to compete in this year's 'House of Champions' dance competition, an event sponsored and coordinated by the *Academy of Brothers*. Last year, we achieved 3rd place in this competition, however with the strength of our leaders and team this year, we anticipate a 'win'!!

This one-day event will take place at **1:00pm, Saturday 28th June** (first day of the school holidays) at **St Laurence's College, South Brisbane**.

The time and level of commitment that these students have put in – rehearsing Tues, Wed, Thurs until 5:30pm each week, is commendable, and special mention must be made of our team leaders, who choreograph and coordinate the team of 24 dancers – Tony, Maesha & Navarone, who's individual talents are extraordinary.

If you would like to support all our efforts, 'Early bird' ticket sales have been extended until Friday 7 June, meaning ticket prices remain at \$25 an adult, and \$20 a student/child until next Friday.

They can be purchased online at <http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=74802>

Please note, prices will rise after this date.

It would be very encouraging for our students to see as many supporters from our school community there as possible.

**Casey Thomsen & Liana Trpkoski – HOC Coordinators**



**UN**  
youth  
australia

## UN YOUTH AMBASSADOR VISIT



Last Thursday we had the privilege of having Laura Johns visit and present to the students of WSHS. Laura has selected a few specific places around Australia to meet with youth from diverse backgrounds to gather information on their views and dreams and how they envisage life in their city. This information will be collected and put as part of a report to be presented to The UN office in New York and then the Australian government. Thanks to staff and students who assisted us.



**NEW TEAM MEMBER**

**Youth Hubs**  
Linking employment pathways for newly arrived young people

**Edgar Venegas** is our new Multicultural Youth Hub Leader, this program is funded by the Centre for Multicultural Youth. Edgar will be based at the hub from Monday to Thursday linking newly arrived young people to employment pathways.

### Some HUB facts & figures

140	Hub Clients
CLP Aged Care	25 students
40	Partnerships
Attended Hidden Histories	60 community members

YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND - SECURE THESE DATES

Wednesdays 9-11am **ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR PARENTS** @ Woodridge SS

Wednesday 11 June 6pm - **Pacific Stories workshop** (Cultural Awareness Training)

Wednesday 25 June 2.30pm - 6.30pm **PLAY SMART WITH YOUR HEALTH EX-PO**

**Come along and participate in these activities to support the community. If you would like to find out more contact Hub staff on (07) 3290-7222 option 3.**

## WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP DAY

Margaret, Anna-Liisa, Mariah, Chantelle and Hebata attended a Women in Leadership Day hosted by Defence Force Recruiting. The students completed a 2km run up Mt Enoggera – accompanied by members of the Air Force, Navy and Army. After having lunch in the soldiers mess the girls were given a tour of the new Enoggera Tri-service Gym. The girls were extremely lucky to have the opportunity to complete the over water obstacle course, they are to be congratulated on their perseverance and commitment to the task.

Overall a brilliant day – thanks Defence Force Recruiting!

**Bonnie McKay**  
**Leadership Coordinator**

## CULTURE AND COLOUR

At the end of 2013, a series of banners were created by Woodridge State High School Year 9 Art students and local artist Robyn Pell. These banners are now in place on Station Road outside Woodridge Train Station and they look absolutely amazing! Councillor Russell Lutton, who presented the banners at the Kaleidoscope festival in May said that this project helped demonstrate the strength and unity of Logan's youth. "The students developed their own symbols, patterns and images in class, which were then combined into four distinct banner designs, including floral emblems and abstract patterns representing students' different nationalities, maps of the school catchment area and a striking turtle," he said.

We have a huge amount of artistic talent at our school and it has been a wonderful experience for the students to collaborate with a professional artist on this project. The beautiful designs represent aspects of our diverse and dynamic school community and are a credit to the students, their teachers, Robyn Pell and our whole school. Please try to find the time to view these banners and when you do, see if you can find the hidden kangaroo in one of the designs.



## ILC TRANSITION CLASS VISITS GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

The Intensive Language Centre's highest class recently visited Griffith University to be inspired by previous Woodridge students on their road to success. Our students were invited to a special Refugee Day event lead by GURSA (Griffith University Refugee Student Association). They performed some cultural dances and were then taken on a tour of the university campus. Our university student hosts encouraged our students as they shared their educational journeys. They too started in the ESL unit and, after a lot of hard work, went on to graduate from mainstream schooling. Today they are studying at university to become the social workers, nurses and businessmen of tomorrow. Our current students are just starting this journey. Indeed, the Intensive Language Centre is the first step towards a future of unlimited potential!

**Amy Sullivan**  
**HOC—EALD**



## Literacy and Numeracy Intervention Team

Term 2 has been a busy one in the Teaching and Learning Centre. Many students in year 8 and 9 are working with our intervention team who are there to help students to develop a range of literacy and numeracy strategies. All students have been enthusiastic and are showing real progress with their work. What can you do to help support your son or daughter in developing their literacy and numeracy strategies - 1. Think aloud as you cook- talk about what a quarter of a cup is to 1 cup, show them what a quarter of cup looks like, 2. When there are opportunities - discuss the texts you are reading, whether they are FaceBook, the internet or watching television- take the opportunity to ask them what they think something means and why such simple ideas will definitely help your children to develop the thinking skills which will help them engage in the classroom. Mrs Hegazy, Ms Marshall, Ms Kuit, Mrs Wickham, Mrs Tennakoon and Mrs Moraes

**Kate Davis**  
**HOSES EALD**

## Tuckshop News

We are still looking for volunteers.  
If you can help please contact John on 32907208 during school hours.

## Technology

### Senior Graphics

This year has seen the continual growth of the Technology department with the addition of an extra Senior OP Graphics class in year 11. Students have created some exceptional graphics folios with the completion of the first unit "Flat Pack Furniture". Here, students were given the task of designing and modelling a 3D chair that could be assembled and dismantled without the use of fixtures and fittings. See to the right for examples of their work. All year 11 Graphics students are to be commended on their efforts.



### Primary School Visits

In preparation for Year 7 students entering high school next year – the Technology department has been running transition classes twice a week. This program has seen students from Berrinba State School (some as young as grade 4 and 5) participating in Manual Arts. Jeff Wooderson, the classroom teacher in charge of this program, has been busy developing resources that have produced some exceptional student work. See below for images of the "Australiana" themed wooden clocks.



### Building Construction

Students in year 11 and 12 have been busy completing their semester 1 projects (pictured) in preparation for their major project the "Deluxe Dog Kennel" in year 11 and the "Cubby House" in year 12. Watch this space for more photos as projects progress.

### Furnishing

2014 has seen the introduction of the "Turned Acrylic Pen Project". Here, students were expected to turn (using a timber lathe) acrylic blanks into smooth, polished and millimetre perfect pen stocks. The results are a professional looking business pen suitable for any home or office. See below for some of the pen designs and other projects our furnishing students have completed.



**Tyrone Jones**  
**HOD ITD/HEC**

## SORRY DAY

The Woodridge school community has remembered the significance of saying "sorry" over the last 2 weeks. Students commemorated the anniversary the Government's apology to the Stolen Generations through the creation of message sticks, symbolically presented at school assemblies over the past 2 weeks. Some of our school's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students hosted the ceremony. A community morning tea was held in the Bulkairi Space after the official event.

**Amy Sullivan**  
**HOC-EALD**



## Open Rugby League Success.

Rugby League at Woodridge SHS for 2014 has kicked off well, with our open team having a great start to the season. Each Monday night for the past few weeks our boys have travelled a 100km round trip to participate in the Titans Cup on the Gold Coast. The Titans Cup is a very highly regarded competition featuring Rugby League power houses which include Coombabah, Palm Beach Currumbin and Keebra Park State High Schools. Our performances as part of this competition have been outstanding, including a draw with PBC, a narrow win over Keebra and a loss in the last 5 minutes to Coombabah.

Given the strength of the competing teams, our boys were in doubt of making the finals, however their 'must win' game against Marymount to qualify for the semis ended with a win, lifting our prospects.

To progress to the Grand Final, the boys had to repeat their effort against Keebra this week. Under the direction of Rugby League master mind, Mr Dave Allan, the boys defeated Keebra very convincingly 40 - 6.

Mr Allan was pleased, but aware, that to win the Cup the boys had to improve in a number of areas. There is no doubt the daily morning training sessions are paying off.

Everyone is encouraged to support the boys, in their charge for the Titans Cup on Monday the 23rd of June. The game against Palm Beach Currumbin kicks off at 6:30pm at the Nerang JRL Grounds.

Be sure to come and support your team.

## Tuesday Afternoon Maths Homework Club

Students from Year 8 to Year 12 are invited to attend Tuesday afternoon tutorials in the Woodridge State High School Library. Mathematics teachers will assist students in areas they are having problems, provide help with homework concerns and extend students that would like that little bit extra.

**Where:** Woodridge State High School Library

**When:** Tuesday afternoons

**Time:** 2.45 to 4.00pm

# ARTS

2014 is proving to be a year of great strides forward. There is a new sense of vitality and purpose, permeating throughout the faculty, which is focusing on providing quality outcomes for our students. Student numbers are up, across the board, and the acquisition of new staff in Art, Drama, Music, Instrumental Music and Media has created an environment conducive to fresh ideas and energy.

2015 will see the arrival of Year 7's. To facilitate the continuation of music excellence and advance student expectations we have created JAM (Junior Academy of Music), dedicated music speciality classes for Years 7, 8 and 9. This will allow students to realise their full musical potential with positive ramifications for success across the curriculum. Expressions of interest will be distributed to our feeder primary schools during terms 3 and auditions will be held during Arts Education Week, October 20 to 24. Information regarding enrolments and auditions will be posted on our website closer to the date.

Increased student numbers, and the influx of ILC students, to the music program has resulted in a massive increase in the number of students participating in the Instrumental Music Program. Our regional coordinator, Ms Kellie Kremmer, has collaborated with us in instigating an expanded program that offers contemporary as well as traditional instruments. We now have five instrumental instructors and ensembles popping up everywhere. A big thank you must go to Mr Ashley Higgins and Ms Chrissy Downman for coordinating the introduction of ILC students to the program.

Our Certificate III Music Industry students (48) will be touring to Sydney this year. Performances in Parramatta and the Northern Beach area will provide our students with the opportunity to attain competencies in real life performance situations and see how music students in NSW measure up. Good luck, sorry – break a leg, to all.

**Dave Stuart**  
**Acting HOD of Arts**



## OPEN GIRLS TOUCH TEAM

Our Yr8, 9 and Open Girls Touch Teams played in the Grand Final of the Metropolitan Finals. I'm very happy to report that the Yr8 & 9 Teams won their respective Grand Finals and the Open Girls won a silver medal. A fantastic effort by all the girls and their Coaches Mr Millar, Mr Green and Mr Day.

**Simon Wright - HOD HPE**

