



HOUSE OF CHAMPIONS



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- 30 July Open Rugby League Gala Day
- 7 August Aust Maths Competition
- 7-10 August Rugby League Camp
- 11 August Public Holiday

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

8 AM to 10 am
Mon - Fri

PAYMENT WINDOW HOURS

8 AM to 3PM
MON - WED-FRI

Principal's Message

Welcome to Semester 2, during Semester 1 as a school we focused on being at our best and it has been incredibly pleasing to see our students rise to the challenge and achieve a number of great successes. Academically there has been some significant improvement in students' results and our attendance has risen from 87% at the end of 2013 to an average attendance rate for Semester 1 of 91%. Congratulations to Afa and the Year Level Coordinators who have done a tremendous job in following up absent students.

Recently our students also had success winning the House of Champions dance competition defeating a number of teams from around South East Queensland. On the sporting field our Open Rugby League team have won the Titans Cup defeating Palm Beach Currumbin and the Country Cup defeating Mackay. Our Bulkairi Jarjums won the inaugural PCYC "Catch Me If You Can" tri series against the police, with the decider being played at Suncorp Stadium during the last State of Origin game. All in all it has been an amazing first semester.

Year 11 Reports have already been posted and the remaining Reports went out last week. I encourage all families to take the time to read the report and discuss the results and comments with their child and then use this information as a basis for discussion at our upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews on Tuesday 29 July.

First Week Activities

During the first week of term our students had the opportunity to engage in an alternative learning program. Many thanks also to Ronnie Jukic, Jana Major, Kurt Rose, Amy Sullivan and Helen Bale and all staff for their efforts in planning and running our Senior Schooling, Junior Secondary and ILC alternative programs. Throughout the week students experienced a variety of different activities that combined guest speakers, excursions and lessons to provide a unique learning experience for our students. We have also received a number of emails and reports from guest speakers and sites which our students visited congratulating the students on their behaviour and engagement.

Staff News

Congratulations to Mr Allen (Open rugby League Coach) who has been nominated for a Pride of Australia Community Spirit medal.

Facilities

For those of you who have visited the school recently you will have noticed the significant amount of maintenance work occurring around the school which is giving some of the older parts of the school a new look. Including:

Refurbishment of student toilets

Painting of certain facilities

Gutters cleaned

Seating replaced

Concreting between F & G Blocks

Replacing the decking at the Wellbeing Centre

Replacing the louvers on the outside of the Library

General maintenance

Our new school fence is almost completed, just waiting for some padlocks for gates to arrive.

In addition there is also our new Junior Secondary and Community building being erected at the front of the school which is due for completion sometime in late August.

2015 Year 7 & 8 enrolment interviews will commence in the next couple of weeks. There will also be further information sessions, school tours and transition programs for both students and staff. Further information will be provide to families during the term.

School Assemblies

Monday and Friday Assembly times have now changed and assemblies now occur after period 2 on these days.

School Uniform

The school uniform is a crucial part of the culture of our school. Students need to be dressed appropriately for this school and be clearly identifiable by all community members. The students are proud to wear the uniform as it sets us apart from others and distinguishes us as a unique place of learning.

Your support with the following will greatly enhance our school culture:

Purchasing only all black lace up shoes. **Canvas shoes of any kind are not acceptable or appropriate for school wear**

Purchasing only white socks

Purchasing only white undershirts

Purchasing a plain royal blue jumper - **NOT A "HOODIE"**

Parents & Citizens (P&C) News

Would you like to share your *gifts and talents* to help our school's P&C (Parents & Citizens) committee?

We are looking for a **Volunteer** who can:

- Liaise between our Book Keeper and the committee;
- Able to provide financial reports between the tuckshop and uniform shop where necessary;
- Available to meet once a month; and
- An opportunity to meet other parents and have a say in your school's development.

For more details please contact Fiona Oloamanu on 0426 877 562 after 5pm.

New members are always welcome.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 12 August

Venue: Woodridge SHS Administration

Time: 6:30pm

School Website

Our new website is up and running and I would encourage all families to visit the new website and review the information on it. Q Schools website link to download the free app (Q-schools).

Upcoming Events

- 30 July – Year 10 and Open Rugby League Gala Day
- 7 August – Australian Maths Competition
- 7 – 9 August – Rugby League Camp
- 11 August – Public Holiday
- 14 August – ENABLE Touch Competition
- 18 August – Schools' Touch Competition
- 19 August – Year 10 to 11 Transition & Pathways Evening
- 20 August – Maths Day of Excellence
- 27 – 29 August – Year 10 SET Plan Parent Interviews

The annual *School Opinion Survey* will be conducted between 21 July and 3 August 2014. All families (previously a sample of families), school staff, and a representative sample of students will be invited to take part. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

Access details for the *Parent/Caregiver Survey* will be sent home with students this week, and parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at home or if unable to access a computer at home you can do so at the school next week. School computers will be available at the parent teacher interviews.

Survey queries or requests for translations can be directed to Stephanie Wade on telephone 07 3290 7222 or email swade4@eq.edu.au.

Geoff Sippel
Principal

From the Deputies

What a busy start to the term! Week one saw our students full engaged in either Junior Schooling week, Senior Schooling week, or ILC week – high attendance, few behavioural issues and great feedback from visitors and guests tells us that this was a valued experience for our students. Then in week two the vast majority of our year 10's spent the week on structured work placements – great preparation for their senior schooling plans.

It is now timely to announce that enrolments are NOW OPEN for 2015! We have had a lot of enquiries from parents and carers eager to secure a place at Woodridge State High School and we have begun the process of making enrolment interviews – please ring Ruby on 3290 7222 and book an enrolment interview. If you are still unsure about enrolling we are conducting school tours at 9.30am every Tuesday, or afternoons by arrangements – bookings essential, again please call Ruby to book in on 3290 7222.

Rod Flood
Deputy Principal

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



TFS NEWS

The budding young Recycling Designers in Year 9 TFS had had yet another productive and successful term with students putting their recycling ideas to the test. As part of their assessment, students had to design a Recycled Project and include a range of Attachment and Enhancement techniques. After a lot of research into recycling, students imaginations went wild. From recycled jeans to handbags, plastic bottles to flower pots, old shorts to a handbag and ornaments. Soon the ideas were rolling in and our recycled projects were evolving into new functional item.

Students also explored the world of fabric enhancement with tie dying, buttons, braids, hooks and eyes and press studs. Some of these techniques were used in creating their new designs.



Jo Ward
Home Economics Teacher

House of Champions WINNERS 2014

Our students worked very hard from the beginning of March, to develop 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, and have worked exceptionally hard to build a team, which functions as a family in order to better our 2013 result.

Our hard work paid off, when on Saturday, 28th July, at St Laurence's College, our students represented our school, community and families very proudly, taking out 1st place in the competition!!!!

The time and level of commitment that these students have put in 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.

We are very very proud of our team, for not only their commitment and their winning performance, but the way which they carried themselves throughout the entire competition, representing us all so proudly!

Casey Thomsen & Liana Trpkoski – HOC Coordinators



LOGAN CITY BUS SERVICE - 13/8/14

Buses will be operating a Saturday Urban timetable on the 13 August 2014 with normal school routes.

Any queries are to be directed to our Logan City Bus office on 32006754 or 3200 9606—Monday - Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm.



TITAN'S CUP

As part of winning the Titan's cup, the team were able to go down to the Titans game – and got to catch up with Ex-Woodridge student, Josh Papalii (who played for Raiders, in the Titans v. Raiders game).



ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN 2015

Do you have a child in year 6 or 7 right now?

Enrol them now for 2015 in Junior Secondary at Woodridge State High School.

The development of our Junior Secondary program for years 7, 8 & 9, has been an exciting process for our school and we are eager to accept new students for 2015.

Our Junior Secondary students will be located in our brand new purpose built \$7 million dollar building and led by our experienced staff, a mix of secondary and primary teachers, working collaboratively to help your student achieve to the best of their abilities in a safe and secure environment.

The flagship of Junior Secondary will be our Academies, allowing students to pursue studies where they have a passion and aptitude for excellence. These are:

- Academic Extension – allowing high performance academic students to extend their academic performance in a challenging environment.
- JAM – our Junior Music Academy, at the cutting edge of arts education with opportunities in traditional or contemporary music.
- HPS – High Performance Sport, allowing for students to extend their sporting talents with a dedicated elective class.

At Woodridge State High School our positive behaviour program, including rewards and awards for students has been recognised as best practice amongst Logan schools. Our student support structure covers Indigenous, Pacific Islanders, refugee, and mainstream support for all students. Specialist staff working with care teachers and year co-ordinators provide students with a comprehensive well-being program.

School tours will be available at 9.30am every Tuesday, call Ruby on 3290 7222 to book in, or arrange another suitable time. To book an enrolment interview for your student please call the school on 3290 7222.

Keep up to date with all that is happening on our school website www.woodridgeshs.eq.edu.au

HPE & Sport

Open Rugby League

Our Open Rugby League boys played in Grand Finals of the Titans and Country Cups recently and won both competitions. Well done to all the boys, Mr Rose (the water boy) and their coach Mr Allen. The boys now go on and play in the Logan District competition.

State Cross-Country

Congratulations to Chekole on making the Queensland Cross Country Team. Chekole came first in the state in the 4km race in his age group and was part of the overall champion Met East Team that won the relay event at the State Championships. Chekole will now go on and compete at the Australian Cross-Country Championships as part of the Queensland Team later in the year.

School Athletics Carnival

On the final two days of Term 2 we held a very successful athletics carnival. The following students are our 2014 Age Champions:

Rhys	13yrs girls
Fuamai	14yrs girls
Chantelle	15yrs girls
Michelle	16yrs girls
Velma	Open girls
Pascal	13yrs boys
Abraham	14yrs boys
Quintin	15yrs boys
Peter	16yrs boys
Michael	Open boys

Logan District Athletics Carnival

If your child competed in the School Athletics Carnival and finished in the top four competitors they have been selected in our school team that will compete at the Logan District Athletics Carnival. The District Athletics Carnival is to be held at QLD Athletics Centre, Kessels Road, Nathan, on Thursday August 14th & Friday August 15th, 2014, during school hours. Bus transport will be provided to and from the venue, for which there will be a cost of \$20 for each student. Buses will leave school at 7.45am on both days and return to school by 2.30pm. You will be required to pay the \$20 to the office by Friday Aug 8th, 2014. Any questions, please contact Simon Wright – contact details below.

Reporting Results

- To enable me to report on student results and to keep accurate records for sports awards, I need to know how participants went in their competitions. I encourage all students and parents to advise me of their results immediately after they have competed.
- Students can see me in the HPE Staffroom or results can be emailed to: swrig69@eq.edu.au

Simon Wright
HOD HPE & Sports Director

Pride of Australia Community Spirit medal nominee Dave Allen



Five years after he retired, Dave Allen is still turning up at work—6 am every day during the footy season.

Mr Allen also brings breakfast for the school Open Boys team, helps fundraise for the kids to travel to competitions, and drives them to and from games if their parents are unable to.

He has tied their school attendance and their effort in the classroom to being part of the team. This year the WSHS Open Boys side won the Titans and Country cups but it is Mr Allens personal commitment to the players has seen him nominated for the Pride of Australia Community Spirit medal. Mr Allen said his greatest satisfaction was seeing the kids motivated to succeed.

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

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PHONE

1300 300 850

(Monday to Friday – 7:30 to 4:00).

Have your Medicare Card and Health Care Card (if you have one) with you when you call.

For further information, please visit www.health.qld.gov.au/metrosouth/oralhealth/

Early School Leavers Survey

Are you a parent or sibling of a former student? Do you know any students who left school prior to graduating in 2013? If so, we need your help to tell these former students about the Early School Leavers Survey and encourage them to participate.

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 in 2013. The *Early School Leavers* survey is a brief, confidential survey that provides a picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school leavers in the year after they left school to understand why young people leave school early and to help early school leavers make positive career choices.

Between July and August, our students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the *Early School Leavers* survey in 2014.

For more information visit:
www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR SCHOOLIES

Volunteers are now being sought to participate in the annual Gold Coast Schoolies Community Safety Response as Schoolies Support Team members. You can give as little as 10 hours (training plus one rostered shift) to help Year 12 School leavers celebrate their achievements this year. Visit the website for more information:

www.schooliesvolunteer.com.au

Heavily Funded Training in Health

Health Industry Training is a dynamic not-for-profit Registered Training Organisation representing the professional interest of General Practice and Primary Health Care in the Brisbane and surrounding regions.

Health Industry Training is offering heavily reduced Certificate III level qualifications for parents who are interested in working within the health industry. At a cost of \$320.00 for concession participants and \$600.00 for non-concession participants, this will allow you to complete a Nationally recognised full Certificate III qualification in Allied Health Assistance or Health Service Assistance.

Classes will be held 9am to 2:30pm Tuesday and Thursday commencing August 5th 2014. Numbers are limited. For further information please call Health Industry Training on 1300 381 415

UNIFORM SHOP

The Blue Polo Shirts and the girls White Blouses have arrived. If you have ordered them, please come and collect them. We are now taking orders for school caps now and they must be paid for when ordered. The cost is \$25.00 each.

We will start taking orders for junior uniforms for 2015 from the end of August. If you need any information please ring on 3290 7208.

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

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