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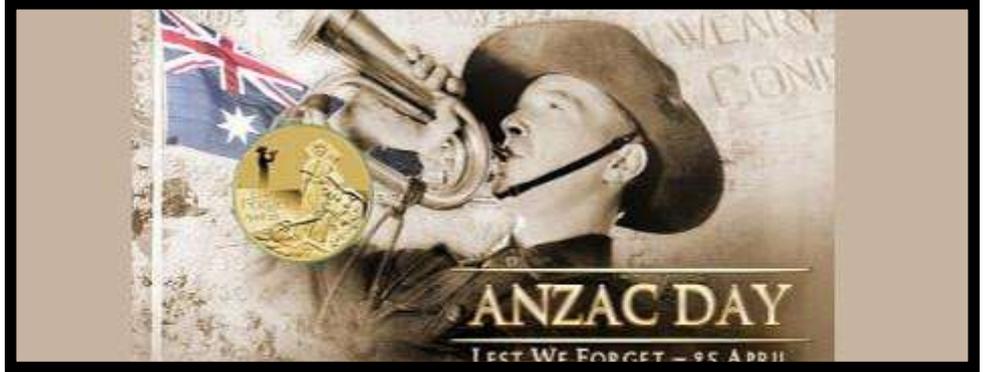
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UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

8 AM to 10 am
Mon - Fri



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Principal's Message

Welcome back to all our students, teachers, professional staff and parents. I trust that you had a relaxing and enjoyable break. We have seven weeks ahead of our ten week term and I am encouraging all students to make the most of every minute we have together. To be at their best.

For those of you who have come to the school recently or driven past, you will have undoubtedly noticed the construction work taking place at the front of the school. Our new Flying Start building is really starting to take shape and we can now start to appreciate just how big a building it is going to be, and what a great asset it will be to our school. (Refer to attached photos)

Term 2 has commenced very well with students and staff engaging in our learning agenda. It is important that students along with their families take time to reflect on their Term 1 progress and set goals and plan for further improvement this term.

Already this term there has been some great examples of our students performing at their best. Our recent ANZAC Ceremonies were such an example where our students behaved in a very dignified and respectful manner in order to remember those who had and are currently serving in our armed forces. Another great example was at the recent civic reception for Alex Leapai where some of our students were asked to perform several cultural dances and did so with a great deal of professionalism.

Congratulations to all student and staff involved in these ceremonies and I look forward to seeing what great things as a learning community we can achieve this term.

Attendance

I recently came across the table below which reminded me of the importance of making every day at school count. As a school we are asking for your help and support in making sure that your student attends every day and is ready to learn.

If your child misses ...	That equals ...	Which is ...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

As a school we do receive requests from families to take their students out of school during the school term. This can cause some serious issues, particularly for senior students. We understand that there are times when for family reasons you may require some variation to this but we would ask that you contact the school to discuss the matter so that the best outcome can be gained for your student.

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 fast approaching I would also 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 questions or concerns in regards to meeting our dress code expectations then please contact the school.

Geoff Sippel
Principal

NAPLAN – 2014

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas of:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy.

Our teachers have already been preparing students for the NAPLAN tests by assessing these literacy and numeracy skills in classroom activities and assessment pieces.

Parents and carers – please try to avoid any appointments for your children during these days.

If you have any further questions about the NAPLAN Tests or about your child's involvement, please contact Fiona Dodd at the school on 3290 7222. Other information can be accessed on the internet at this url:

http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html

From the Deputies

SWPBS

This term we are consolidating the second tier of SWPBS support for students. This level focuses on students who require greater levels of support to ensure that their wellbeing and behaviour do not have a major impact on their learning. Interventions can be in the form of group programs and activities or daily Check in, Check out processes. Referrals to the program are welcome from parents as well as school staff. If you wish to refer your child, please contact one of our Deans who will help you to do this.

Our SWPBS focus this term is Anti-bullying. We would encourage all parents to discuss this important topic with your students and actively reinforce the messages they are learning at school. If you wish to know more about our Anti-bullying messages please contact the Deans.

Naplan

Next week, our year 9 students will take part in NAPLAN which is an annual assessment for students in grades 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN tests a range of skills such as reading, writing, grammar, punctuation and spelling. Our students are well prepared and we want to see them demonstrating our schoolwide positive behaviours of being responsible, respectful and a learner during the tests next week. We look forward to continued improvement in our NAPLAN results and wish the students all the best for the tests next week.

ANZAC Ceremonies

Two weeks ago our school celebrated our annual ANZAC Ceremonies. The Ceremony this year was particularly moving and great preparation for the Centenary celebrations in 2015. Our students were well behaved and very respectful during this important ceremony that acknowledges the sacrifices our armed services men and women have made to keep us free.



Senior Schooling – Expectations for Year 11 and 12 students

We have been closely reviewing the progress, attendance and participation of all our Yr 11 and 12 students. Most of our students are progressing well, however, a small number need to improve their performance at school, if they are to successfully complete their schooling. I wish to remind all Senior Students of our expectations and ask that parents actively reinforce these with your student:

- * Attend school every day (if you are sick, please phone the school to explain the absence)
- * Attend all classes every day at school
- * Arrive on time for school (no late arrivals)
- * Stay at school for the duration of the day (no early leave passes)
- * Participate in all class activities
- * Complete all assessment and classwork

School Jumpers

As the weather is cooling down it is vital that students maintain wearing the correct uniform including Jumpers – non-school jumpers are not allowed at any time and will be confiscated if they are worn and detentions issued. A royal blue jumper can be bought at many stores, and will be acceptable at school.

Stephanie Wade, Rod Flood and Glyn Jones
Deputy Principals

POTTERY WHEELS 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.

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



YEAR 9 TEXTILE FOOD TECHNOLOGY

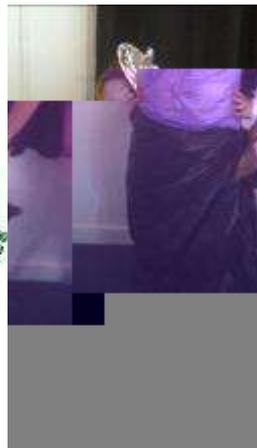
Year 9 TFT has had a busy, yet very productive and successful term one with students putting their designing skills to the test to construct a personalised zippered pencil case; most of which are now being proudly used by the students to carry their pens and pencils to classes.

Our second project challenged students to construct a personalised padded Laptop Bag, complete with a matching or contrasting zip. Students were also encouraged to further enhance their designs by including pockets, carry straps and handles.

After exploring the important significance of clothing "Care Labels", students were able to transfer "fabric care" knowledge to design a specialized care label for their newly designed fashionable Laptop Bag.



During Term 2, the students will embark into the world of "Recycling".

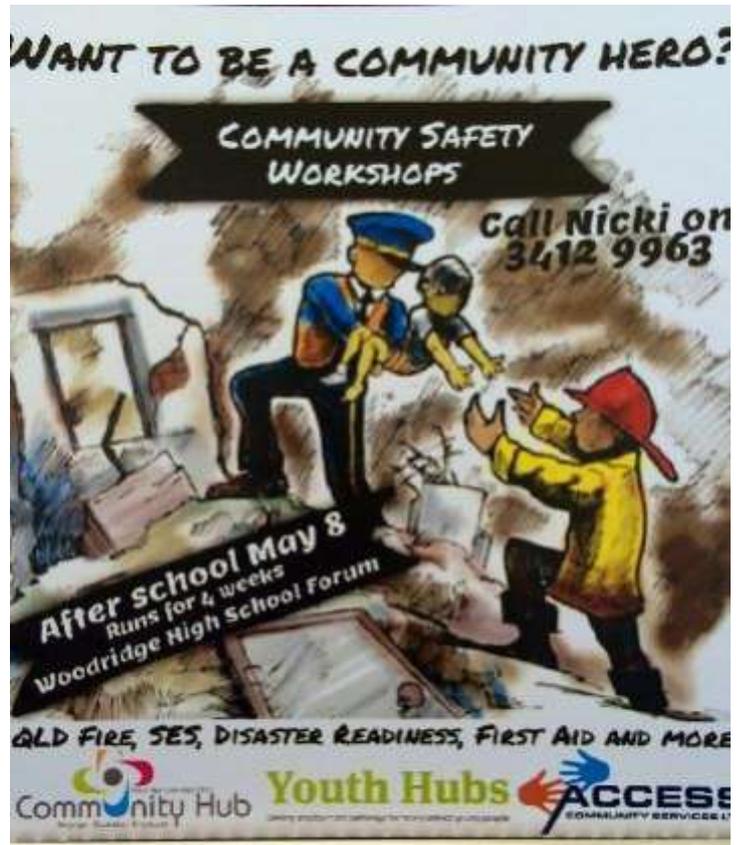


Our major assessment will be designing and creating a Recycled project suitable for the home or personal use. I look forward to watching these projects unfold.

Joanne Ward
Senior Teacher-Home Economics

ALEX LEAPAI - LIONHEART

Thank you to our students who performed in the handing of the key to the city to Alex Leapai, former student. We are proud of you.



ANZAC CEREMONY



Our annual ANZAC Ceremony was another special event celebrated at Woodridge High, with the commemoration of not just the ANZAC's of World War One, but recognising all people who have served as part of Australia's armed forces and around the world, in the name of peace and freedom.

We were honoured to be joined by Deputy Mayor Mr Russell Lutton, Captain Jessica Boyd, and Aunty Faith Green, and also honoured to have Lance Bombardier John Murphy, and indigenous soldier come and address us about his experiences in the armed forces, and the meaning of ANZAC day to him.

Special mention needs to be made of our School Captains, Alberto & Johnathan, who always represent us so proudly, and did so accompanied by friends and family at the Logan City ANZAC March.

In addition, recognition needs to be given to Year 11 students Tony, Diam, Louis, Michelle and Angel, who spoke at our ANZAC Ceremony, demonstrating the high level of leadership and potential our future leaders of Woodridge SHS have to offer.

Casey Thomsen - HOD – SOSE & LOTE



HARMONY DAY

The vibrant cultures present in our community were showcased on the 21st of March at our school's Harmony Day celebrations. This day was successfully organised and coordinated by our *Change Makers* students. Twelve unique cultural performances lit up the stage each lunch time. All the performers looked exquisite in their cultural dress. Lunch 2 included a multicultural feast with a delicious spread of foods from across the world. Students and staff were also invited to wear cultural dress on Harmony Day. It was wonderful to see these costumes and colours proudly worn across school. Harmony Day was funded as part of the *Diversity and Social Cohesion Program* running at our school.



Amy Sullivan - HOC EALD

1 2 1 Update

Welcome back to another exciting year of utilising technology to support learning. By now all Year 11 and 12 students should have **signed up and paid** for either of the laptop programs and be bringing their **laptop to class every day**. The **expectation is that ALL Year 11 and 12 students are on one of the programs** (daily loan or take-home) as they will not be booked into computer rooms for any learning. If your child has not yet done so, please ensure this is done promptly. Costs for the laptop program for this year are:

- Take-home program - \$80 school fees + \$150 laptop = \$230 (early bird discount was offered end of last year)

Daily loan program - \$130 school fees

Payment options:

- Cash or EFTPOS at the front office

Complete a Centrepay deduction form available at the front office (new form needed each year)

Technology Tip:

Be careful what you write in "cyberspace" as once it is written it can never fully be retrieved even though you may delete it.

Would you want a future employer seeing what you have posted online?

What you send to friends may not always stay "private" between friends.

Think before you type to protect yourself.

Miss McCormack
HOD - BITE

Do you have any clothes or accessories you no longer use?

Consider donating these to our school for an extremely good cause.

The Year 12 Certificate II Retail class are looking to hold a market day this term. The market stall will sell clothing – pants, tops, dresses, jackets, jumpers. There will also be a range of accessories to choose from – shoes, handbags, belts & ties. It will be run during the lunchbreak and be an opportunity for all of our school students to purchase great gear at very cheap prices.

The goal of the day is to provide our retail students the chance work in a retail environment, and be assessed as they work on the day. They will be assessed on their ability to set up the store, present the merchandise for sale, deliver customer service and closing the sale. To help us out with this venture, **we urgently need your donations.**

Drop them into our school, or if you live locally – we could organise collection. If you need any further information, call our administration on 3290 7222 or email the Retail teacher Miss Jo McGrath jmcgr99@eq.edu.au

Thank you in advance for your support.

Tuckshop News

We are still looking for volunteers.

If you can help please contact John on 32907208 during school hours.

SCHOOL HEALTH NURSE

Many of you may be aware of the School Based Youth Health Nurse role and as the new School Based Youth Health Nurse at Woodridge SHS I would like to introduce myself.

My name is Erica Carne I have worked for 14 years as a Youth Health Nurse and have been a Registered Nurse now for 35 Years with a background in Midwifery, Neonatal Intensive Care and Child Health.

I am employed by QLD Health and am based at the School Monday to Thursday. Often I am away on Wednesdays due to QLD Health commitments. Students can access me confidentially during the times I am here. I am also available for class room talks to support teachers with their health curriculum subjects.

As part of my consultation role I can help young people make healthy choices to improve their physical and emotional health. I can talk with young people about health issues, nutrition, relationships, smoking alcohol or drug use, feeling unhappy or stressed and where to find specialist services for young people. I am required to keep this confidential unless the young person agrees I can do otherwise or if I determine that the young person poses a risk to themselves or others.

Apart from seeing young people on an individual basis I also work with the school community to identify and act on issues that may affect the health of students and the school community. As valuable members of the school community I would welcome your participation and contributions in helping promote a healthy place in which to learn work and socialise.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like more information about my role.

Erica Carne
SBYHN



IS YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL OR STARTING NEXT YEAR?

Would you like \$500 to help pay for uniforms, books, excursions or a laptop?

To be eligible you need to:

- Have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- Have a child at school now or starting next year
- Have some form of household income, for example, your partner or yourself may have casual, part time or seasonal work.

To find out more, phone or SMS your name and postcode to 1300

Updated progress of our **NEW BUILDING FOR YEAR 7'S IN** 2015



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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SPORTS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

School Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to all the cross country competitors who participated in the school cross country carnival on the last Friday of Term 1. Approximately 500 runners competed over a variety of distances ranging from 3 to 6 kms to:

- to gain selection in the school XC team; and
- to be crowned age champion.

Our boys and girls age champions for the XC in 2014 are:

U13's – Rhys & Dylan
U14's – Chekole and Jamika
U15's – Takele and Mariah
U16's – Peter and Hebata
U17's – Chloe and Dennis
Open's –Velma



District X-Country

As I write this news article, our school X-Country team is preparing for the District X-Country. If students finished in the top ten competitors in their age group, they qualified for the School X-Country team. I look forward to highlighting our successes in the next newsletter.

Met East Rugby Union representatives

Congratulations to Lave and Dean on their selection in the Met East Open Rugby Union Team. The boys will now play in the Queensland State Rugby Union Championships for the opportunity to be selected in the Queensland Team.

Met East Rugby League representatives

Congratulations to Lorenzo and Joshua on their selection in the Met East Rugby League Team. The boys will now play in the Queensland State Rugby League Championships for the opportunity to be selected in the Queensland Team.

Logan District Interschool Sport

Congratulations to the following teams on going through to the Metropolitan Finals:

- Yr8, 9 & Open Girls Touch Football
- Yr8, 9 & Open Girls Basketball

Winter Season of Interschool Sport

Over the next couple of weeks students will have the opportunity to trial for the following interschool sports:

MIXED TOUCH
BOYS SOCCER
BOYS BASKETBALL
GIRLS VOLLYBALL
GIRLS NETBALL
GIRLS FUTSAL
BOYS RUGBY LEAGUE



If students wish to play interschool sport, parents are reminded that there is an associated cost of \$35 and this money will need to be paid by the due date. If your students is successful in gaining selection in an interschool sport team then they will bring a form home to you outlining all the details.

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 Staffroom 4 or results can be emailed to: swrig69@eq.edu.au

Simon Wright - HOD HPE & Sports Director

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