Woodburn Public School

Week 2 Term 3       Wednesday 23 July 2014

For Your Diary

Week 2 21 - 25 July
Thurs Rnd 3 Boys Touch Footy @ Goonellabah

Week 3 28 July - 1 Aug
Sun Kindy 2015 Arvo
Mon No canteen today
Mon Minyumai Excursion $5:00
Thurs Parent Workshop
Fri District Athletics @ Alstonville

Next P & C Meeting
Monday 28 July @ 6:30pm

Shane’s Simplicities......

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Teachers are conducting parent-teacher interviews this week as a means of communicating student progress and attitudes toward school work as demonstrated so far this year. Students who have the support of both parents and teachers toward their learning often do better at school than those who have less support. Thank you to the families who have arranged to meet with your child’s teacher this week to discuss progress across semester 1 and to identify direction for further progress across semester 2.

If you have not yet arranged a meeting but are still interested please contact the school so further arrangements can be made. This year staff have tried to be more flexible in meeting the needs of parents through a fairly broad range of available times. We understand though that this can still be an obstacle and if this is the case teachers will try and accommodate additional needs.

Active After Schools Program

This program will again run in Term 3, with cricket being offered of a Wednesday afternoon commencing next week (Week 3 - July 30). Touch football (mod-league) will be the other sport on offer but final arrangements are still being made. These sessions will hopefully be of a Tuesday afternoon and are likely to commence in Week 4 - August 5.

An expression of interest is being sent home and needs to be returned to school as soon as possible. Sessions are limited to 16 students and remain free of charge. I understand that parents wishing to be actively involved in the cricket sessions are likely to be very welcome.

As these sessions remain free to students who wish to participate we continue to expect high standards of behaviour and participation. Students who are not really

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"Friendship is always a sweet responsibility, never an opportunity"

-Khalil Gibran
interested in participating in any sports may be best inclined to leave these places for students who are willing to get in and have a go. These sessions are NOT competitive sessions, but rather opportunities for students to learn some new skills and become aware of new sporting experiences. I look forward to seeing students actively engaged in these sessions throughout the term.

**National Tree Day Activities**

This week students from all classes have been involved with the planting of some birds nest ferns in the garden adjoining the seated area of our school's playground. The area is a challenging one for growing plants due to the over growth of trees. We hope that these new plants will enjoy the shade provided and flourish to provide a greater level of under growth and ground cover. Congratulations to all students involved.

**NAIDOC Day Events**

**Minyumai Excursion**

Next Monday students will be participating in an excursion to Minyumai. 'Minyumai' is a 2,750 ha property near Jerusalem Creek and Black Rocks in Bundjalung National Park. It is now an Indigenous Protected Area. Its vast areas of native bushland are owned and managed by Bandjalang custodians on behalf of the Bandjalang clan to develop employment enterprises for Bandjalang people, reinforce our unique culture, and look after the area's abundant native wildlife. This excursion is aimed at fostering an enhanced understanding and appreciation of the cultural heritage of the area in which we live. Tomorrow (Thursday 24 July) is the final day for permission notes and payments to be made for this excursion.

Until next week....

**Premier’s Spelling Bee**

It is that time of year again when we ask for students who want to participate in the Premier’s Spelling Bee. This year it turns 10. Students who have put their name forward will receive a list of words to learn and have access to the fully annotated list on the department’s website. The school spell-off date will be in mid-August.

Tracey Tebbutt
Spelling Coach

**Student Banking**

School Banking is on each Friday morning. If you haven’t opened an account and would like to, please drop into the office.

Lyn Blake
COORDINATOR

**Uniforms**

NEW Hooded Jumpers now in stock - $25 ea, sizes 6 - 16 available. Small & medium adult size school shirts have arrived - these are $20 each.

Kim Skaines
UNIFORM COORDINATOR

**Community Stuff**

**Playgroup at Woodburn Public School**

Every Thursday (during school terms) from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Come along for a fun morning. We have a great facility with plenty of toys and games. It’s very informal - a chat and morning tea while the kids play. It's open to Mums, Dads, Grandmas, Grandpas and Carers.
Amy Gabriel & Candice Gifford Photography

are offering families of Woodburn Public school a special deal on our packages. Get a 20% discount simply by liking our page on facebook and giving this code when you message us for a quote (code WPS).

Live Life Well at School

Can Breakfast Make Kids Smarter?

Last year the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing published findings from their research that says it does. The research found that children who regularly have breakfast on a near-daily basis had significantly higher full scale, verbal, and performance IQ test scores.

Why? After a whole night of fasting, breakfast serves as a means to supply “fuel” to the brain. Meanwhile, social interaction at breakfast time with others may promote brain development. Mealtime discussions may facilitate cognitive development by offering children the opportunity to expand their vocabulary, practice synthesizing and comprehending stories, and acquire general knowledge, noted the authors.

So the advice is eat breakfast - it may make you smarter. http://www.nursing.upenn.edu/sia/Pages/Can-Breakfast-Make-Kids-Smarter.aspx

Parent Workshop–Phonics Unpacked

We encourage all parents to attend a parent workshop being held here at the school during Education Week. Teachers will unpack the teaching of phonics at our school and give you practical hints on how to help your child acquire the skills necessary for reading and spelling at home.

Date: Thursday 31st July, 2014
Time: 3:30pm
Location: Library

The workshop will run for approximately 45 minutes. The whole school approaches to teaching reading and spelling will be discussed and an opportunity for questions and discussion will be provided.

Please complete the attendance slip and return it to your classroom teacher for catering purposes by Tuesday July 29th, 2014
Hope to see you all there.

Rebecca Mander

Jeans for Genes Day

SRC News Friday the 1st August is Jeans for Genes. This is the day we wear our jeans and bring in a gold coin donation to support this worthy cause. There will be an overall raffle prize of a J4G item.

Tracey Tebbutt
SRC Patron

Active After Schools

My Child/children _____________________________________________________________
would love to participate in the Active After Schools Program.

The preferred day is:

Tuesday 3:25pm 4:25pm Touch Football (mod-league)
Wednesday 3:25pm 4:25pm Cricket

My contact details are ___________________________________________________________

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________
**Canteen Roster**

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**STOP PRESS: FULL MENU NOW AVAILABLE ON MONDAYS!**

Special: Yummy Drummies $1 ea
New: Sakata Rice Crackers BBQ Flavour 80c

Hot Food only available at lunch. New prices are now in effect. **REMINDER - BROWN PAPER BAGS ARE 10C EACH IF NOT BROUGHT FROM HOME!** Please have your money securely placed in your lunch bag! Parent Helpers for the next week are in bold. Thanks for your ongoing help - we really appreciate you! If you cannot make it on your rostered day it is up to you to find a replacement. Any ideas for canteen PLEASE come along to our next P & C Meeting!