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From The Principals

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Deborah Hanson - Executive Principal

Dear Community,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family in good health and high spirits. It's always a pleasure to connect with you and discuss matters pertaining to your child's education. In this article, I would like to highlight a crucial factor that greatly contributes to your child's success in school – parent collaboration with school staff.

When parents and schools work together as a team, it forms a powerful partnership that is aimed at maximising student achievement. Research shows that students whose parents are actively engaged in their education tend to have better academic outcomes, higher self-confidence, and greater social skills. Here are some of the benefits of parent collaboration with school staff that I'd like to emphasise.

Enhanced Communication: Regular and open communication between parents and school staff is vital in fostering a supportive learning environment. By staying informed about your child's progress, activities, and upcoming events, you can provide valuable support at home. Also, teachers can gain insights into your child's interests, strengths, and areas of improvement, allowing them to tailor their instruction accordingly. Our Compass platform is a simple way for you to remain connected with the school.

Stronger Relationship Building: Collaborating with school staff opens the door for stronger relationships. Establishing a positive rapport with teachers and administrators helps build trust and fosters a sense of community. When parents actively participate in school events, parent-teacher conferences, and meetings, it sends a powerful message to your child that education is a shared responsibility.

A Holistic Approach to Education: Parents and schools each possess unique perspectives and knowledge regarding a child's development. By collaborating, we can merge these perspectives into a more comprehensive understanding of your child's needs. Parents can share insights into their child's emotional well-being, learning preferences, and home life, while teachers provide valuable academic insights. This collaboration enables us to create a more tailored approach to education, ensuring that your child's individual needs are met.

Expanded Learning Opportunities: Parent involvement is not limited to the classroom. By actively participating in their child's education, parents can create additional learning opportunities beyond the school environment. Whether it's encouraging reading at home, engaging in educational outings, or supporting extracurricular activities, parents can extend the educational experience and enrich their child's learning.

Positive Home-School Connection: When parents are actively involved in their child's education, it sends a powerful message that education is a priority. As a result, children are more likely to develop positive attitudes towards learning and school. They see that their parents value education and support their academic endeavours, which, in turn,

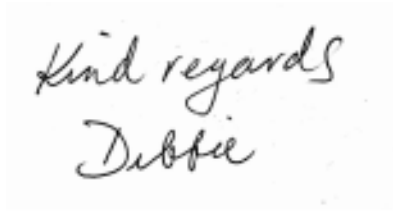
encourages them to take ownership of their learning.

Lasting Impact: Parent collaboration with school staff not only benefits your child in the present but also has a lasting impact on their future. Research consistently shows that children with involved parents are more likely to enrol in higher education and have greater career success. By working together, we can lay a strong foundation for your child's lifelong learning journey.

At Woodcrest, we value the partnership between parents and school staff. We actively encourage your involvement and believe that your support is integral to your child's success. Together, we can ensure that your child receives the best possible education, nurturing their academic, social, and emotional growth.

If you have any questions or need further information about how you can get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way.

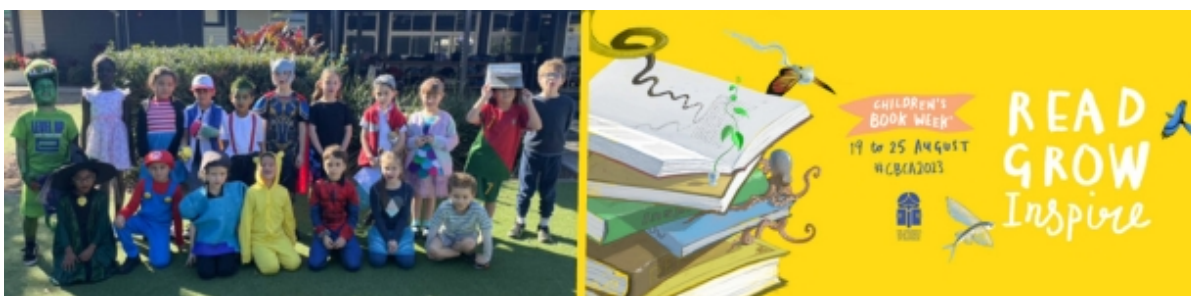
Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to your child's education. We look forward to continuing this journey together.



Kelsey Oakes - Secondary Principal

Diversity Day

On Monday 21st of August the Secondary Campus celebrated Diversity Day. Across the day the secondary campus hosted a range of activities and workshops for students to acknowledge and celebrate the cultures that make up our school. The main event was the Diversity Day concert. This was a showcase which celebrated language, cultural dress, song and dance. Our students with the support of staff put together an amazing performance. Congratulations to everyone involved. In particular a big thank you to the Student Representative Council for their hard work and dedication and to the staff who committed countless hours to ensuring a wonderful event. Ms Vanderyt, Ms Brown, Ms Kurtic, Ms Srpak, and Ms Cooper should be acknowledged and thanked for their contributions. A huge thank you also to the parents and community members who supported our Diversity Day concert with your attendance and involvement.



Book Week

This term we had some fun celebrating Book Week along with our primary counterparts. This was a wonderful way to bring together staff and students across P – 12 and celebrate the importance and joy of reading. Thank you to Mrs Elphick who coordinated the Secondary Campus competitions and displays for students.

Springfield Festival of Learning

During the first week of September, staff and students participated in the biannual Springfield Festival of Learning. On Friday 1st September, the Festival of Learning began with teaching staff involved in a professional learning day. Our keynote speaker was Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, one of Australia's highest profile psychologists, who specialises in mental health, families, parenting, children and adolescents. Teachers were treated to an excellent presentation which provided teachers with current information about mental health issues and strategies for support and to promote positive wellbeing.

Our students were then involved in a range of events throughout the Festival of Learning week, including a number of activities hosted at Woodcrest including the Maths Challenge and the Rising Starts concert. The students who were nominated to participate did our school proud, and we had some wonderful success including the following:

1st place in the Secondary Drone Competition

2nd place Esports Mario Challenge

Year 7 Maths Challenge (2nd) and Year 8 Maths Challenge (3rd)

Rising Stars – Aidan Farrow (Year 10) runner up in the Secondary Instrumental competition

A big thank you to all of the teachers involved in organising and supervising Festival of Learning Events. In particular a big thank you to Ms Vanessa Sumner who coordinated a lot of the behind-the-scenes organisation for the events in which our secondary students participated.

Year 12 Academic Reviews

During the past month our Year 12 students undertook their final Academic Review meeting. During the Academic Review students were supported to review their pathway planning, identify any final interventions for QCE attainment and provided support for the QTAC application process. Thank you to all of the parents/carers who attended to support their student's success. Many thanks also to Ms Hackman and the staff involved in this important process.

Term 3 Reporting

Secondary teachers will complete interim reporting for students across Years 7 – 12 for Term 3. These reports will be published after the school holidays. There will be an opportunity for parents to meet with teachers to discuss their child's progress at the Parent-Teacher Interviews scheduled for Thursday 12th October. More information about the Parent-Teacher interviews will be provided after the holidays when reports are published.

Attendance

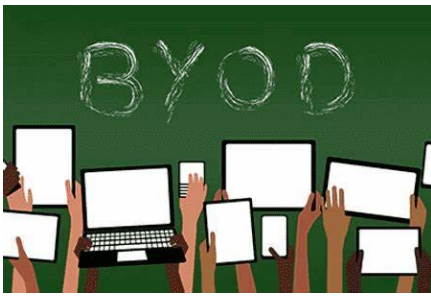
This term the secondary campus continued to acknowledge improvement in attendance with our student rewards program. This included weekly prizes for the roll class with the best or most improved attendance, random prize drawers for students with 100% attendance throughout the week and a part for the HOUSE with the best attendance for semester 1. Students who met our attendance target of 93% and above were also acknowledged with a certificate.

We know that regular attendance is a huge indicator of student success. As students move through high school the learning demands become more complex and therefore significant time off school can result in gaps in student learning and increased risk of disengagement as students find it difficult to access their school work.

In 2023, it is our goal that students maintain a yearly attendance rate of 93% and above. Regular attendance at school is vital for both student academic success and student wellbeing. Consistent attendance ensures students have the opportunity to learn and engage with the curriculum and can participate in classroom discussions, ask questions and receive feedback from teachers. Additionally, consistent attendance is also important for building strong relationships with teachers and peers. Students who develop these relationships will experience a sense of community, social support and friendship. We encourage parents and carers to work with the College to ensure students are maximising their learning each and every day.

Bring Your Own Device

Across the school we are using laptops in most lessons to deliver aspects of the curriculum and students regularly use OneNote as their notebook platform. Additionally, teachers use OneNote to provide course materials and other platforms including electronic textbooks.



If students don't bring their devices, it is like turning up without a pencil case, notebook or textbook. Being ready for learning is the first aspect of our school-wide learning framework. I encourage all students to ensure they are ready for learning every day. Any student needing assistance with onboarding their device is asked to go to the IT window before school or during first break.

Additionally, parents/carers may wish to consider the College loan program to enable their child to access a device. To access the loan program, parents/carers must have agreed to be part of the Student Resource Scheme. For more

information about the Loan Program, please go to the College website or click on the following link:

<https://survey.qed.qld.gov.au/anon/6995.aspx?ver=1421412413>

Parents/Carers Attending the School

A reminder that should your child be required to depart school early for medical appointments the school requires contact from a parent/carer and collection from the Student Services Office where they will be signed out. If you are attending the College for other matters, the expectation is that all visitors including parents/carers sign in through either Student Services or Campus Administration. These services will then contact the relevant staff member upon your arrival. While we understand at times there are emergent matters that need to be attended to, parents and carers are encouraged to contact the school to make appointments to see College staff. Often administration and teaching staff are in meetings before and after school, so meeting requests are essential to ensure parents and carers are afforded the time required to address matters appropriately. Your assistance with these procedures will assist us to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students.

Safe Holidays

Finally, I hope all of our Woodcrest families enjoy some rest and relaxation over the September school holidays. Enjoy the football finals and the lovely spring weather and we look forward to seeing everyone back in term 4.

Kelsey Oakes
Secondary Principal



Primary Principal - Pamela Kondys

Enrolments 2024

We are currently looking at Woodcrest State College's planning needs for the 2024 school year. Part of this planning is considering the number of students we will have enrolled in the school. If your child is of Prep age for the 2024 school year and you are considering enrolment at Woodcrest State College, can you please let us know your intentions by contacting the school. This is not binding and the catchment area and enrolment requirements still apply.



Festival of LEARNING

Greater Springfield Learning Coalition



Festival of Learning

The primary school hosted two events during the 2023 Festival of Learning. Students from the Springfield Learning Coalition of Schools were invited to participate in a P-2 DIG and a Maths Competition. The maths day hosted roughly 38 teams from various schools in our local area. While our little learners, explored different weather events through hands on, play-based experiences. Students posed wonderings about how clouds and rainbows were formed before conducting research and participating in various investigations.

It was great to see the excitement and engagement among everyone who attended the events.

Celebrating Attendance

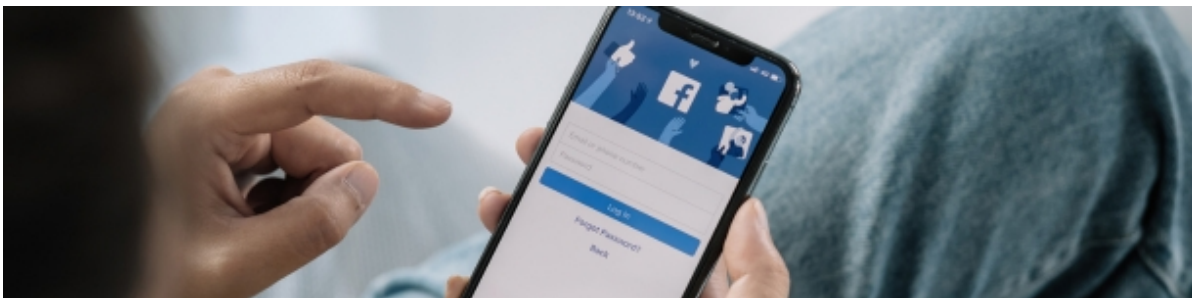
At Woodcrest State College we understand the importance of attendance in ensuring a successful and fulfilling education for your child, and we're excited to announce our new attendance rewards program.

Zooper Doopers for Winning Classes (P-2 and 3-6): Each week, the class with the most improved attendance will be rewarded with Zooper Doopers for every student in that class.

Lucky Draw Prizes - \$5 Canteen Vouchers: Each week, every student with 100% attendance will automatically be entered into a lucky draw. We are offering a \$5 canteen voucher as the prize for one P-2 student and one 3-6 student.

Attendance Certificates: At the end of each term, students who have achieved 93% attendance will receive a certificate acknowledging their outstanding attendance over the term.

Regular attendance is directly linked to academic success, social development, and building good habits for the future. We encourage you to motivate your child to actively participate in this program. Regular attendance is a collective effort involving students, parents, and teachers. By emphasizing the importance of attendance at home, you can play a significant role in your child's educational journey.



Social Media

More and more the consequences of inappropriate use of social media is spilling over into the school yard. More and more often students are coming to school and engaging in unacceptable conduct which then results in school disciplinary absences or suspensions as a result of online interactions.

Parent responsibilities around social media for school-aged children are crucial to ensuring the safety and well-being of their children. Social media is highly pervasive, and children can access it from almost any device. Parents must be cognisant of their child's exposure to social media content, protect their privacy, and educate children on the safe use of social media platforms.

Parents and guardians must monitor their child's social media use regularly. Social media content ranges from age-appropriate to highly explicit, so parents need to track what their children consume. Monitoring also helps prevent cyber-bullying or the posting of content that can harm a child's reputation or lead to harassment or fights at school. Parents should also ensure that their children are not on platforms which are not designed for their age group by making sure they do not create false profiles by changing their birth date.

Caregivers must ensure that their child's private information remains private, including their name, gender, age, and location. Leaking such information to strangers can betray your child's personal data to predatory people known to be online for exploitation.

Parents should educate their children on safe and proper social media behaviour. Teach children the importance of keeping their profiles private or only allowing friends and family to access, how to report suspicious content and people trying to groom them, and warn against sharing any personal data. Encourage them to ask questions and seek help if they encounter concerns they face online or when bullied.

Finally, parents need to monitor and set boundaries in terms of screen use. As much as possible, discourage your child from spending too much time browsing social media. Setting limits and consequences about screen time will significantly impact the use of social media and how students engage in other activities such as socialising with friends and schoolwork.

To ensure a child's safety, parents have the foremost responsibility and must stay vigilant on their child's social media behaviour, protect their privacy, educate children to practice safety techniques, and set boundaries on screen time. Schools can play a part in supporting parents in this responsibility however this tends to be consumed with managing behaviours from activities students engage in online which spill over into the playground in a negative way.

For additional information about online safety and actions to support positive engagement online please refer to www.esafety.gov.au.

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Safe Holidays

Finally, I wishing our school community a break filled with warmth, laughter, and safety. I hope you are able to find time for a little rest and rejuvenation. Have a wonderful break!"

Regards

Pamela Kondys

Primary Principal





Enrolments for 2024

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2024 Enrolments Open

Interviews for Prep 2024 and new families for Year 7 2024 have now commenced. We are still taking applications for 2024. Please remember to complete an enrolment enquiry form through our website to start the enrolment process. Simply visit our website by clicking [here](#).



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2024 Pre-Prep Program - Book Now

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Woodcrest State College Pre-Prep Program

At Woodcrest State College, we recognise the importance of early learning and a smooth and seamless transition into formal schooling. To foster children's readiness for school, Woodcrest offers a series of Pre-Prep transition sessions.

If your child starts Prep in 2024 and you've completed your enrolment already, don't forget to secure your spot in the Pre-Prep Program.
Simply email LittlePossums@woodcrestsc.eq.edu.au

Group A			Group B		
Session 4	Term 4	Tuesday, 17th October 2023	Session 4	Term 4	Thursday, 19th October 2023
Session 5	Term 4	Tuesday, 24th October 2023	Session 5	Term 4	Thursday, 26th October 2023
Session 6	Term 4	Tuesday, 31st October 2023	Session 6	Term 4	Thursday, 2nd November 2023

Group C			Group D		
Session 4	Term 4	Tuesday, 7th November 2023	Session 4	Term 4	Thursday, 9th November 2023
Session 5	Term 4	Tuesday, 14th November 2023	Session 5	Term 4	Thursday, 16th November 2023
Session 6	Term 4	Tuesday, 21st November 2023	Session 6	Term 4	Thursday, 23rd November 2023



All sessions
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Save The Date

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Important Dates to Remember



The countdown is on....with only one term to go, there's a lot of events in the Woodcrest calendar so make sure you save the dates!

OCTOBER 2023

School Holidays - Monday, 18th September to Friday, 29th September

King's Birthday Public Holiday - Monday, 2nd October

Term 4 - Tuesday, 3rd October to Friday, 8th December

Parent/Teacher Interviews (Years 7 to 12) - Thursday, 12th October

Slime Spectacular - Wednesday, 18th October

NOVEMBER 2023

Year 8 Camp - Monday, 30th October to to Wednesday, 1st November

WesTEC Graduation - Monday, 13th November

Year 12 Formal - Wednesday, 15th November

Annual College Awards Night - Thursday, 16th November

Year 12 Graduation & Last Day for Year 12's - Friday, 17th November

Wet & Wild Excursion (Years 10 & 11) - Wednesday, 22nd November

Last Day for Year 10's and Year 11's - Friday, 24th November

Year 6 Graduation - Thursday, 30th November

DECEMBER 2023

Dreamworld Excursion (Years 7, 8 & 9) - Thursday, 7th December

Last Day for Primary Campus and Years 7 to 9 - Friday, 8th December

ATAR Results - Friday, 15th December



From the Guidance Officers

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Hello Parents and Carers,

We are the Guidance Officers within Woodcrest State College. At Woodcrest State College, we work with students and families to support their wellbeing and safety, whilst also determining any barriers a young person may have that is impacting their educational journey.

We can be located within the Primary and Secondary campuses and contact with us is made through the referral process at school.

Over the holidays, your child/ren may access their device more frequently and be more active on their social media platform/s. Supporting your child/ren as they navigate the online world may feel challenging or daunting. A useful (and free!) app endorsed by the e-safety commissioner of the Australian Government is the Beacon: Cyber Safety App.

<https://beacon.telethonkids.org.au/>

The app also offers evidence-based articles and resources for the entire family to engage with.

Rest, relax and rejuvenate and we will see you all in Term 4.

From,

Catherine and Emina



From The Sustainability Team

2023 Gardening Competition



A large group of our gardening students have been working hard to get their gardens ready for the 2023 Garden Competition. The students grew a variety of delicious produce including lettuce, spinach, beans and carrots. They were very excited to be judged by both our Executive Principal Debbie Hansen and Primary Principal, Pamela Kondys. The students are eagerly waiting to find out the results at the end of term assembly. We would like to congratulate all of our wonderful gardeners for persevering and working independently to create such amazing gardens!



School Holiday Activities

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There are a number of fun activities taking place over the school holidays. Why not get the family involved! For more information, visit the Ipswich Community Youth Service website [here](#).



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Beyond the Broncos

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Photo L to R - Romy Teitzel (BTB Facilitator), Penny Srpak (Woodcrest State College CEC), Rendy Mam-Gibuna (Woodcrest State College BTB Support Officer), Kyras, Ethan and Justin Hodges (BTB Facilitator).

The **2023 Beyond the Broncos Year 12 Graduation Ceremony** was held at Suncorp Stadium on the 14th of September. Our BTB participants, Kyras and Ethan were recognised for their success and achievements for completing 12 years of schooling. Congratulations Kyras and Ethan.

Learn more about the Beyond The Broncos Program [here](#). You also contact Ms Penny Srpak via email psrpa0@eq.edu.au



Out and About - AFL Blitz Day

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AFL Blitz Day



During Term 3 Woodcrest State College students from Prep to Year 9 had the exciting opportunity to take part in the AFL Blitz program, supported by AFL Queensland coaches, providing our students with an incredible opportunity to immerse themselves in the world of Australian Rules Football (AFL).

The primary goal of the AFL Blitz program was to foster active participation in AFL among students of all skill levels. Whether they were seasoned footy fans or complete beginners, our students had the chance to dive in to the sport and explore its many facets.

We are delighted to report that our students have not only gained valuable knowledge about AFL but have also developed the confidence to actively participate in physical activities. This newfound confidence extends beyond the footy field and contributes positively to their overall well-being.

At Woodcrest State College, we believe that promoting good health within our community is essential. The AFL Blitz program served as a fantastic platform by exposing our students to the benefit so of an active lifestyle and fostering a passion for AFL, we hope to inspire a culture of health and wellbeing that extends beyond our school gates.

We would like to express a big thank you to AFL Queensland and the Brisbane Lions Woman’s players who dedicated their time and expertise to make this program a resounding success. As we move forward, we encourage our students to continue to stay active, and inspire their peers and the community to join them in the pursuit of good health.

AFLW players Nat Grider and Dakota Davidson.



2023 Festival of Learning

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The Greater Springfield Learning Coalition Song



A Week to Remember!

It is thrilling to report on the exciting events that took place during our recent Festival of Learning, which unfolded during week nine of this term. The Festival Of Learning was a resounding success, thanks to the incredible participation and enthusiasm of our high school students.

[The Greater Springfield Learning Coalition](#) initiative offered a diverse range of activities, catering to various interests and talents. Students had the unique opportunity to collaborate with top song creator Josh Arnold in crafting the 2023 coalition song, showcasing their creativity and musical skills.

From the electrifying **Hip Hop dance performances** to the mind-bending **Maths Team Challenge** hosted by Woodcrest State College, our students rose to the occasion. They demonstrated exceptional teamwork and problem-solving abilities, securing second and third place in the Math Team Challenge.

Drones took centre stage as students competed in the **Drones competition**, ultimately clinching the first-place spot. This victory highlights their technical prowess and innovation in robotics.

In the realm of technology, our students showcased their coding talents in the EdTec Jr Engineers programming and cyber safety course. Their strong performance underscored their advanced skills in this ever-evolving field.

At the **"Thinking Theatre"** sessions, students had the privilege of listening to experts predict the future of health, education, and AI over the next two decades. These insights sparked curiosity and inspired our students to contemplate the exciting possibilities ahead.

Esports enthusiasts gathered for the highly anticipated **Esport championship**, securing a high place in the Mario Kart Esports competition. Their dedication and sportsmanship were truly commendable.

The week also included a special training session with some of the coaches from the Brisbane Lions, giving our students valuable insights into the world of professional sports.

Our students' ingenuity was on full display during the Lego Smart Creators Day, run by previous Lego Master champions. At the **Rising Stars Arts Performance** hosted by Woodcrest State College, students showcased their amazing talents to the community.

We are incredibly proud of our secondary students for their exceptional enthusiasm and active participation throughout the Festival of Learning. Their dedication to learning and competition yielded impressive results, highlighting their well-rounded skills and talents:

Second place in the Mario Esports competition

Second and third place in the Maths Team Challenge

First place in the Drones competition

Strong performance in the cyber coding event, showcasing advanced skills

Congratulations to all the students who participated in this year's Festival of Learning. Their accomplishments are a testament to your hard work and dedication. We look forward to more exciting opportunities for growth and learning in the future!

Vanessa Sumner
Secondary Teacher

Check out photos from the Festival of Learning on our [Facebook](#) page!



ESports Update

Four Woodcrest students participated in the recent Mario Kart competition held at Springfield Central State School – **Siwon, Gavin, Gabriel and Aleksander**. The day started off with some warm ups, giving all students a chance to get into the groove as well as being able to scope out the competition.

Round 1 then kicked off with each student being allocated driver numbers and then allocated a draw and the top 3 from each round progressing into round 2. Students were allowed to choose their characters, but had to use stock cars to keep things fair. After some tight racing Siwon, Gabriel and Aleksander managed to do enough to get through.

Round 2 mixed things up with a time trial event where each student's fastest lap would be counted and the top 16 students would again progress. Alekzander managed to get the fastest lap out of all competitors, with some exciting use of his boost and knowledge of the course. Siwon also managed to make it into the top 16. With a number of students no longer competing, they were involved in some Mario Kart Bingo, working together to identify situations (e.g. Mario winning the race with 10 coins). Kevin did an excellent job helping team Woodcrest tick off a lot of these.

After some time to break and stretch (and eat some popcorn kindly provided by SCSS!), things started to heat up in round 3 with the final 16 broken up into four groups and only the winner earning a place in the grand final. Siwon fought hard, but unfortunately came up short. Despite some close competition, Alekzander managed to get through to the grand final undefeated and on maximum points.

On the big stage, on the big screen, with all competitors watching, two students from TSAC, one from Springfield Central and our very own Alekzander took their chairs and from the first countdown hearts were racing. In race 1 the lead changed multiple times with Alekzander managing to pull off some smooth moves to take the win. Race 2 started off well, but then shell after shell seemed to constantly find Alekzander's cart, and while he fought hard to make up the distance, the damage was done. Race 3 Alekzander had to shake off the frustration of the previous race and managed to show some great knowledge of the track to finish in the top 3. Race 4, the final race and Alekzander really needed a miracle to make up the points difference. Again, this was another tight race between Woodcrest and TSAC with TSAC managing to get first and Alekzander coming in a very, very close 2nd. Overall, Alekzander managed to come in at a very respectable 2nd place with TSAC taking the winner's trophy. As a consolation prize, Woodcrest did win the overall bingo competition, so at least we didn't leave entirely empty handed.

At the end of the day, while we didn't take the win, our group were constantly supportive not only of their team mates, but towards the other competitors. It was a great chance to meet some new people and have some friendly competition. Hopefully we can get some more competitions running soon!

Jeremy Schultz
Secondary Teacher



Maths Team Challenge (Year 7 & 8)

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It's a Numbers Game!



Fifteen Woodcrest students from grades 7 and 8 participated in this year's Greater Springfield Learning Coalition Festival of Learning Maths Teams Challenge. The competition was held on the 5th September 2023 at Woodcrest State College (Primary School). 38 teams from local schools competed in various maths challenges. **The Woodcrest Year 7 team tied 2nd place and the Year 8 team achieved 3rd place in their division.** The students enjoyed an

afternoon full of fun mathematics group activities.

The school would like to congratulate all participants for proudly representing Woodcrest State College.

7A (Tied 2nd place)

Anuman
Kavin
Luka
Leon
Hayden

G

Elissa
Rhianna
Jayden
Seth
Sonny

8A (3rd Place winners)

Alekzander
Blayde
Tasnim
Angella
Vidhyanth

If your child would like to participate in the next Maths Team Challenge, please talk to your mathematics teacher for more information. All students will receive their certificate in due course.

Mr Viet Hoang

HOD Mathematics (Secondary)

See more photos on our [Facebook](#) page.



Year 6 Camp

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The Year 6 camp at Lennox Heads Beach Camp was an unforgettable adventure that left a lasting impact on all the students. Nestled along the pristine coastline of New South Wales, this camp provided a perfect backdrop for three days of outdoor learning, team building, and personal growth.

The campsite itself was a haven of natural beauty, with golden sands stretching for miles. Students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in their natural environment through activities like Beachcombing, Body Boarding, Giant SUP and Raft Building.

Team building activities were a cornerstone of the camp, helping students forge strong bonds and develop essential life skills. From challenging obstacle courses to trust-building exercises, everyone learned the importance of communication, collaboration, and problem-solving.

Overall, the Year 6 camp at Lennox Heads was a transformative experience. It brought students closer to nature, taught them the value of teamwork, and created memories that will last a lifetime.

Adam Farinazzo
Deputy Principal
Years 3-6

See more photos on our [Facebook](#) page.



R U OK Day

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On Thursday 14th September, we recognised and spread the message of R U OK Day throughout the school holding stalls at the Primary School during 1st Break and the Secondary School during 2nd Break. Social Worker, Ingrid Flanagan, and Youth Support Coordinator, Kim Ezzy, spread the message of R U OK Day through a duck guessing competition, emotions rocks, word searches and talking about the 4 steps in asking R U OK?

Many staff also joined us in wearing yellow and the library staff created an amazing mural for passing students to enjoy.

Whilst we recognise that R U OK Day is just once a year, we hope that these stalls will encourage students to ask those around them R U OK throughout the year ongoing.

Stay connected and learn more [here](#).



FISAF Australia

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The Federation of International Sport Aerobics & Fitness (FISAF Australia)

With tryouts being held in term 4 for FISAF, it is important to familiarise yourself with the commitments that come along with a student earning a place on a team. If successful in earning a place on a team, you are agreeing that your student is able to uphold each of these commitments. FISAF is a competitive team sport, so it is therefore necessary to field teams with dedicated members only.

If you have any questions about the 2024 program, you can contact Ms Weise hwedg2@eq.edu.au.

Check out the photos from the National Championships in September on our [Facebook](#) page!



YMCA OSHC

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School Holiday Fun

YMCA Vacation Care Bookings are Open!

Please make bookings via the My Family Lounge App or contact Sam for bookings and enrolments at: awc@ymcabrisbane.org

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Little Possums Playgroup

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Little Possums Playgroup

Monday and Friday

9:15-10:45am

in the

Community Hub

We would love to see
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Little Possums Playgroup is held on Monday and Friday mornings from 9:15 – 10:45am in the Community Hub Building. Each week we welcome children, ranging in age from birth to 5 years, along with their parent/s or carers. This is a great opportunity for all involved to make new friends, listen to a story, sing songs, do some craft activities and share morning tea. As we continue to build strong ties with the community, we hope this program will provide parents with greater confidence and connection to our College, thus providing a smooth transition into formal schooling.

Children's social and emotional, gross and fine motor and communication skills are all considered in the fun and free flowing play-based program. Woodcrest Little Possums Playgroup is affiliated with Play Matters allowing parents to interact with their child and other parents in a nurturing and safe space within the school environment that fosters growth and learning. The program involves art and craft, construction, singing and also story telling time which develops not only a love of books and reading at an early age, but also develops social, literacy and pre-reading skills.

When: Monday & Friday (starting back after the school holidays on Friday 6th October)

Time: 9:15am – 10:45am

Where: Woodcrest Primary Community Building (Out of School Hours Building) - Primary Campus

Cost: Free, casual commitment through the school term only

Registration: Registration through Play Matters can be completed on arrival, no need to pre-book (This registration is free)

What to bring: A piece of fruit or healthy morning tea, water bottle and hat



Interested in becoming a part of the P&C Executive Committee?

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Our P&C Association is short by at least one executive member and to be sustainable into 2024 and beyond, we need some extra help! The benefits of becoming a member of the Executive Committee include:

Leadership Experience: By leading the club, you'll develop leadership skill through managing a team, planning and running events, and communicating with effectively with members, sponsors, and school staff.

Networking Opportunities: You'll have the chance to meet and work with other parents and faculty members. These connections can even be useful for future job searches.

CV Booster: This is a great way to make your resume stand out. It shows your commitment to your interests, leadership abilities, and ability to handle multiple responsibilities.

Personal Development: Joining a P&C association can be a fun way to explore new interests and meet new people. As an exec member, you'll help shape the P&C and be a part of its success. This experience can be both challenging and rewarding.

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