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From the Principal - Executive

Dear parents, friends and students,

As the semester draws to a close the college activities have far from slowed down. This week we had over 600 primary students from Woodcrest, Camira, Carole Park and Springfield Lakes attend the Year 5 and 6 Big Day Outs. This was an opportunity for senior primary students from the local area to have a taste of what high school is like and experience a range of activities. Staff from those schools also had time together to work with our Head of English and Head of Teaching and Learning in order to collaborate on curriculum and transition issues for students from all schools going forward as we prepare primary students for the move to secondary. It's just another way that Woodcrest engages with the wider community for the benefit of students. A big shout out to the P&C for the sausage sizzle put on to support the days. In the cooler weather we have been having, it was well received.

The Under 8s Day was also a marvellous success and the students, parents and staff all seemed to be very happy with the range of activities that were on offer. It was a great day and put together very well by the primary staff.

Once again, I would like to thank the community for the support of the college as we, like all other schools and businesses have experienced staff shortages during the first 6 months of the year. Your understanding of the circumstances that have impacted on our ability to fully staff the school is appreciated.

Ash Barty Breakfast

Two weeks ago, school captain Chloe Skornsek and I attended a breakfast with Ash Barty at the Brookwater Golf Club. Along with the 10 other schools in the local area, the event hosted by the Springfield City Group was an opportunity to hear from this amazing young woman about the challenges and mindset it takes to become the best at what you do. For all of her world travel and success in tennis, Ash remains very grounded and this is a great reflection on the way her family raised and the importance of family support in everything you do. It was a wonderful and inspirational morning and a great opportunity for all of the Springfield schools.



Continuation of extended school cleaning hours

The additional [cleaning hours for schools](#) that have been in place throughout the pandemic, have been extended into Term 3, 2022. These increased cleaning hours are over and above the school cleaning allocation taking account of site or building difficulty factors. This means we continue to have high touch areas, such as door handles and rails being sanitised every day, which enhances the hygiene of the college.

Budget announcements for Woodcrest

This week's budget announcements have been positive for Woodcrest. WestEC Trade Training Centre will get a \$3.4 million hospital ward built onsite for training purposes in the health and health admin fields. Once this is up and running, in 2023 we should be able to offer approximately 650 places across 14 vocational courses for students from the 6 partners schools.

We will also get a \$2.2 million upgrade for the manual arts facilities to upgrade these to an industry standard. I would like to acknowledge our local member Charis Mullen for her support of our students and advocacy for our college through these upgrades.

Regards,

Jeff Jones
Executive Principal



Japanese

It's been a very busy end of term in Japanese! Students have been relieved to finish assessment and wind down with some fun cultural activities. The Year 7s looked at the history of sushi and different types of sushi. They then created their own Sushi Shops with lollies. The voting process for most creative sushi was very competitive!

Year 9 and 10 students rounded out their Homestay-themed unit by exploring Japanese school lunches and lunch boxes. We certainly have some very creative students!

In Japanese club, the students prepared for Tanabata (Festival of the Stars) which is on July 7 by writing their wishes for the future and decorating the large lilly pilly tree in front of the Japanese block with wish cards and kirigami. All students are welcome to attend Japanese club on Mondays between 3-4. See the schedule posted in M6 for details about which weeks the club is on and what activities are coming up.



From the Principal - Primary

Semester 1 is over already with most agreeing that it was a semester like none before. Despite all of the interruptions to attendance of students and staff we have endured and shown tremendous resilience to get through to the end. It has been a priority to ensure we were able to conduct as many events and programs as possible rather than simply call everything off and admit defeat. I sincerely give my thanks to students, parents and staff for your patience and understanding and for your support. It was wonderful to see families once again back at school functions and events and I look forward to more involvement in Semester 2.

Attendance

Attendance figures are down due to the high rates of illness, but we are still trying to ensure everything is done to maximise student attendance. We have started reporting weekly attendance figures to class teachers with the expectations to encourage higher levels of student attendance. At some point next semester, we aim to make attendance part of a reinvigorated school house competition and revive the rivalry between houses as well as grow some inter-class and year level competition around attendance rates.

Primary School Opening Hours

Families are reminded that our school opens to students at 8:30am each school day with the P-2 precinct gates opening at 8:40am. Prior to this time, students should wait at the front entrance area of the school. Supervision of students occurs after 8:30am and students need to come to their class meeting points and sit and wait in this area until their teacher arrives at 8:50am. This is not a time to play or run around.

Families needing to drop students off earlier than 8:30am, need to enquire with Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) to place students in their care to ensure their safety and supervision. In Term 3, administration will be contacting parents of students arriving early to school. The safety of students is important and we ask for your support in this matter.

Reports

Semester 1 reports for primary students will go out to parents after the June/July Break.

Facilities

The painting of buildings is almost complete and has certainly freshened up the appearance of the buildings in primary, especially the demountable buildings. The sustainable water saving garden beds will be installed over the holiday break making great use of the \$35 000 grant received. Some water tanks and refurbishment and relocation of old existing garden beds will also occur.

Our sustainability group has been in full swing ensuring the recycle bins are all around the primary with the collection of food scraps for the worm garden beds, recyclable paper and cardboard and the collection of 10 cent containers. Students are taking responsibility for sustainable practices in our college and raising funds for doing so.

Shop for Schools - Final Week

The Shop for Schools promotion at Orion Shopping Centre will finish at the end of June. Please continue to upload receipts to Woodcrest SC in this final week of June. We would love to get a share of the \$5000 prize money available.

Easter Egg Promotion

I received notification this week that Woodcrest SC won the vote for the Easter Egg promotion at Orion Shopping Centre and we will receive \$500 as a result of Woodcrest families voting for us. Thank you all for your support.

GALA Sports Results

A big thank you to the coaches for their work with our Gala sports teams this term in Netball, Soccer and Rugby League. Thank you also to our students for their great sportsmanship and effort and to parents for coming to spectate. A number of our teams took out premierships as listed below. Congratulation to these teams.

Premiers:

- Intermediate A Netball
- Junior A Netball
- Under 10 Years Rugby League
- Junior B Boys Soccer

Under 8's Day

An awesome day was had on Tuesday morning as we celebrated Under 8's Day. A big thank you to Sam Buckley and Rebecca Rumsey for organising the event, all the staff who ran the various activities, senior primary and secondary students for their help and to all the families who came to participate. The weather was fantastic and the kids had a tonne of fun. Check out the video on Facebook.

Big Day Out

Our Year 5 and Year 6 students were given a taste of secondary school during the Big Day Out activities provided on Wednesday (Year 6) and Thursday (Year 5). Students from other feeder primary schools also took part and were provided activities including cooking, manual arts, science, The Arts and a tour of WesTec. Students were also given a question answer session about life at high school. Thank you to our secondary staff for making this experience possible and in supporting the transition to high school for the students in Springfield.

Primary Sports Carnivals - Athletics

The primary sports carnival was postponed to the start of Term 3 given the high rates of illness and weather uncertainty. Students wanting to compete at the next level of competition have been trialling during PE lessons and lunch times in order to meet the regional timelines. All students will now be able to participate in our school carnivals which are spread over three days in Week 2 Term 3. Another opportunity for families to be involved in school life so come and cheer your kids on.

Date	Year	Time
Tuesday 19 July	Prep – Year 1	9:00am – 11:00am
	Year 2	11:40am -1:10pm
Wednesday 20 July	Year 3 and 4	9:00am – 1:10pm
Thursday 21 July	Year 5 and 6	9:00am – 1:10pm

Staffing

We welcomed back Mrs Brittany Munt from leave in Week 8. Mrs Munt has slotted into an inclusion role to support recent vacancies in this area. Next term Mrs Pip Burns returns from leave and will go back onto the current 6J class which has been taken by Mrs Anna Jacob in Semester 1. Thank you Mrs Jacob for working with the Year 6 class. Mrs Jacob will be supporting with internal relief next term.

Regards,

Peter Lund

Principal of Primary School



Gala Day



Girls Junior A and Intermediate A netball - Premiers of The Greater Springfield Primary School Sport Gala Day.

Junior Boys Soccer - Premiers of The Greater Springfield Primary School Sport Gala Day.

10 years Rugby League - Premiers of The Greater Springfield Primary School Sport Gala Day.

From the Principal - Secondary

As the term ends, I'd like to thank the staff and students for a tremendous semester. While it hasn't been one without its challenges, as we continue to manage the impacts of COVID and illness on the daily operations of school life, our staff and students have remained resilient and worked hard to ensure positive learning outcomes were achieved.

This semester has seen the return of excursions and sport to our school calendar as well as the re-introduction of camps for students in both Year 7 and 11. We have also been able to run whole school events including our annual colour run and athletics carnival. It's been wonderful to be able to get back to 'normal' this semester and we look forward to the re-introduction of other significant cultural events in our calendar for semester 2.

Staffing News

At the end of the term we will farewell some long serving secondary campus staff members. Notably, Christine Connors who has worked at Woodcrest for over 20 years as a teacher aide. Christine has worked predominantly in our library and has made a significant contribution to ensuring our library is a wonderful resource for our students. We wish Christine all the best for the future.

We also say goodbye to Chris Cant our current A/HPE HOD who will be leaving the Department to take up a new position. Chris is much admired by our students and we wish him all the best and thank him in particular for his work with the AFL Excellence program.

We also farewell Natasha Cowles, Merran Doyle who will be on leave next semester. We wish both these ladies all the best and look forward to seeing them back in the future. We also say farewell and thank you to Roby Allom and thank her for her work in The Arts Department during semester 2.

Next term, we welcome Ms Andrea Field to the College who will take up the position of Deputy Principal in Semester 2. This will see Ms Michelle Hampson return to the role of HOD – The Arts, and Ms Bree Hudson take on the role of Year 7 & 8 Year Level Coordinator. We wish to thank and acknowledge the tremendous work that both Michelle as acting Dean of College and Deputy Principal and Bree as acting HOD – The Arts have undertaken in the past 12 months.

Semester 1 Reporting

It is expected that reports will be emailed to parents on Thursday 14th July. Please note that there will be no end of semester Parent-Teacher interviews. The next round of Parent-Teacher interviews will take place during the middle of Semester 2, most likely after the issuing of Term 3 reports for Years 7 – 10 and end of Unit reports for Year 11 & 12s.

Athletics Carnival

Across this Thursday and Friday, the Secondary Campus held its annual Athletics carnival. A massive thank you to Sports Coordinator Luke Fainges and the HPE staff for their excellent organisation of this event. Both students and staff had a wonderful day.

Year 6 – 7 Big Day Out & Enrolment Talks

Over the past 2 weeks our Junior Secondary Head of Department, Mr Steve Lennon with the support of teachers and teacher aides has been very busy leading a series of enrolment talks and Big Day Out events for prospective Year 5 & 6 students. Students from Woodcrest primary and our partner primary schools attended our Big Day Out events and had a wonderful time exploring our WestEC trade training centre and undertaking a range of learning activities including Manual Arts, Science, Home Economics and much more. When visiting the classrooms, all the students were having a blast. We look forward to welcoming our year 5 & 6 visitors to our school in the future. A huge thank you to Mr Lennon for the tremendous work he has undertaken to lead these events.

Homework Centre

The attendance of students and teachers at Homework Centre across Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays has been tremendous. The work of James Somerville, and the supporting teachers and teacher aides must be acknowledged in ensuring that this program has grown and become very successful. Every week we are seeing more and more students attending to undertake revision, obtain additional support from teachers or work collaboratively with their peers. We will do it all again in semester 2!

Dress Code

Students are reminded to ensure that upon return to school after the holidays that they present to school in full and correct uniform. This includes meeting the dress code in regards to shoes, jewellery and hair presentation. Please refer to the student diary or school website for details of the dress code.

Happy holidays

I wish all of our Woodcrest families and staff all the best for the school holiday period. I hope you enjoy a safe and relaxing holiday. We look forward to seeing you back in semester 2.

Regards,

Kelsey Oakes
Principal of Secondary School



GRIT Celebrations

On Monday this week, WSC secondary students had the opportunity to celebrate their upholding of our school values and community spirit through our Semester 'GRIT Celebration'. Normally held each term (if students meet the goal of 100 GRIT reward points per term), due to a disrupted start to the year the celebration was put off until the end of semester; making it BIGGER and BETTER. In theme of BIG there was giant Jenga and Connect 4, Monster Guess Who and Giant Funnel Pong. Our 'Lawn Games' also included Cornhole, giant quoits, sack races and Dino Egg and Spoon races. The line of badminton nets were a hit as was combat in our laser tag bush battle. As the hour long celebration drew to an end students got to fill their stomachs with pizza. Well done to all students who achieved their 200 GRIT minimum to attend this event and a BIG THANK YOU to all the teachers, administration staff and student helpers who helped support this fun event.

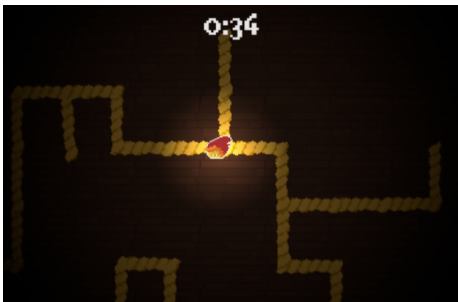
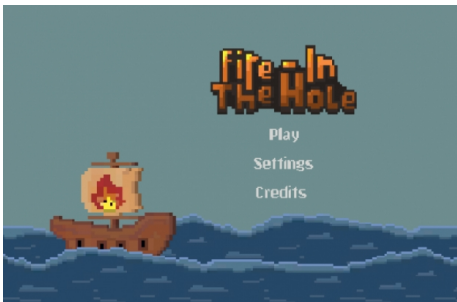


Australian STEM Video Game Challenge 2022

Since its inception in 2014, the Australian STEM Video Game Challenge has engaged with students, teachers, parents and community organisations across Australia, facilitating opportunities for learning and creativity across the four STEM disciplines.

As part of the competition, students are required to design and create a game within a certain theme. In 2022, the theme is “Networks”.

Over semester 1, Mason and Jack from 10A have been meeting each Friday morning to work on their entry to the competition for 2022. They have been working collaboratively by leveraging Mason’s coding skills in Unity and Jack’s artistic skills to design the game environment. We won’t reveal too much just yet, but the students are on track to complete their fully functional game “Fire In The Hole” along with the Game Design Document by the August deadline. Here are some sneak peaks of their work:



Education Pack – Family and Child Connect

This pack contains:

- information that school staff can share with parents about Family and Child Connect and
- information for teachers and other staff who may identify a family that could benefit from additional support.

Prior to making a referral to Family and Child Connect, staff should speak with a delegated staff member, including the principal, deputy principal or guidance officer, about making a referral.


Information for families

Facebook post

When things aren't going to plan, Family and Child Connect can put you in touch with all the support you need to get life moving in the right direction again.

Family and Child Connect services are provided by trusted, local organisations who are experienced in working with families.

To access free, confidential advice:

 Call 13 FAMILY (13 32 64) — access to interpreters available

 Visit familychildconnect.org.au.

Twitter post

When things for your family aren't going to plan, Family and Child Connect can put you in touch with all the support you need to get life moving in the right direction again. For free, confidential advice, call 13 FAMILY (13 32 64) or visit familychildconnect.org.au.

LinkedIn post

When things aren't going to plan for families and they are facing challenges that are difficult to navigate, Family and Child Connect provides free, confidential information, advice and referrals to trusted local organisations. By getting the right support at the right time, they'll be better equipped to address any problem.

If you know a family that needs help, consider a referral to Family and Child Connect.

 Call 13 FAMILY (13 32 64)

 Visit familychildconnect.org.au

Newsletter content

Helping families through life's ups and downs

Family and Child Connect is a free, confidential service that can connect families to the practical support they need to bounce back in tough times. Family and Child Connect can connect you to local services that help with:

- managing your child's behaviour
- building better family relationships
- stopping violence at home
- budgeting and managing money
- alcohol, drug or gambling problems
- accessing housing, health care or other community or government services.

On the 8th of July, the last Friday of school holidays, the uniform shop will be open from 8am-1pm. The uniform shop will also be open the first Monday from 8am - 10am.

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UNIFORM SHOP

NOTICE

SCHOOL HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES

June/July period 2022

Friday, 8th July
between 8-1pm.



In school term times;

Monday 8-10am

Wednesday 2-4pm

Thursday 8-10am

For online ordering please visit wscpc.com.au/onlineordering
Contact us at uniforms@wscpc.com.au

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Well done to our 10A Home Economics class who have now completed their amazing assessment! They had to design and then create a celebration cake as a group. They had to overcome clashing ideas and realisations that the techniques are a little harder than they look in the videos. They have all done a fantastic job!



20 June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Swimming will commence for students in Prep, Years 3 and 5 on Thursday, 11 August in Term 3. Students will undertake lessons at Waterworx Swimming Complex. The lessons are 30 minutes in duration and instruction is by qualified swimming instructors.

Activity Costs:

Cost: \$45

Due Date: Friday 5 August 2022 (no late payments will be accepted)

Activity details:

Term 3	Term 4
Week 5 – Thursday, 11 August	Week 1 – Thursday, 6 October
Week 6 – Thursday, 18 August	Week 2 – Thursday, 13 October
Week 7 – Thursday, 25 August	Week 3 – Thursday, 20 October
Week 8 – Thursday, 1 September	Week 4 – Thursday, 27 October

Students need to:

- Wear appropriate swimming attire
- If hair is longer than 2cm, wear a swimming cap
- Bring a towel and a water proof bag to store wet clothes in

NOTE

- There will be no refunds if your child is absent due to illness as this pays for the pre-organised swimming instructors
- AEROSOL DEODORANT IS NOT PERMITTED

Your child's name may be given to the business visited during this activity in compliance with Queensland Chief Health Officer's Restrictions on Businesses, Activities and Undertakings Direction (No.4) (or its successor).

If you wish for your child to participate in the activity, please complete and return the consent form to the class teacher by Friday 5 August.

For further information about the activity, please contact Michelle Fitzgerald on 3280 2444 or mahsa9@eq.edu.au

Yours sincerely

Michelle Fitzgerald
PE Teacher
Primary School

Peter Lund
Principal
Primary School



20 June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

On Thursday, 28 July, Year 3 students have the opportunity to participate in an excursion to **Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary**.

The aim of the excursion is to provide students with information on observable features of living animals as well as understanding various animals' diets, habitats and survival needs. Students work together in teams and are challenged to identify practical solutions to maintaining a safe haven for the animals.

Australian Curriculum Links

Science Understanding: Living things can be grouped on the basis of observable features and can be distinguished from non-living things.

Science as a Human Endeavour: Science knowledge helps people to understand the effect of their actions.

Activity details:

When: Thursday, 28 July 2022
Where: Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary – **Backyard Explorers show** in class groups
Transport: Bus
Dress Code: Woodcrest State College uniform and hats
Food: Students pack their own lunch and water bottles

Activity Costs:

Cost: \$40.50
Due Date: Friday, 22 July 2022

Please make payment by the due date for your child to attend as late payments will not be accepted.

If you wish for your child to participate in the activity, please complete the consent form and return it to classroom teachers.

Your child's name may be given to the business visited during this activity in compliance with Queensland Chief Health Officer's Restrictions on Businesses, Activities and Undertakings Direction (No.4) (or its successor).

For further information about the activity, please contact Desiree Eltz on delt0@eq.edu.au or contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Stephanie Lumley, Desiree Eltz, Brooke Harvey,
Kirstie Macguire, Karen Rankine
Year 3 Teachers

Peter Lund
Primary Principal
Primary School



7 June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

We are excited to offer Year 9 students the opportunity to attend a two night camp at Kindilan Adventure Camp, Mount Cotton from Monday the 24th of October to Wednesday the 26th of October 2022. Kindilan Adventure Camp specialises in camps which are designed to develop leadership and teamwork skills. Students will be accommodated in cabins and all meals will be provided by the camp provider. Teachers from Woodcrest State College will accompany students on this camp. More information about the location, provider and their programs can be found on the Kindilan website - <http://www.pgladventurecamps.com.au/kindilan/>

Activity details:

- Students will be travelling to and from the venue by coach.
- Students need to meet at the front of the school at 9:00 am on Monday 24th of October.
- We will be returning to Woodcrest State College at approximately 3:30 pm on Wednesday 26th of October.
- A detailed equipment list will be provided closer to the camp date.

Activity Costs:

Total Cost: \$283.50 due Friday 9th September, 2022.
Deposit: \$50.00 due Friday 29th July, 2022
Balance: \$233.50 due Friday 9th September, 2022

To be eligible to attend, the following criteria must be met:

- Agree to participate in the Student Resource Scheme (SRS) 2022 by completing and returning the SRS Participation Form to enrolments@woodcrestsc.eq.edu.au or in person to the secondary attendance window.
- Student must be a financial member of the SRS (statements are emailed at the end of each month)
- Alternatively have a payment plan in place for the SRS and evidence the agreement is being fulfilled.

For enquiries regarding your account or if you require a payment plan, please contact accounts@woodcrestsc.eq.edu.au. If final numbers have been confirmed with the venue, no refunds will be approved.

Your child's name may be given to the business visited during this activity in compliance with Queensland Chief Health Officer's Restrictions on Businesses, Activities and Undertakings Direction (No.4) (or its successor).

For further information about the activity, please contact Sarah Kinniment on 3280 2444 or sckin0@eq.edu.au.

Please return signed permission form to the Year Level Coordinator, Sarah Kinniment.

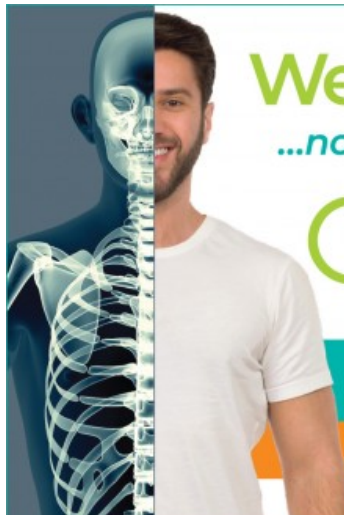
Yours sincerely,



Sarah Kinniment
9/10 Year Level Coordinator
Secondary School



Kelsey Oakes
Principal
Secondary School



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