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From the Principal - Executive

Dear parents, friends and students,

Reconciliation Week and Samoan Language Week

This week marks Reconciliation Week and Samoan Language Week. The Reconciliation Week theme was '*Be Brave, Make Change*' which focused on the successful 1967 referendum 1992 High Court Mabo decision. Both these decisions are significant in the reconciliation journey. The new Prime Minister is also on record as saying the Uluru Statement from the Heart will be adopted, giving a First Nations voice to parliament enshrined in the constitution. This will be a further step towards reconciliation for our nation.

Samoan Language week was also celebrated this week, with dance performances given by both primary and secondary students. This year's theme was '*Fa'aāuāu le Folauga i le Va'a o Tautai - Continue the Voyage with Competent Wayfinders of the Ocean*'. It is one of the great strengths of our college that we have a multicultural student body and celebrate a wide range of cultures throughout the year.

School visits

In what has been a very busy week of collaboration with other schools, we hosted several schools as part of what we call learning walks. This involved a presentation by staff about our explicit improvement agenda and how we go about ensuring quality teaching is occurring at Woodcrest. Our visitors toured parts of the school, stopping into a classroom to look at how English is taught and the use of Bump It Up Walls to aid student improvement. It was a positive opportunity to share the great work that happens all over the campus at the college and it was well received by all.

Watching Others Work

As part of the capacity building of all of our staff, we engage in a process called Watching Others Work (WOW). WOWs are an effective way to learn from highly skilled experienced colleagues across the entire campus and our staff engage in this with a great deal of energy. As mentioned before, our overall focus this year is on Quality Teaching and by engaging in this work we all get better at our jobs, leading to better outcomes for students.

25th Anniversary

The organisation for the 25th anniversary is now well underway with a dedicated group planning for the event on September 10th. We hope to involve as many people as possible in the celebration including former students, staff and college administrators. As we further progress the planning we'll keep you informed of what will be on. In the meantime, let your family members and neighbours know all about it. I'm sure there will be former students who will relish the opportunity to come along and be part of the day.

Regards,



ANZAC Gift

This week the college received a special handmade poppy bowl as a commemorative ANZAC gift from our local member Charis Mullen. The bowl, made by the instructors at the Bellbird Art Centre in Greenbank, is beautifully crafted and creates interest by all who see it. We thank Charis for her continuing interest in our college and for her kind donation.



Sustainability

Our primary sustainability team presented the projects that have been underway in the primary to the college extended executive team yesterday. The team has been very busy with a range of projects including:

- Recycling food scraps for the worm garden beds
- Collecting 10c refundable containers
- Planting native bush tucker trees
- Planning for the new self-watering garden bed project

An enormous amount of planning has gone into the upcoming self-watering garden bed project being funded by a \$35 000 sustainability grant. The project will install new garden beds using a wick system that feeds water to the plants from a water reservoir in the bottom of the bed. Water will be captured from buildings in new rain water tanks to be used in these garden beds. The old existing garden beds will be moved and refurbished adding to the new site. Classes will have access to these garden beds to use in curriculum studies of sustainability, science and HASS.

The possibilities are endless and students will gain many new skills and experiences. Given that sustainability is a such growing industry, students may even develop a desire to plan for a possible future career in this field.

Gala Sports

Students were finally able to compete at various inter-school sports today in netball, rugby league and soccer. The gala sports days were due to start last week, but once again the wet weather impacted on a school event. Nevertheless, our students have been training hard and today represented our college with pride displaying great sportsmanship and skills. It was lovely to see parents once again involved in school events supporting our teams. If all goes well, our students will have two more weeks of competition ahead.

Primary Sports Days - Athletics Carnival Postponed

We have made the decision to postpone the Sports Days scheduled for Week 9 this term to next term. They will now be held Week 2, Term 3:

Tuesday 19th July - Years P-2

Wednesday 20th July - Years 3 and 4

Thursday 21st July - Years 5 and 6.

Nominated 12 year old students who wish to be considered for the school athletics team will still attend the secondary sports day on 22nd and 23rd June (Week 10 Thursday and Friday). They will not be needed for the entire time only for their selected events. 10 and 11 year old students wishing to be selected on the school team will have the opportunity to qualify during P.E classes and at lunchtime events if necessary. More details to come.

Starlab Incursion



Year 5 had the opportunity to attend the Starlab Incursion on Monday. Year 5 have been studying the solar system as part of their science unit and Starlab allowed them to see a presentation similar to what you might see at the planetarium at Mt Cootha. The inflatable dome set up in the hall certainly was able to simulate the night sky complete with stars and constellations. Additionally, animations explored a different look at the planets and our solar system in detail and illustrated the relationship between space exploration and advances in technology giving us many of the modern devices and equipment we use today.

It was of particular interest to me, as I once used the Starlab system to teach students astronomy as a science teacher the 1990s. The advances in the projection system far outweighed the basic projection system and pinhole cylinder I once used to simulate the night sky. The addition of air conditioning, air purifier and exhaust fan also made the modern day Starlab much more comfortable inside the dome filled with students.

Regards,
Peter Lund
Principal of Primary School



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From the Principal - Secondary

Newsletter

Year 11 Camp

This week aspiring Year 11 Leaders headed off to Camp to challenge themselves personally and as a team. Students engaged in a range of outdoor challenges including high and low rope activities. By all accounts students and the teachers who attended had a fantastic time and we have some wonderful school leaders in the making. A massive thank you to Ms Fuata for organising this wonderful opportunity for our students.

Academic Reviews for Year 11

This week our Year 11 students undertake academic review interviews with secondary staff to review their progress to date and discuss their pathway options. These interviews serve as an excellent opportunity to ensure students are on track and appropriate interventions can be put in place for those students who need support. Thank you to all of the students and parents who attended. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and we look forward to watching the continued success of our Year 11 students. Any Year 11 students who took home subject change forms are reminded to return their forms to Ms McAleer at the Secondary Office as a matter of urgency, so that these can be processed before new unit learning commences.

Year 7 – 10 Assessment Calendars & Homework Centre

Please be aware that all students can access their assessment calendar via logging into their OneSchool profile. Students can access this both at home and at school. Over the final weeks of the term students will be finalising assignments and undertaking exams across the curriculum. It is important that students remain resilient during this

time and hand in all their work to maximise their results for the end of semester report. Students wanting additional assistance or tutoring can attend Homework Centre afterschool, Tuesday – Thursday from 3pm to 4pm.

Regards,
Kelsey Oakes
Principal of Secondary School



Year 11 Camp

Our year 11 students returned home yesterday afternoon after spending 3 days at the Maranatha Recreation Camp. Students spent their days building teamwork and leadership skills through exciting activities like high ropes, archery and the TOWER OF TREMBLE! Overall students had an amazing time and enjoyed the activities!



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea



On the 19th May the Primary School staff held their fourth annual Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. The event was held as a cent auction with almost 40 prizes donated by local businesses. Some of the most sort after prizes were lego kits donated by the Dreamworld Lego store, IFly vouchers, New Image Paint and Panel car detailing kit, Brookwater Golf range pass, vouchers for Event Cinemas, Springfield Garden Restaurant, Cafe 63, Springfield butcher, and a gym membership for Waterworx, among many others.

The event was able to successfully raise a fantastic \$1750 donation for the Cancer Council.

We sincerely appreciate all of the local businesses that donated items to our event and supported us to raise this donation.

That's a wrap – Exercise Week

The last week the inaugural running of Exercise Week has been hosted by the student council and the HPE department. Both lunch breaks saw student (and teacher) teams battle it out in different sports. Events included: Monday beep test, Tuesday European handball, Wednesday Basketball, Thursday Volleyball, Friday Netball, Futsal Monday and culminated in dance on Tuesday. It was fantastic to see students of all ages and abilities participating and supporting the events throughout the week and a bit, creating a fantastic atmosphere. As can be seen in the pictures the grandstand in the senior hall was packed both breaks with students supporting and cheering on their fellow Woodcrest classmates. Well done to the student council and Ms Allingham for their hard work in organising and

getting this idea off the ground. Also, well done to the HPE department who officiated and helped in the running of the sports each break. HPE and the council are looking to build on the success of this event, stay tuned to what is on offer for the rest of the term and term 3!

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Reconciliation Week

Woodcrest had a great time celebrating this years Reconciliation Week. Some highlights included our Primary students participating in an Indigenous Yearning Circle and our Secondary students creating a sea of hands which featured unique patterns and positive affirmations



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Under 8's Day

Woodcrest State College will again be holding celebrations for Under 8's Day. The students will be involved in a range of play activities such as balloons tennis, Auskick, bubble blowing and playing on the obstacle course.

Date: Tuesday 21st June

Time: 9:15am - 11am

Location: Prep - Yr 2 Precinct

More detailed information will be released closer to the date.



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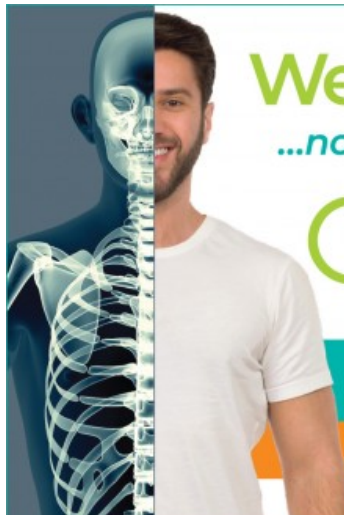
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