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### From the Principal - Executive

Dear parents, friends and students,

Welcome back to the second half of the year. As many of you would know on the last day of the school holidays there was a small fire in the G Block storeroom areas in the primary school. The fire, which started in an archive room, quickly became an issue and several crews from the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services attended the college to put it out and ensure the damage was limited to one room. At the time, Outside Hours Care was in operation and in the hall. Whilst at no time were those children in any danger, the staff responded appropriately and immediately and moved the children to an evacuation site until the all clear was given. Over the course of the weekend the damage was repaired so as to ensure that all areas, except the archive room were operational by Monday morning. Further repairs will occur later in the term.

Later this term the whole staff will be engaging with Thompson Morrison from Innovate Oregon as we continue on our journey of Ingenuity which forms the basis of our inquiry learning approach. Ingenuity which is about active risk taking and ensuring that learner voice is an integral part of our inquiry learning. You may have heard your children talk about DiGs or being part of programs at the Wonderlab, STEAM activities or even our Entrepreneur club. These are all part of creative thinking which we value at Woodcrest.

### 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

In 8 weeks' time, on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of September we will be celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of formal education on this site. The celebrations, which are

planned to go from 10am until 2pm, will showcase many of the different programs and activities that happen here on a weekly basis. Past and present students, staff, parents and community members are all invited to join us and enjoy what Woodcrest has to offer. Save the date and make sure you come along.

### School Opinion Survey

Many of you will have already received this information earlier this week, but in case you missed it, here it is again.

The annual suite of *School Opinion Surveys* will be conducted in this Term and will close on **12 August 2022**. All families, school staff and students in target year levels (5, 6, 8 and 11) will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what our school does well, and how we can improve.

An invitation to complete the *Parent/Caregiver Survey* has been emailed to one parent/caregiver per family this week beginning **11 July**. The invitation was be sent from the Department of Education, not the school, and it has as the subject line *School Opinion Survey for parents and caregivers, 2022*. Check your junk email folders if you can't find it. The survey can be completed as soon as the invitation is received and will take approximately 5 minutes using a computer, tablet or smart phone. Parents/caregivers who do not have access to the internet at home are welcome to complete their survey online at the school. School computers/tablets will be available through the sub school offices.

Thank you in advance for taking some of your time to give us some feedback.

Jeff Jones

Executive Principal



**From The Principal - Secondary**



## **Secondary News**

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope all of our Woodcrest students and their families enjoyed the holiday period. This semester we will continue to focus on improving teaching and learning across the school through the embedding of our RESPECT framework and building our shared capability in regards to assessment literacy.

A focus of our assembly this week was to remind students of the importance of being reading for learning which includes ensuring they know and understand the learning intentions and success criteria of the lesson. It is important that students have their laptop charged and ready for learning and are regularly accessing their class OneNotes to stay up to date with learning material.

I encourage all students to adopt a growth mindset as they embark on the new learning of the semester. It is important for students to realise that if they are not proficient in an aspect of their learning yet, they still can be successful if they continue to remain resilient, engage with feedback and ask questions to improve their knowledge and skills.

I wish all students all the best for the semester ahead.

## **Staffing News**

&Today we farewell Ms Michelle Hampson who will take up a secondment for this semester to Metropolitan Regional Office where she will work as Principal Advisor – Teaching and Learning supporting schools across the region. Ms Hampson has had a significant impact on the Woodcrest community, particularly in her roles as HOD The Arts, Dean of College and most recently Deputy Principal. Ms Hampson is a passionate educator and we will miss her energy and expertise; however, our loss is the system's gain. We wish her all the best in her new role.

## **Semester 1 Reporting**

This week parents and carers should have received their child's Semester 1 Report Card. This report provides information about the academic performance and effort and behaviour of their child across semester 1 in Years 7 – 10 and Units 1 and 3 respectively in Year 11 & 12. After receiving their reports, I encourage students to reflect on their

learning progress. This is an opportunity for students to celebrate their successes and look for opportunities as to how they can continue to improve. Parent – Teacher interviews will take place later in the semester, when we can provide parents/carers with information as to how their child is progressing with the new semester learning. In the meantime, if you do have any questions regarding your child's performance please don't hesitate to contact their teachers or relevant year level Deputy Principal.

## Homework Centre

The attendance of students and teachers at Homework Centre last term was fantastic. The Homework Centre is already back up and running this term. It is run out of the library every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 3pm – 4pm. Students who attend are provided with afternoon tea and the support of teacher aides and teachers offering tuition and homework support. has been tremendous. For more information about the Homework Centre or a permission form to attend, please contact Mr Somerville.

## Dress Code

Students are reminded to ensure 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.

## Attendance

The attendance goal of our College four-year plan is that all students maintain a yearly attendance rate of 93% and above. The research tells us that students who attend school regularly experience better life outcomes, particularly in terms of health and employment. Students who attend school all day, every day: learn better, make friends, are happier and have a brighter future. We appreciate during this pandemic student will fall ill and we ask that you follow the health advice to ensure students stay home when sick. However, unless sick, it is more important than ever that students stay connected and attend school every day to maintain their learning and engagement with school.

# Every day counts

## MOST STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY

It's important that children are at school all day, every day



**OK** reasons to stay home from school



sick



natural disasters



It's **NOT OK** to skip school to shop, sleep in, finish an assignment, go on holidays

## EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS

Missing even 1 day can make a difference

1 day off school each fortnight = Missing more than a year of learning over 12 years



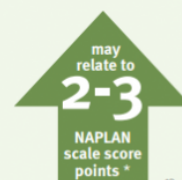
Each day's learning builds on what has been learnt before

Good attendance begins in Prep



It's where good habits begin

## ATTEND ALL DAY, EVERY DAY



\*Based on historical data.

### What parents can do

Promote the importance of school

Get to know the teacher

Go to school events

Read the school newsletter

Be organised at home

Supervise homework

Ask about your child's day

Volunteer to help at school

Get involved in your child's school

For more information

Go to the **Every day counts** website: <https://education.qld.gov.au/initiatives-and-strategies/initiatives/every-day-counts>



## From The Principal - Primary

It has been great to see everyone back after the break ready to take on a new term. COVID is once again an ever-present part of our lives but the resilience shown by all in our community is amazing. Although it is not currently mandatory, we are being encouraged to wear masks again, especially when it is difficult to maintain social distancing. I look forward to a great term ahead.

### Attendance Semester 1 2022

Prep	1	2	3	4	5	6
89%	88%	90%	89%	86%	88%	89%

Our 2022 attendance goal is 92%, but as you can see we are well below that figure and understand that Semester 1 was not conducive to high rates of attendance. It is however an important goal to ensure that Semester 2 attendance rates are better and ask the support from families to ensure their children are getting to school as much as humanly possible and of course, we don't want students coming to school when they are sick. Getting to school on time is equally important as students are missing vital information at the start of the day and classes are interrupted as late students join the group.

We are implementing incentive initiatives to increase student attendance through weekly rewards for individuals and class groups as well as a prize for the class with the best attendance each term.

### Curriculum

Reports have been issued. There are no formal parent/teacher interviews in Term 3, though teachers or parents may request interviews to discuss the Semester 1 Report.

### Facilities

A small fire occurred in the holidays caused by contractors working in the primary archive storeroom. It was contained to this space and facilities are working with the contractor to make good and rectify the damage caused.

### Sustainability



Our sustainability group has installed the self-watering gardens beds in the Prep space and near V Block with two tanks also installed to collect water for the gardens. Students will utilise these gardens to support various curriculum areas and allow students to understand where our food comes from and the various aspects of life cycles, science concepts, the environment and sustainable practices.

## Sports

The primary sports carnivals are occurring this week. Families are welcome to attend.

Tuesday	P-2
Wednesday	3-4
Thursday	5-6

Our Under 10 Rugby League Premiers will compete against other regional premierships teams for the Peter Crowley Regional Shield this Friday 22 July at the Redbank Recreational Reserve.

Swimming for Year Prep, 3, and 5 begins 11 August for 4 weeks then again from 6 October for another 4 weeks.

## Staffing

Mrs Britt Munt has been seconded to Tingalpa SS until the end of this year and we welcome back from leave Mrs Pip Burns to Year 6. Our Year 3-6 deputy, Ms Petra Yager, has been successful in attaining a deputy principal role at the new Ripley primary school and will be leaving us this week. We thank her for all the work and programs she has been part of and she will be missed.

## Woodcrest Pre-Prep

Tea, Talk and Tour evening scheduled for Wednesday 20 July for parents looking to enrol in 2023.

Woodcrest Pre-Prep begins this week with Group A starting today and Group B on Thursday for the next four weeks before Groups C and D have their turn.

## Instrumental Music

Students will be participating in Bandtastic and Boot Camp this week hosted by Woodcrest with students from other local schools attending. Senior Strings camp is occurring next Monday. I look forward to any concerts that will be provided highlighting the hard work that has been done by these students.

Peter Lund

Primary Principal



## Update on Bus Timetables

Message regarding bus timetables -

A number of bus timetables have been reduced from the 11th July until further notice as driver absences are higher than usual at the moment, however school services are being prioritised.

All information about the affected services can be found on the TransLink website (<https://translink.com.au/updates/124826>).

It has been advised that any students who may use these services to replan their journey using the TransLink journey planner (<https://jp.translink.com.au/plan-your.../journey-planner>).

Please check the Bus Queensland website (<https://www.busqld.com.au/westside-term-3-2022-school...>) for any possible changes that may affect school runs.

Thank you for your patience and understanding!

## **Term 3 GRIT Program**

At the end of Semester 2, a Grit Celebration was held to celebrate the hard work of all our GritStar students. The participating students enjoyed a variety of lawn games, laser tag and pizza.

There will be another Grit Celebration in term 3. To be eligible, students need to receive a minimum of 100 Grit points throughout the term. Students can ask for an update of their Grit point tally during roll class.

Here are our top tips for earning Grit points in term 3:

Demonstrate the Woodcrest core values: responsibility, respect, resilience.

Ask your teacher if you can earn some Grit points.

Keep an ear out for the GritStar Point events held at lunchtime for extra points.

We look forward to seeing lots of deserving students at the next celebration!

In the meantime, here are some photos from last terms celebration!



## Celebrating NAIDOC Week

While NAIDOC Week falls during our school holidays (3-10 July), we will be holding NAIDOC Week celebrations over the course of Week 2, Term 3.

The week will begin with a flag raising ceremony for students on Monday. Students will have the opportunity to participate in Indigenous games and activities over the course of the week.

Woodcrest State College is also very excited to welcome our new Community Education Counsellor (CEC), Penny Srpak. Penny will be at WSC on Monday and Tuesday's. The role of the CEC is to provide counselling and support services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to equip them for the development of learning and participation at school.





GET UP!  
STAND UP!  
SHOW UP!

**3-10 JULY 2022**

#### Uniform Shop Opening Hours

*Monday: 8:00am - 10:00am*

*Wednesday: 2:00pm - 4:00pm*

Thursday: 8:00am - 10:00am

## Prep-12 Enrolments



# Woodcrest State College Enrolments Open

At Woodcrest State College we pride ourselves on providing the ultimate learning experience for the needs of the students in the Greater Springfield area.

We offer high academic excellence, state of art facilities  
and Seamless Prep to Year 12 Education.

Visit our website or call our Enrolments Officer for more information.



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@WoodcrestStateCollege



*Limited spaces for Year 1 & 2!*

## 25 Years of Woodcrest

Come join us and celebrate Woodcrest State College 25 Year Celebration!



Saturday 10th September 2022

10:00am - 2:00pm

\* Food Stalls \* Market Stalls \* Jumping Castle \* Workshops \* All day entertainment \*

AND MORE!

RSVP [here](#)

## Just a little reminder

*Please be mindful of the residents around the school during pick up & drop off and when parking.*

## LITTLE POSSUMS PLAYGROUP

Laugh, Learn & Play at Woodcrest Little Possums Playgroup! The program runs every Monday & Friday 9:15am - 10:45am. Playgroup is open to all children 0-5 years.

Do you have a 0-5 year old who would love to join our playgroup? Contact us today at [littlepossums@woodcrestsc.eq.edu.au](mailto:littlepossums@woodcrestsc.eq.edu.au)





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## Services

### EYE TREATMENTS

Eyelash tint	\$5
Eyebrow tint	\$5
Eyebrow wax/shape	\$5
Trio of eye treatments	\$15

### MAKEUP

Day make up	\$5
Evening make up including lashes	\$5
Photographic make up	\$5



For more information or to book an appointment, phone the salon on (07) 3280 2431 (during salon hours).

### SALON OPENING HOURS

Monday and Wednesday 9am - 3pm

EFTPOS only.

Please note that appointment availability is based on our students' training schedules and experience.

Due to instructions from the manufacturing company of products used for this service, for health and safety reasons, it is not available to persons under the age of 16 years.



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*Looking for a new colour for the rest of winter – silver fox not doing it for you anymore? Wanting to remove a mono brow? Look no further than Westec. Prices and list attached – book now and enjoy treatments from our current student cohort – the only way they learn is with practice!*

## The Big Battery Rescue Program



Woodcrest State College were the National Winner of the Big Battery Competition 2021 and received \$2500 for the communities efforts. Woodcrest would once again like to support this initiative by encouraging all families to recycle their batteries. These batteries include home, truck, car, caravan and golf buggy batteries. Primary students can bring them to their classroom & Secondary students can bring them to the Primary Administration office!



An advertisement for CLINRAD. On the left, a man in a white t-shirt is shown from the chest up, with a transparent overlay of his human skeleton. To his right, the text reads: 'We see YOU ...not just your image!' in green and orange. Below this is the 'CLINRAD' logo in green and blue, followed by 'Clinical Radiology Specialists'. Further down, it says 'All procedures BULK BILLED', 'All referrals accepted', and 'Walk-ins welcome'. The address 'Shop 2, 33 Smiths Road Goodna' and phone number '3518 3481' are listed, along with the website 'www.clinrad.com.au'.

An advertisement for ABOUT Specs - ORION. On the left, the text reads: 'ABOUT Specs - ORION', 'Bulk-Billed Eye Tests for all the family', 'Phone: 3470 0888 or Book Online', and 'www.aboutspecs.com.au'. On the right, there is a photo of a young man and woman wearing glasses. Above the photo is a small Facebook logo with the text 'LIKE US ON facebook'.

An advertisement for SCHOOL NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING. At the top, the text 'SCHOOL NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING' is in white on a blue background. Below this, a young girl in a striped shirt and red skirt is holding a large orange pencil. The text 'it works!' is written in orange cursive above the pencil. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for 'austnews ADVERTISING' and a blue button that says 'Click Here'.