



The Magpie

ASPIRING TO BE THE MOST CARING AND ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Key to Success: Getting Along

Issue 1

Habit of the Mind: Playing by the Rules

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome to 2017! A huge thank you for supporting the school to make the start of 2017 very smooth and a positive experience for both children and staff.

Enrolment numbers are always very high on the priority list at this time of year. As is usual, a number of families have moved on during the holidays and the class structure we have started the year with looks right for our enrolments. There will be a census on Friday 17th February and this will be used to determine our funding for 2017, which will be available to schools in March; usually at the end of the month.

Student Safety / Parking on School Grounds A friendly reminder to parents to **NOT** park on the western side of Archer Street, requiring students to cross over Archer Street, as the traffic congestion is very busy at pick up and drop off times. There have been incidences where children have run over the road to a waiting car and had a near miss. Also please do not pull up on Archer Street for children to get in the car.

Before and After School Duty of Care

This is important information for new parents and a reminder for those who have been around the school for a while so there can be no misunderstandings. In the mornings before school there will be no one to supervise children before 8.15 and the school cannot accept responsibility for students delivered to school prior to that time. On arriving at school children need to go directly to the undercover area and sit down, even if with their parents. At 8.30 they will be dismissed from there and are to go to their classroom and remain there under the supervision of their classroom teacher.

After school, if children leave the school grounds and later return to use the grounds or play equipment the school has no duty of care. Students collected at the end of the day by their parents, or others, are then the responsibility of those who collect them. This includes supervising them while on the school grounds or while using the playground equipment.

Students who are being collected by the after school care buses need to move to the lawn area at the front of the school where they will be supervised until they are put on the bus. The duty of care then passes to the after school care providers.

Students who remain on the school grounds whilst waiting for parents are to wait at the front of the school on the lawn area where they will be supervised until 3pm. **They are not to be on the play equipment at all as there will be no supervision provided.**

After 3pm the school does not accept responsibility for children remaining on school premises. Please note that if an activity is not an authorised school activity, (eg: tennis coaching) even though it is on the school grounds, the school does not have a duty of care.

Parent Information Sessions

Individual class teachers have sent home notes with further information about these sessions. Please check your child's bag if you have not received it yet. These sessions will take place during next week and are part of our Reporting to Parents Policy. You will get lots of important information so please make the time to attend. The dates and times are as follows:

Monday 13th February

3.00pm – 4.00pm: Rooms 1 & 5

6.00pm – 7.00pm: Room 2

Tuesday 14th February

4.00pm – 5.00pm: Room 7 & 14

4.30pm – 5.30pm: Room 11

Wednesday 15th February

3.00pm – 4.00pm: Room 3

4:00pm – 5:00pm: Room 9

4.30pm – 5.30pm: Rooms 10

5.00pm – 6.00pm: Room 8

Thursday 16th February

3.00pm – 4.00pm: Rooms 4, 6 & 15

4.30pm – 5.30pm: Rooms 12 & 13

Positive Parenting Program (Triple P)

You are invited to attend three Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) seminars in 2017. You will learn practical, positive and effective ways to deal with common behavioural problems and ways to help your child achieve their best at school and in the future. These seminars are an enjoyable way to meet other parents, share ideas and learn together in a safe, supportive environment. Parents are encouraged to attend all three sessions:

1. The Power of Positive Parenting
2. Raising Confident Competent Children
3. Raising Resilient Children

When: 14th March, 21st March and 28th March

Time: 9.00 - 11.00 am

Presenter: Luciana Carelli, School Psychologist

Venue: Woodbridge Primary School Library

Cost: Free – however bookings are essential

Next P & C Meeting
Tuesday, 14 March 2017 @ 7.00pm

Allergy Friendly School - We have a number of children at school who react to some allergens, resulting in anaphylaxis. Please read the information provided so we can work together to keep them safe. Attached with the newsletter is information about anaphylaxis.

Connect - Connect is an integrated on-line environment developed by the Department of Education (WA) for staff, students and parents in public schools. This will provide opportunities for regular and ongoing communication between the home and school, to further support your child(ren).

In the very near future parents will be given their own secure log on to Connect. This will be a 'P' number as a user name and a starting password that you can change. If you have multiple children, you will only require one log on – even if your children attend different public schools. Participation in Connect is optional, however we expect that all parents will actively take up this opportunity in order to support their children and the school. In order to access Connect, internet access is required on your computer, tablet or smart phone, and is accessible via an app. There is no additional software required and it is free. You are able to watch the short video at <http://vimeo.com/connectwa/welcome> which may assist your understanding of Connect.

We will be sending out registration forms at next week's parent information sessions. As soon as these are returned, we can invite parents (via email) to become a part of this exciting opportunity.

Play Group - Due to the unavailability of the room, play group have found a new home at the Hazelmere Hall. The Play Group is operating on Friday mornings from 9.00am to 11.00am. For more information, please contact Kate on 0410 411 830 or Woodbridge Playgroup on Facebook.

IGA – Midland Store - The reward system at IGA continues this year. If you are shopping at IGA in Midland please ask that your points go to Woodbridge PS as you go out through the check out. Last I heard our school had the most points so thank you to those parents who are supporting this initiative. The points will be translated into a money donation to the school at the end of the year. So far we have a total of \$105.12. Thanks!

Loose Parts Play - We have now setup 3 areas around the school so all children have access to this play. We thank the Sydenham family who donated a shed at the end of last year for the Boat Park play area. The equipment will be available for the children to play with on Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays. Many thanks to staff and parents who have been supplying items for our sheds. Also to Mrs Bryden and Mrs Galley who visited REmidia on Tuesday afternoon and found more things for our sheds. We still need items like:



Wooden spoons



Steering wheels

P & C - Thank you to those members of the community of accepted positions at Wednesday's P & C AGM. We are still missing a Secretary. Their main role is to attend meetings and record the minutes. Also they prepare the Agenda and email out to all members. If you have any spare time the community would greatly appreciate you nominating for this position. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 14 March at 7.00pm in the school library.

Office Bearers Congratulations to the following:

President: Maureen Charles
Vice President Wade Yarham
Secretary Vacant
Treasurer Jo Humphreys
Committee: Amanda Sydenham
Amy Taylor
Samantha Townsend

PMI Music - A representative from PMI visited the school on Wednesday and visited each class to explain this keyboard music program. Children were given an information brochure about the lessons that we have agreed will be offered after school so as not to take time away from the classroom. The School Board endorsed this change.

Canteen - A huge thank you to the parents who have volunteered their time over the last week and helped to keep the canteen running and provide this value service to our school community. The temporary menu will remain in place until further notice. As new things become available, there will be notification on the whiteboards outside the canteen. There is NO online ordering at this stage and when the canteen manager returns, access will be allowed and parents can use any credit remaining. While we have two parents coordinating the canteen, we need 1 extra helper each day to assist in the canteen. If you are available to help one day a week please see Mrs Ghizzo or Mrs Stamenich in the office.

Arts Groups for Children – Starting Week 4

At Woodbridge Primary School we provide opportunities for students to participate in a number of extra Arts programs. As much as possible we offer them after school, but some do operate during school time. The ways of accessing these programs varies and is explained below for each area. If students are offered and accept a position in these programs it is important that the children realise it is a commitment for the whole year and parents are expected to support their child as required. Students attending these programs often gain access to specialist programs when moving onto high school.

Dance - Wow! What an exciting year it was for dance at our school last year. I am sure this year will be just as great. All students from PP-Yr 6 will be participating in a general dance class each week. Once again students from Year 4-6 have the opportunity to audition for the Extension Dance Groups. I will be running a girls and boys extension group. To be selected for these extension programs students are required to audition. This is then looked at alongside general class behaviour and previous work completed to determine their suitability. The extension programs are very popular and not all students will be accepted. The program is designed to further develop these children as they are highly capable in the dance area. The Extension groups will be held on Thursday after lunch. Girls' auditions will start in Week 4. Once all girls have auditioned I will hold the boys auditions.

Visual Arts - Over the next few weeks, students will be selected for the Middle and Senior Gifted and Talented Art Classes. Students have to be proficient across many art mediums: for example collage work, ceramics, painting and problem solving, so there are no drawing tests or auditions. It is always extremely difficult selecting the students for these popular classes. Students are selected on the work completed for the entire previous year so they can be assessed on a wide spectrum of art mediums. New students are assessed on the work they complete in the first three weeks of term one. So many children at Woodbridge love art and many students spend hours in their free time drawing, however, because the art projects completed in the extension programs are considerably more difficult than the work completed in the mainstream classes, only students who will cope with this high level of work are selected. As well as being able to deal with high level art work, the students have to be well behaved, use equipment responsibly and be able to independently problem solve.

Music/Choir - New news! Mrs Galley is teaching Music this year! Choir Club will be running after school on Tuesdays from 2.45-4.00pm. We will begin in WEEK 4 on Tuesday 21st February. Students will be able to attend auditions during weeks 2 and 3. These will happen in Music Class and during break times. Children will be selected based on their ability to hold a tune and sing in parts. A good level of reading will be needed for Choir. Choir is for Year 3-6 students.

Drama - Drama Club has moved to Monday afternoons this year from 2.45-4.00pm. This year we will work on improvisation, puppetry, play-building and choral work. Students who are interested will receive an audition pack, which includes a short poem that must be memorised for the audition. Successful students will be told on the rehearsal day if they have won a place in the club. A good level of literacy, confidence and getting along skills are needed to work well in Drama Club. There will be a small fee of \$20.00 this year to cover costs with our puppetry component. The audition is on Monday 20th February.

Theatre Sports - A small group of Year 5/6 students have been selected to participate in an Interschool Theatresport Competition this term, hosted by Governor Stirling Senior High School. These students have been chosen based on their performances in 2016.

Gardening Club - Nature lovers will be able to join a fun new club starting on Fridays! Our Gardening Club is open to anyone who loves gardening, or wants to learn more about plants. Parents and siblings are welcome too! We will begin on Friday 24th February. We will meet at the shade house, which is next to the basketball courts from 3.00-4.00pm. We will provide gloves, tools and plants! Sometimes we will walk to the Community Garden and work on projects there. There will be lots to do. We will also sell plants on Friday afternoons to raise money to buy seeds and equipment. Hope to see you soon! Mrs Galley

Learning Club - This valuable opportunity is provided to us by the Smith Family. The focus for first semester is Reading. This year we have a new coordinator who is keen to have sessions starting in week 3 in the library. The sessions will be from 2.45 – 4pm and, as in previous years, will be by invitation only.

Constable Care Safety Message:

Make safety part of the conversation.

- Talk with your kids about safety and going back to school. If possible do a practice run so your child is familiar with the process.
- Remind children not to talk with strangers or anyone that offers a lift home unless it has been prearranged with yourself.
- Reinforce with your children that they should avoid walking or riding bikes behind cars and buses and other dangerous blind spots.
- If you are collecting your child from school, advise them where the pick-up point will be and the safest way to get to you. This could include using a crossing and not running across the road.
- If your child is riding to school ensure they wear bike safety equipment including helmets.
- Tell your child to always cross the road at crossings or traffic lights and to look both ways before crossing.
- Don't talk on your phone or send text messages while you're driving. Apart from the safety concerns, it's important to practice what you preach — don't text and drive.

On a safety note, please do not let your child enter the school grounds through the staff car park or the one behind the canteen. Stay Safe!

WEEKLY RAFFLE DRAW

Room 1	Terrell	Room 8	Margo
Room 2	Sophie	Room 9	Hendrix
Room 3	Tom	Room 10	Emily
Room 4	Riley	Room 11	Chayse
Room 5	Bowie	Room 12	Troy
Room 6	Ayda	Room 13	Montana
Room 15	Driana	Room 14	Tyler

SPORTS NEWS

Scorchers Promotion of Cricket for Girls

On Thursday girls from 7 – 12 years of age participated in a coaching clinic by the Scorchers to promote cricket.

The girls had lots of fun practicing their bowling and learning how to bat. It will be interesting to see if any of them end up in the Scorchers team in the future!

Netball

Training will commence Thursday morning, week 4, 23rd Feb @ 8am. Students in years 4 and 5 and 6 interested in developing their netball skills are welcome.

Note: Commitment to attend ALL training sessions is required. Skills developed in the morning sessions will be applied in a game situation at lunch time, for those that have attended training in the morning. Attendance at training DOES NOT guarantee you a place in the school team but it DOES mean you will improve your skills and your fitness:)

Lawri Bryden

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to 2017 and I hope you had an enjoyable holiday. I will again be running the Scholastic Book Club for the enjoyment of the students. Issue 1 has been given to students and the return date is Wednesday 15th February. Order through LOOP or send the money to the front office in an envelope with the students name and room number, order clearly marked and the correct money.

New parents please come and see me or your classroom staff member if you require help. New books to the library:

1) **Gus Dog goes to work** by Rachel Flynn
Every day Gus Dog goes to work in the back of the ute with his owner, Tom the shearer.

But one morning he wakes up to find Tom and the ute gone. So Gus Dog decides to go to work on his own.

2) **Mopoke** by Philip Bunting
This is mopoke and he loves peace and quiet. He is about to find out that you can't always get what you want.

3) **Eddie Frogbert** by Sue DeGennaro
Eddie Frogbert is not the biggest or the bravest frog in the pond. Eddie leaves the hippity hop to the other frogs. Until the diving competition arrives.

Scholastic HUGE children's book sale 50-90% off

Scholastic Warehouse 70 Beringarra Avenue, Malaga.

Friday 10 March: 8am – 6pm
Saturday 11 March: 8am – 2pm

Hundreds of picture and chapter books, nonfiction and activity items.

Read for 10 minutes each day.

Pam Kingston

School banking

Did you know that Woodbridge offers the Commonwealth Bank School banking program to all students. It is available every Thursday morning in the library from 8.15 - 8.45. Students will earn Dollarmite tokens each time they make a deposit, which they can save up and redeem for rewards.

The school also receives \$5 for every new account opened, along with commission on all deposits. All you need is a Commonwealth Bank youth saver account. If you would like more information on how to get started come and speak to one of the banking ladies on Thursdays.

Thank you to those students that supported the School Banking program in 2016, with your help we raised \$580 for Woodbridge.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening hours:

Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8.15am to 9.00am

Uniforms can be ordered online through the canteen website at www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au. Orders can also be left at the office together with the payment.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Baby FAST

Baby FAST is a program for grandparents, young parents and their babies 0 – 3 years. It is an internationally recognised program where families come together for eight weekly sessions, at no cost. Baby FAST provides:

- New friendships
- Support from your community
- Baby massage
- Mothers' pamper time
- Dads' group
- Grandparents' group
- Craft activities
- Great food every week
- Weekly surprises
- Transport provided
- Lots of fun!

First session starts next Tuesday, 14th February. For more information contact Kristie Goddard on 0449 717 916 or see the front office.



PERTH SCORCHERS CHLOE PIPARO GIRLS ONLY MIL0 T20 BLAST CENTRE:
VENUE: Swan View Park, Morrison Road, Swan View **FIRST SESSION: February 15th is a FREE Come & Try**
DAY & TIME: Wednesdays 5pm-6.30pm AGES: 7-12 DATES: February 15th-April 7th
For more information, contact Adam Bunce on 0426 227 494 or adam.bunce@cricket.com.au

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following students will be celebrating a birthday before the next newsletter

Room 1	Anthony
Room 3	Jordan, Roy, Wylie,
Room 4	Lily-Grace, Tyson
Room 5	Jalon, Xavia, Charlotte
Room 6	MacKenzie
Room 8	Mitchell
Room 9	Gemma
Room 10	Oberon, Hollie, Daniel
Room 11	Ibraheem
Room 13	Evie, Evelyn
Room 14	Cadence, Chevon
Room 15	Sade



TERM DATES for 2017

- Term 1 Wednesday 1st February – Friday 7th April
- Term 2 Wednesday 26th April – Friday 30th June
- Term 3 Tuesday 18th July – Friday 22 September
- Term 4 Tuesday 11th October – Thursday 14th December

TERM 1 Planner will be attached to next newsletter

Allergy Friendly School Parent Information Sheet

Allergy occurs when a person's immune system reacts to substances in the environment that do not bother most people. The substances are known as allergens.

Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life-threatening. It is sometimes called 'allergic shock' and occurs after exposure to an allergen (such as food, pollens, insect sting, medicine) to which the child is already extremely sensitive. Anaphylaxis affects the entire body.

Most life-threatening reactions occur when nuts are eaten. Serious reactions can also occur from skin contact, eye contact and inhalation of nut particles.

Reducing the Risk

It is possible to minimise the risk of exposure and reactions through the following strategies:

- Becoming an allergy aware school through developing and promoting school policies and practices that address matters such as food availability and reducing exposure to triggers or known risk factors: eg the removal of items with nuts as a listed ingredient, but does not apply to those foods labelled 'may contain traces of nuts'. It also includes asking parents of classmates not to send foods containing peanut butter to school if a class member has a peanut allergy.
- Ensuring children wash their hands before and immediately after eating food.
- Parents providing safe snacks and treats to enable the child with allergies to participate in birthday parties and curriculum related activities at school.
- Parents providing drink containers and lunch boxes which are clearly labelled with the name of the child for whom they are intended.
- Restricting the use of food in crafts, cooking classes and science experiments, depending on the allergies of particular children. Taking care with inadvertent use of artwork materials such as milk containers, egg cartons, nutshells and eggshells.
- Instructing personnel involved in food preparation about measures necessary to prevent cross contamination during the handling, preparation and serving of food. This includes the need for careful cleaning of food preparation areas and utensils when preparing allergenic foods.
- Ensuring regular hand washing and cleaning of bench tops. The risk of a life threatening anaphylaxis from casual skin contact, even with highly allergenic foods such as peanuts appears to be very low. However, such contact can still cause reactions.

- Ensuring extra vigilance when there is a change from usual routines e.g. relief teachers, excursions, special preschool or school days, camps and sports carnivals.
- Teachers being aware of the possibility of contaminated surfaces, books and equipment or toys that may have been used by other students.
- Ensuring there is no trading or sharing of food.

Frequently asked questions

Q What about foods that state "may contain traces of nuts"?

Foods which 'may contain traces of nuts' should be safe for NON-ALLERGIC children to eat at school. They cannot be eaten by the allergic child. To reduce the risk, children are not to share or trade their food.

Q What about birthday cakes?

Be aware of the ingredients used in birthday cakes. Peanuts and almond flakes are often used as toppings. Marzipan contains nuts.

Q When can my child eat nuts?

At any time other than school. Bringing nuts would put our anaphylaxis students at risk. We are asking you to do your best to ensure you do not send foods containing nuts to school. Please remind your child to wipe/wash their hands and mouth if they have eaten nuts (especially peanut butter) before coming to school.

Q Where can I get information?

Please speak to the teacher or the Administration staff if you have any concerns. Further information on anaphylaxis can be obtained from www.allergy.org.au or www.allergyfacts.org.au

Identifying nuts as an ingredient

Please note that our school requests that no nut products be brought to the school, not just peanuts.

Mixed nuts	Peanuts	Peanut oil
Peanut butter/paste	Peanut extracts	Peanut flour
Arachis oil	Nut paste/butter	Nut milk
Nougat	Nutella	

Debbie Hyde
Principal

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