



# NEWSLETTER

Our Values: Co-operation | Fairness | Trust | Respect

**OUR PURPOSE:** To work together to educate and skill our future global citizens

TERM 1 No. 1

Friday February 3rd 2017

School News

## Diary Dates

### PARENT/SCHOOL INFORMATION PACK

Be on the lookout for a package that will be sent home with students containing important information for families. Some forms included in the pack will need to be filled in and returned to school.

Enclosed you will find:

- The Material and Services Invoice/s for 2017, totalling \$270 per child.
- Student Personal Data Sheet/s - need to be checked to ensure that the information is correct, please make any alterations and **sign, date and return** so our records can be updated. If no changes are required you will still need to sign the form and return it.
- Please note changes of address must be completed on a separate form available from the front office and supporting documentation is required.
- Permission Forms
- Uniform Price List
- Canteen Price List

### Whole School Performance

Wednesday 5/2/17  
"Who's the Hero?"

### Whole School Assemblies

Friday 17/2/17  
Friday 10/3/17  
Friday 31/3/17

### AGM

To be advised

### Public Holiday

Adelaide Cup Monday 13/3/17

### Photo Day

Monday 3/4/17

### End of Term

Thursday 13/4/17 – early dismissal 2:05  
Friday 14/4/17 – Good Friday Public Holiday

**Welcome to the 2017 school year! I hope you are as excited as we are to be part of another great year at Woodville Primary!**

### Staffing

We welcome back Kim Morphett who will be our Reception to Yr 1/2 classes Indonesian Teacher and joining her is Harvinder Sidhu who will run the Indonesian program for the Yr 2 – Yr 7 classes. Both teachers have a long history of teaching Indonesian so we are looking forward to a successful reintroduction of the program.

At the end of last year Val Perham won a new leadership position and she now joins the staff of East Marden Primary School. We were only advised of this on the last Friday of Term 4 at 5 pm so Val did not have a chance to say goodbye. Val would like us to express her best wishes to the community and thank you all for the support you gave her during her time here at Woodville. She enjoyed working here and thought very highly of the students, staff and community. She regrets the timing of the situation but she feels confident that the school is in a good place and that great things will happen.

We wish Val all the best in her new position. For us at Woodville this means that we will advertise for a new Deputy later this term. In the meantime we will fill the position internally. The selection process has begun this week. As soon as the person is appointed we will inform you.

### Duty of Care

A note was sent home earlier this week outlining the times that staff are on duty and when students could be on school grounds. For your children's safety it is important that no child is at school prior to 8:30am as staff are not officially on duty until this time. It is safe for children to enter the yard from 8:30 when there is a yard duty teacher on deck. The 3:05 siren indicates the end of the school day. It is not play time. Again this is for the safety of your children. Staff are on yard duty supervising the main road crossings and the Administration area but there are no staff supervising play areas. Staff are often called to meetings after school and have other obligations. **Students that are not picked up by 3:20 will be sent to OSHC as has always been the practice here at Woodville.**

This is not to say that we do not welcome parents/caregivers to be on the school site. Far from it, we are just trying to ensure that all our students are safe and cared for.

### Classes

At this stage we have started with 14 classes – an increase of 2 classes from last year. These are subject to change should our numbers alter. Our census day is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February. It is important that all students attend that day as it will impact on our staffing allocation. If your child is sick that day or will not be attending for family reasons please ensure that you let the class teacher know and the office staff.



## Classes 2017

Year level	Teacher	Room number
Reception	Tracey McKenna	Room 3
Reception	Olivia O'Halloran	Room 4
Reception/Year 1	Sabrina Dumont	Room 2
Year 1	Brie Manoel	Room 9
Year 1/2	Kathryn Govett	Room 8
Year 2	Effie Bourlotos	Room 7
Year 2/3	Mike Hunjet	Room 10
Year 3/4	Damien Nicholls	Room 15
Year 3/4	Lil Vezis	Room 16
Year 4/5	Stefan Butler	Room 18
Year 5	Mim Capone	Room 17
Year 6	Lisa De Candia	Room 12
Year 6/7	Monica Lee	Room 13
Year 6/7	Vanessa Hiser	Room 14

## 'Let's Start' Program

These first 3 weeks all staff are focussing on social skills, student wellbeing, building relationships, building a class community, setting goals and expectations. It is important to establish a strong foundation in order to foster powerful learning.



Working together to solve movement challenges in Ms Painter's lesson.

## Take Home 'Readers'

At this stage no take home 'readers' have been given to students. Take home 'readers' will not be issued until Week 4. Students are still doing lots of reading and have access to library books. Teachers are determining levels and using prior data to inform their reading programs and how best to address the learning needs of all the students. All classes have been allocated in-class support time so that students can work more effectively in small group situations.

We are also changing the system by which children will borrow and return their take home 'readers'. All children, except the Receptions and Year 1s will go to the library to borrow the 'readers', rather than have sets of readers stored in classrooms and the children borrow from these. We have decided to use this process as then it frees up space in classes, creates less interruptions to classes during the busy morning period and also and more importantly, allows access to a greater range of books for the students. Deb will oversee this process in the library and class teachers will also monitor. Students will be able to change over their books upon arrival at school as well. There will be a training period for all classes to support students to familiarise themselves with this new routine.

## Netball 2017

Netball starts up soon at St Clair.

Netball is a great game that promotes team skills, fitness, coordination and is really FUN. We are looking for players for all levels. Games are Wednesday after school for U/9's and Thursday after school for U/11's and U/13's. Practice will be held after school till 4pm every Tuesday.

Are you interested in Playing or Coaching?

Meet with Rob Bone in the School Yard near the Office after school on Tuesday to register your interest.

