



The Westwood Word

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WEEK 3 Term 3 – TUESDAY 25th July 2017

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thought of the Week

"The human mind treats a new idea the same way the body treats a strange protein; it rejects it."
- PB Medawar

Principals Message

On Tuesday, last week we practiced our biannual lockdown procedure. Everyone did a terrific job, moving to a safe place and remaining quiet until the drill was over. Well done everyone!

Yy-yellow yoyo Yy says yyy! The preps made and shared yo-yo biscuits for everyone on Friday.

RACQ

This Thursday, after parade the RACQ are presenting a talk to our students about safety on the road. There are no costs involved.

Wowan Agricultural Society Inc.

The 84th Wowan Show is held this year on August 19. There will be stalls and entertainment throughout the day and a licenced bar. Our students will be participating by colouring, drawing and collaging an individual piece. As a whole

school we will "Design and Paint a Pallet". Brian and Jo have kindly donated a pallet and it is ready for us to begin! So please can you send in boxes etc and lids? Shoe boxes would be good to help us make a train and carriages. We're hoping to make a boom gate and bridge! We will need someone who can then transport our creation on this pallet to the Wowan Show (and back) it has to be there by 18th August. Please let us know, if you are available. Thanks.

NAIDOC Celebrations



Last week on Friday we had Robert Proefke kindly share his Aboriginal artefacts with us. We celebrated the theme: *Our languages matter*. We were able to acknowledge

and celebrate the importance, resilience and diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages, and the unique and essential role they play in cultural identity — linking people to their land and water and in the passing down of history, spirituality and rites, through story and song. We looked on the local map where the local Darumbal people's area is located.



Next week we are off to Milman State School who have kindly invited us to attend *The Australian Circus Company* at their school on 3 August. It will be lots of fun, laughter and play.

There will be the Circus Challenge presentation then fun, engaging, and hands-on experiences for our students. Thanks for your permission letters. There are no costs involved, just pack a lunch, departing here after roll call at 8.30am and meeting at Milman State School @ 10am for morning tea. We will have lunch there and be back here by 2.30pm.

Cleaner

Helen is on long service and Shelly has taken on the roll and will be with us for 2 more weeks. She works in the afternoon. We welcome her to our school.

P&C Pie Drive

The Westwood State School Parents and Citizens' Association is a small but very busy group of individuals who collaborate as a Team to fundraise, provide input and work with the school.

An updated pie order form is going out today with the prices individually listed for your convenience. Order due back at school 1 August. The delivery date is 10 August at 2:30 pm at the school.

Attendance

Our 2017 school attendance target is 95%. Westwood's attendance in the last week was: **86.2%**

Prep	94.64%
Year 1	90.16%
Year 2	93.57%
Year 3	94.29%
Year 6	95.72%

Please continue to ring the school to report any absences on the school's number 07 4934 7682.

Any queries? Please contact me for any clarification or matter you may wish to discuss.

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In Education,

Joye (Acting Principal)

A MESSAGE FROM Science/Geography & HPE

In Geography this week, P-2 students have been continuing to focus on their place in space, determining aspects of environments that are natural and manmade. Year 3-6 students are working on maps and co-ordinates involving a few games and activities to enhance their learning. During our Tuesday afternoon Physical Education lessons, we are participating in minor games with focus on both gross and fine motor skills.
Sonya Malkki (Science/Geography/HPE Teacher)

Students of Week 1: Chloe & Sophie



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Magic Words: Maddison, Piper, Tuff and Johanna



Preps making Yoyo Biscuits – thanks for sharing!



YO-YO'S
 6 oz. butter
 6 oz. plain flour
 2 oz. icing sugar
 2 oz. custard powder
 Beat butter and icing sugar to a cream, add well-sifted flour and custard powder (sifted together). Form into balls and press with a fork to form biscuits. Bake in a moderate oven for about 15 minutes. Sandwich together with butter icing.



Westwood State School Playgroup

Playgroup This Week



Playgroup for Term 3 is on Tuesdays. The sessions help you to develop your baby or toddler's language and pre-reading skills with a book, playdough, painting, play and more! Have fun and, interactive sessions in a relaxed setting. Try some new rhymes and learn some simple steps on how you can make play an important part of your child's life.



Playgroup participants are involved in fun filled activities such as painting, singing, dancing and obstacles courses. New participants are welcome to attend.

Any queries do not hesitate to contact the school using the contacts listed above!

TERM 3 PLAYGROUP DATES

TERM 3
1 August
8 August
15 August
22 August
29 August
5 September
12 September

<https://www.playgroupqueensland.com.au/>



Important School Dates

TERM 3

- 27 July: RACQ Streets Ahead 11.30-12.30pm
- 1 August : Pie Drive Orders due
- 3 August: Australian Circus - Milman
- 4 August – Hearing Sceener
- 10 August – Pick up Pie Drive orders
- 14-18 August – BOOKFAIR
- 21-25 August – Book Week
- 22 August – Dress Up as a book character
- 4 September – Yrs 3-6 Choral Festival
- 8 September – Sports Cluster at Port Curtis
- Last Day Term 3: Friday 15th September

TERM 4

- 2 October: Queen's Birthday
- First Day Term 4: Tuesday 3rd October
- 16 October: Pupil Free Day
- Last Day Term 4: Friday 8th December

P&C Information

P&C Uniform Shop

For sales and information, about our P&C Uniform Shop contact **Helen on 0448347519**

P&C News

Next P&C meeting: **29 August – 2:30 pm**

Join us in **recycling Cans:**

Wheelie bin at front of school



BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE – 26 August

GREAT NEWS!! The Westwood P & C have snagged a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Saturday. They are very enthusiastic for a successful day, but they need your support to help run the stall. Attached is a roster for you to volunteer to help out. Are you available on Saturday 26 August anytime between 7am and 4:00 pm? If so please indicate on the roster and please return to the school.

NOTICES

Get Set for Prep

Prep attendance is **compulsory** in all Queensland schools. **Enrolment and Information Packages** are available from our Office. If your child/ren turn **five** by **June 30th** next year, he/she is eligible. The table below is a guide to assist families to determine their child/ren's Prep eligibility.

For more information and Enrolment Packages, please visit or call our Office on **49 347 682**. Additional information is also available from DET's website

at <http://education.qld.gov.au/parents/find-school/enrolling.html>

ARE YOU SET FOR PREP ?

Birthday	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
01/07/11 to 30/06/12	Prep Year	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four
01/07/12 to 30/06/13	Kindy	Prep Year	Year One	Year Two	Year Three
01/07/13 to 30/06/14		Kindy	Prep Year	Year One	Year Two
01/07/14 to 30/06/15			Kindy	Prep Year	Year One



If your child turns **five** by June 2017, enrol now!

MAGAZINES

We still need any spare magazines. These are used for all our students, e.g. during spelling to find letters and blends, in history to find families, in maths finding money problems etc. Thanks



Reams of Paper;

Please send in for Semester 2: 2 Reams of paper per child. Thanks to those of you have promptly sent in paper, much appreciate



Desks to Give Away:

We have some desks, 'as is where is', to give away. Please enquire at our office. Thanks.



Community Events

Westwood Progress Association

If you have any children's books you no longer are using, and they aren't too 'tired' drop them off to school and I'll add them to our Book Exchange.



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY.
TAKE A BOOK • RETURN A BOOK

The Westwood Progress Association Inc.
PO Box 27
Westwood, QLD 4702

***Take a Book * Leave a book ***

Please leave a book in reasonable condition and one that someone else would enjoy reading.

Please do not leave:

- Magazines
- Periodicals
- Torn books
- Books with missing pages
- Newspapers

Thank you for your understanding and participation



Woolworths Earn and Learn program

The **Woolworths Earn and Learn Program** 2017. Anyone can help schools earn amazing equipment by shopping at Woolworths from: **Wednesday July 26th 2017.**

For every \$10 spent, you will receive a sticker to stick on a Sticker Sheet. When completed, drop it in the Collection Box at the school. For more information or additional sticker sheets, visit www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Last time over 16 000 schools and early learning centres participated in Earn and Learn, and earned nearly 450 000 pieces of equipment.

"Working together to give our best"



YOGA Classes

Tuesdays: 7-8pm
Thursdays: 5.30-6.30pm
At: The Hall, Westwood
Bring: mat or towel
Cost: FREE
 - **All Welcome** -

Contact: Joye
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