CROSS COUNTRY

Our K-6 Cross Country is next Friday 11th March commencing at 9:30am. This year we will be holding our cross country activities here at school. Now is the time to start to practice your running to prepare!

From the office...

Please remember to return your Annual General Permission Notes (blue sheets) to the front office ASAP so we can ensure all student details are up to date.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week I have been away from the school participating in professional development called STRONGER SMARTER and I wanted to share with you some of my thoughts. The key to success is HIGH EXPECTATIONS. Now there is nothing new or profound about this concept. I didn’t just go to a course, learn the phrase and bring it back to school. High expectations are what drives me as a person, as an educator and as a leader. It is what I expect of myself, my staff, my students and my community. We need to aim for the stars. We need to be the very best version of ourselves that we can possibly be. Without high expectations we cannot achieve this. I have been at the school now for nearly 12 months (and loved every single moment 😊). The people (parents, staff and students) that know me well will know that high expectations are the key to everything I do and it is what I expect of everyone. I will not accept anything less. We (myself, staff and students) will come to school, we will engage in our learning and we will strive to be awesome. Parents and families will get their children to school and they will engage in their children’s education in the best possible way they know how. HIGH EXPECTATIONS ARE THE KEY TO EVERYTHING.

Until next time,
Joanne Stamos

Values Awards

WEEK 5
KM – Tye Dennis
1/2H – Danielle Nash
1/2L – Shavanee Wiggins
2/3W – N/A
3/4C – Jonathon Swain
3/4H – Wyatt See
5/6F – Connor Hungerford
5/6M – Marnie Bellchambers

WEEK 6
Isaak Trotter
Abby Radnidge
Sienna Lawrence-Delaney
Abbey Harris
Rohan McLaren
Mitchell Ryan
Ben Kelly-Smith
Niamh Cluer

Congratulations to ALL our Award winners!

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY is 15 March 2016. Envelopes have been sent home. Please follow the instructions on the envelopes to order your photos.

Families wishing to purchase sibling/family photos are to contact the office.

Reading Nooks

Every Thursday
8:30-9am
Parents welcome!
The students in 3/4H have settled in and we are straight back into work for the new year. We are looking at our community (Woodberry). Students are talking about what major buildings, services and animals that we have in Woodberry. Part of this unit of work has allowed us to use the school garden to identify plants and animals that we have in our own school environment. Craig has helped the students identify what native birds we have in our garden. We are looking forward to exploring our local community.

Wow! What an amazing start to the year 1/2H has had! We have been very busy setting up our learning routines in Literacy with our Daily 5 activities. Students are showing great independence moving through our 5 must do activities: Read to Self, Read to Someone, Work on Writing, Work with Words and Listen to Reading and are working hard during our small group reading sessions with Mrs Hainsworth and Mrs Philip in our Engine Room. We are particularly enjoying our Read To Quality Texts where we have been reading and discussing beautiful picture books followed by some amazing writing and artwork. We can’t wait for the exciting things to continue in 1/2H throughout the year!

What is your role at WPS? Learning Support Teacher
If you weren’t a teacher, what would you be? An Event Planner
What’s your favourite meal? Seafood
What’s one thing you can’t live without? My little girl
What is the best piece of advice you have been given? Always try your best
What do you like to do in your spare time? Go to the movies, catch up with friends
Tell us something that might surprise us about you. I’m a good cook

Debating Challenge Day
On Friday 19th February, the brand new 2016 Debating team attended East Maitland Public School for the annual debating workshop. We learnt new and old skills to improve the way we write and deliver our debating speeches. We all had lots of fun on the day, including our very own 4 on 4 debate with each other. Thank you to Mrs Tupou who assisted with driving to and from East Maitland Public School on the day.

By Libby Radridge
Our school will be celebrating Harmony Day on Monday 21st March. Students will participate in some awesome activities! Watch this space!

Our school Clean Up Australia Day was held last Friday and was a great success. Our school looks AMAZING!

WELL DONE WPS!

Stage 2&3 Camp Is Coming!
MYUNA BAY
8th August 2016
Cost: approx. $230 (final cost to be advised)
Permission notes will be out soon so start planning!

ROCK & WATER

Every Wednesday our Stage 3 students participate in a psycho-physical teaching program called Rock and Water. The program provides strategies for team building, self-control, solidarity, self-reliance and building confidence amongst the students.

Library news
Library borrowing started last Wednesday. Your child’s class will be borrowing on Wednesdays on a fortnightly basis.
Even weeks - KM, 1/2L, 1/2H, 2/3W
Odd weeks - 3/4C, 3/4H, 5/6F, 5/6M
Please send your child in with a library bag. You can purchase a library bag from our front office for $10.

Book Club
Book club was handed out last week. If your wish to place an order please do so by Monday 21 March. Either return your order and money to the front office or order online.

Mums & Bubs Sewing Group
Come and join us every Wednesday 9.30am -12.30pm. Meet other mums and enjoy each other’s company and do some sewing at the same time.
ALL Welcome!

Garden Gossip with Gazza Galah

AAAAARRRRGH It’s been hotter than a freshly laid chook egg. That water tank is pretty empty. I hope it rains soon or those plants will turn to dust. Lucky for all those watering cans and all those taps. If you see someone standing around in that garden without moving water, make sure you tell them to pick up a watering can and get cracking. While you’re at it you can fill up my bath – the bird bath that is.
I’m not too stressed by the heat though. The season change is coming. I can feel it in my feathers. Those gardeners will have to start thinking about winter crops. I think everyone’s had enough cucumbers, zucchinis, eggplants and tomatoes. As always though I can see the grand finale’ of summer is almost ready to pick - pumpkins, big Queensland Blues. It was the littlies, kindy’s I think they’re called, who planted them last year. They’re huge...and tougher than a hairy nosed wombat. I can already smell the soup cooking in that camp oven. There’s a lot of stuff they give away in that garden. Food, plants, seeds and stew, not to mention the stuff you can learn. I tell you what, if I had arms, I’d be growing veges for me and my friends by now. Apparently parents are welcome to come in and get involved on Mondays and Tuesdays. All they need to do is sign in at the office and go and find that bloke in the funny hat. I think they call him Craig.
Family Picnic & Water Carnival

Aboriginal Bike Safety Program

We are very fortunate to have BIKE and FITNESS coming to deliver the Aboriginal Bike Safety program at Woodberry again this year.

This year the program is being held out of school hours from 4pm - 7pm on March 11th, 2016.

The program includes a 3 hour bike safety session, a free helmet and basic bike service as well as snacks and refreshments.

The program is free of charge to all Aboriginal children and notes have been given to students to be completed and returned. Alternatively, please complete the form below and return it to Aunty Dawn ASAP as places are limited.

I ______________________ am interested in allowing
my child in allowing my child _____________________
to participate in the Aboriginal Bike Safety program on
Friday 11th March, 2016.
Signed ________________________________

E PROGRAM

Joey Parr, Ella Langford, Janelle Boorer and Tiffany Bell will be participating in the E program starting from this Thursday at Francis Greenway High School, and for the duration of semester 1. The E program encourages year 4/5 students to get involved in inquiry learning with high school students and to see what high school is about before they go there.

WEEK 7 PBL FOCUS

FOLLOWING TEACHERS INSTRUCTIONS

in the classroom & on the playground

The Thornton Beresfield Rugby League Club invites you to

Be a Bear in 2016

With thanks to our Glove (Exempt to Under 11), Medal (Under 10 to Under 12), and International Under 13 to Under 17) partners, our club provides a positive and inclusive opportunity forhtdocs to play the great game of Rugby League.

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* Under 8’s also receive FREE registration, player shirt & tackle *

We are a local club with a great community spirit. We encourage children to be active and have fun while learning the skills and importance of being part of a team.

For more information, visit us online at www.beresfieldrugby.com.au or www.facebook.com/thethorntonberesfieldrugbyleagueclub
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Values Awards

Swimming Carnival Ribbons

Young Leaders Day
Sydney

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