



WOODVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DRUG EDUCATION FORUM

It was fantastic to see quite a few Year 7 parents at the Drug Education Parent Evening held last week, I trust you found it worthwhile. During the day students had been involved in a range of valuable Drug Education Activities. I congratulate the Year 7 students and parents who attended on their participation and our Year 7 teachers, Ms Jen Murray, Miss Ashleigh Onn, Mr Brett Barber and Mr Scott McManus for organising this activity.

CAMP MEETING

Year 5 Students head to camp at Point Peron in Week 6. A very well attended and successful parent meeting in preparation for this event was held last Thursday. Well done Mrs Purser and Mr Bewick.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council approved the Contributions and Charges for 2009. A special sheet outlining the voluntary contributions and the maximum charges a parent may be expected to pay for 2009 will be sent home at the end of this month. Once these charges are set the school is unable to charge families anymore, even if it ends up actually costing more, therefore all amounts have possible increases factored in.

P & C

*A very efficient P & C Meeting was held in Week 3. There are a couple of big activities on the horizon, a busy bee and of course the school fair. Woodvale Primary School is a very well resourced school and P & C activities, especially the school fair, have helped greatly. Lets make this **fair** another great success.*

CLASS PLACEMENT REQUESTS

The number and structure of classes required for next year is determined by the school's total enrolment as of February 2009. It is often difficult to predict numbers exactly, therefore a proposed structure is developed using information we have about arriving and departing students, historical data and the need for flexibility. The placement of individual students into classes is a very difficult task that is given a great deal of thought by staff.

Each year, a few written requests are received from parents asking for consideration of certain factors to be made when placing their child into class groupings.

Within this newsletter there is a statement explaining the information parents can put forward to staff for consideration. All request that adhere to the selection criteria in the policy will be considered carefully and accommodated where practicable. While we will do our best, we cannot guarantee parent requests will be catered for.

Requests for student placement with a specific teacher will not be considered. All requests must be made in writing and address to "The Principal", marked "Class Placement Request" and received no later than 3:30pm on Wednesday 12th November.

DISCO

I was very impressed with the participation and behaviour of the students who attended the disco last Friday. They all appeared to have a great time. Well done Students. Thanks go to all parent helpers and a big thank you to the Disco Organising Committee.

VALUE ADDING QUEST AWARDS

Certificate winners - Miss Onn's class, James Gall, Emily MacDonald and Emily Jones. Mr Dowling's class, Maddison Francis, Kelly Dickinson, Melissa Ioppolo, Holly Rodney and Brooke Wright.

Prize Winners - Miss Onn's class Jason Hazebroek Mr Dowling's class - Cameron Dyson, Jayden Fulton, Brendan Canny and Shaun Barnett.

Congratulations to these students, all class members for their great work and Miss Onn and Mr Dowling.

KINDERGARTEN - PRE-PRIMARY DRUMS

Our Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students had great fun making music with Alex Duncan and his specially made instruments on Monday.

*Gavin Power
Principal*

PLASTIC BOTTLES AND PLASTIC CONTAINERS

Mr. Dowling's class is operating a worm farm. We sell worm wee and worm castings, but we have nothing to put the worm wee and worm castings in. So can you please send your children to school with some plastic milk bottles or plastic containers. If you can help please give them to Shannon Hocking or Brooke Wright in A13.

Thank you, Mr Dowling's class.

SCHOOL SECURITY TELEPHONE NUMBER: 9264 4771

Woodvale Primary School Class Placement Policy

The placement of students into individual classes can be a complex and emotive issue. To ensure that the process is open and transparent, the following policy will be continued for the placement of students in classes for 2009.

The number and structure of classes required in any particular year is determined by the school's total enrolment for that year. It is often difficult to predict numbers exactly, therefore initial plans are developed using historical data and the need for flexibility to cater for unexpected changes in total enrolments.

Class structures and placement will be communicated to the school community at the earliest possible time.

Parents who consider that they have critical or relevant information pertaining to their child's placement should advise, **in writing**, to the school Principal - Gavin Power, who will oversee the process.

Requests must relate to the selection criteria, request outside the selection criteria will not be considered (eg request for a specific teacher).

Specific request, in writing, for class placement in 2009 need to be received at the school **by 3.30pm on Wednesday 12th November** addressed to the Principal. **All requests will remain confidential.**

Policy Statement

Our aim is to develop the most socially cohesive learning groups possible. Individual class placements are decided by the student's present teacher in consultation with the school's administration team, based on professional judgements about the students' educational needs, circumstances and interests.

Selection Criteria

In accord with this policy statement the following criteria will be applied by the school when placing students:

1. Special need of the child
2. Group Homogeneity:
 - (a) the retention of positive relationships and groups that work well together
 - (b) identifying individual students who need to work separately from other individuals
3. Maintaining a balance of
 - (a) academic abilities
 - (b) social and emotional needs and abilities
4. Class placement in previous years
5. Maintaining a balance of boys and girls

Parents at Woodvale ask.....Information Page

We have included a copy of our first take home page with this Newsletter. The topic of tables was a popular request so we asked Dr Paul Swan (Senior lecturer in Mathematics at ECU Joondalup and a parent at the school) to write a fact sheet to answer the typical questions parents have about the teaching and learning of times tables. He has included some useful strategies on how you can help your children learn the tables. I would like to thank Paul Swan, on behalf of the school community, for writing this fact sheet for the parents at Woodvale. We would appreciate any feedback (verbal or written) about the suggestions and comments on our tables sheet and whether you as a parent found it useful.

If you have any other questions for the 'Parents at Woodvale Primary ask'...send them to the office. Other questions asked by parents included -

- How can I help my child with spelling?
- How does the Lexile reading program work?
- What kind of extension work is provided in classrooms for capable students?

These will be the topics covered in future fact sheets.

Thank you for your support.

Kellee Williams / Jen Murray

Pre-Order your - Maths In a Bag

SPECIAL PRICE \$16.50

Content of the bag is on display outside the library. After the Fair we will be featuring **GAMES** and **ACTIVITIES** you can do using the maths materials in the newsletter regularly.

SUITABLE FOR ALL AGE GROUPS

Next year we will offer additional items than can be purchased to be included in 'Maths in a Bag'.

ORDER forms available from the office. **ONLY 100 AVAILABLE**

SCHOOL CALENDAR

week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Term 4 4	3 November	4 November Parent Assembly Ms Di Candilo Year 2	5 November	6 November	7 November 2 WEEKS TO GO - SCHOOL FAIR Parent Helper Notes due in.
5	10 November Year 7 Dancing	11 November	12 November Year 7 Dancing	13 November	14 November 1 WEEK TO GO - SCHOOL FAIR Canteen volunteers Dinner
6	17 November Year 7 Dancing	18 November Parent Assembly Yr 7 Barber/McManus/Thomas Tickets for the Sleeping Bag race on sale at 8:15am	19 November Year 7 Dancing Year 5 Camp	20 November Year 5 Camp	21 November FAIR Students return from Year 5 Camp
7	24 November Year 7 Dancing Swimming Lessons Year 6 & 7	25 November Admin. Assembly Swimming Lessons Year 6 & 7	26 November Year 7 Dancing Swimming Lessons Year 6 & 7	27 November Swimming Lessons Year 6 & 7	28 November Swimming Lessons Year 6 & 7
8	1 December Year 7 Dancing Swimming Lessons Year 6 & 7	2 December Parent Assembly Year 3 Mrs Brown/Bandy Swimming Lessons Year 6 & 7	3 December P & C Meeting 7:30pm Year 7 Dancing Swimming Lessons Year 6 & 7	4 December Swimming Lessons Year 6 & 7	5 December Swimming Lessons Year 6 & 7
9	8 December Year 7 Dancing	9 December Admin. Assembly	10 December Year 7 Dancing	11 December	12 December
10	15 December	16 December Parent Assembly Year 7 Graduation Dinner / Dance	17 December	18 December Last day for Staff & Students Year 7 Graduation Ceremony	19 December

BUSY BEE

A Busy Bee is planned for Sunday 16th November from 8:30 - 12 noon to clean up the school grounds for the school fair. As many helpers as possible would be appreciated, please keep this time free.

FOR SALE

Clarinet in good condition \$300 one owner. If interested please ring Bev Brideson (school nurse) on 9309 0860.

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR THE NEXT 3 WEEKS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		November 5 Jo Maddocks Inara	November 6 Terri Armstrong Debbie	November 7 Nelita Kristy
November 10 One more needed Rose Fisher	November 11 Tanya Vinten Chris Williams	November 12 Mari May Helen Johnston	November 13 Peta Zanuttigh Leesa Cook	November 14 Nikki
November 17 Nicole Batchelor Vickie Travis	November 18 Kylie Smith	November 19 Petra Zanuttigh Trisha Philipsz	November 20 Deanna Cunnane Tracey Logan	November 21 FAIR

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