

Wednesday

6<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**DATES to  
REMEMBER**

11<sup>th</sup> March  
Eight Hour Day

12<sup>th</sup> March  
School Photos

14<sup>th</sup> District  
Swimming  
Carnival Clarence  
Pool

15<sup>th</sup> March  
Progress Reports  
sent home

18<sup>th</sup> March Huon  
Channel  
Swimming  
Carnival - Huon  
Pool

For more dates  
click on Calendar  
at the following  
address  
[www.woodbridge-  
school.org.au](http://www.woodbridge-school.org.au)

Parents  
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0427 303 701

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Contact No.  
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# WOODBIDGE WORDS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

## ATTENDANCE - AN EXPLAINED VS UNEXPLAINED ABSENCE

Being at school every day your child is well enough to do so is critical for both their social and academic continuity. Please support your child to be at school when they are well enough and remember to inform us of any absence as soon as possible. An explained absence will ensure families do not receive an unexplained Department of Education generated letter. Each 5 day, 10 day, 15 day and 20 day unexplained letter will require families to take specific actions. Our current attendance rate sits at 90.5% which is above the state average.

Below is our schools current attendance levels by year level – It would be fantastic to see our attendance increase for students from Kinder all the way through to Grade 10.

Attendance Rate %													
Attendance Category	Kinder	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Overall Rate
Present - In Class	89.8	91.7	95.3	90.4	91.2	92.3	90.4	89.8	92.4	86.7	88.0	90.5	90.5

## STUDENT STRIKE FOR CLIMATE ACTION – FRIDAY THE 15<sup>th</sup> OF MARCH

As you may be aware there is a proposed Student Strike for Climate Action on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March to support issues associated with Climate Change. We support and encourage students taking a stand about issues that are important to them. However, as the event falls on a school day we are advising that Woodbridge School will be operating as normal and students are expected to attend classes.

If you intend for your child to participate in the rally in Hobart you will need to advise the office of their absence. This will enable us to ensure duty of care is implemented and that we are aware of which students should be at school.

The school will also require prior written approval of any alternative travel arrangements from the school, such as students travelling with adults other than their own parents and carers. Unfortunately, according the Attendance Policy, we are required to record this as Not an Excusable Circumstance absence.

**Hamish Cunningham**

**Principal**

## Learner of the Week

*Jarva*

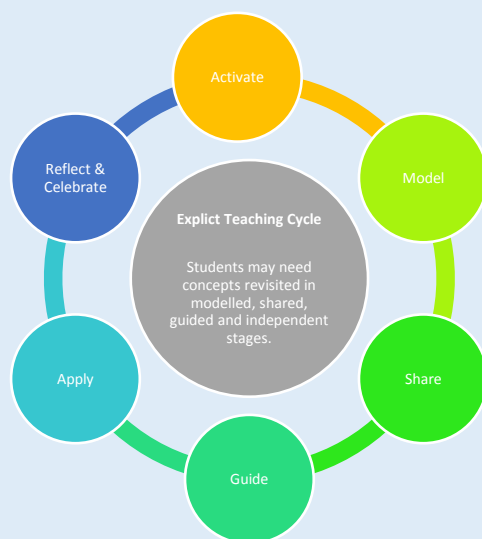
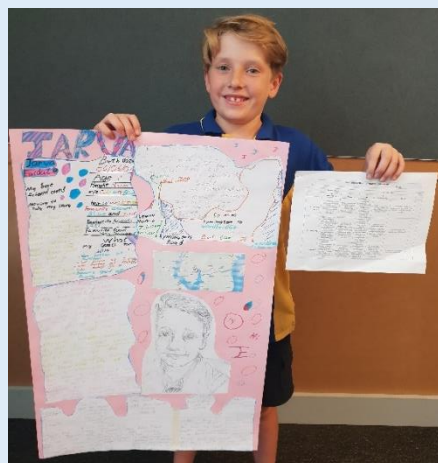
For displaying all the qualities of a good learner. He consistently applied himself throughout the entire unit of work. He referred back to the assessment rubric to not only ensure he was only the 'right track' but used it as a checklist to make certain he had included all the required elements and produced work to the best of his ability. Well done and keep up the great attitude towards your learning, Jarva.

### Task Description

#### Who on Earth am I?

As an introductory unit of work for the year, students were required to produce a *profile poster* including the following information:

1. Auto bio (name, age (birth date), height, eye/hair colour, favourite ... , aspirations, earliest memory, funny life story)
2. Mapping (Hand drawn home to school map, google map showing distance and time)
3. HASS – history (timeline of personal history)
4. Art – self-portrait
5. Learning goals for the year
6. 2 drawings / 2 printed pictures



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## Marine Discovery Centre

The Marine Discovery Centre is so lucky to have 10 new Spotted Handfish ☺ The teachers at the MDC are learning how to care for them and are getting their homes ready for them. This is very exciting for the Centre! Remember that our open days are Monday 2:30-4:30 if you want to check out these lovely new fish.



## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March is Hearing Awareness Week

Deafness, also known as hearing impairment, is when hearing is affected by a health condition or an injury. Some people are born with deafness, while others may develop as they get older.

Deafness is one of the most common disabilities worldwide. One in six Australians has some form of hearing impairment – that's 3.55 million people. The number of Australians with deafness is expected to increase to 1 in 4 by 2050.

The Hearing Awareness Week website has further information about ear health and hearing loss, including how to protect your ears, and types of common noises that can lead to hearing loss (e.g. loud music, power tools).

<http://www.hearingawarenessweek.org.au>

**If you have any concerns about your child's ability to hear, you can request a free hearing assessment at school with the School Health Nurse. Please talk to your child's teacher or the staff at reception for more information.**

SCHOOL HEALTH NURSES   
Better health for better learning

we support  
**HEARING  
awareness  
WEEK**

## Swimming Carnival 2019

Last Tuesday saw Woodbridge students compete at the school's swimming carnival in Huonville. After a scorching Monday, thankfully the sun didn't completely abandon us and by the time the first event kicked off, it was shining again. Unperturbed by the lack of heat were Ms Murphy and Ms Burgess-Wilson and our K-2 students who were straight into the infant pool. Over in the 50m pool, the first hour consisted of some of the more serious 50m events with great participation throughout Grades 3-10. With the 50m events out of the way, lanes were changed and the primaries competed in the 22m freestyle and kickboard races. Participation was again very high amongst the primaries which was great to see. To finish the day and with the sun well and truly out, students enjoyed the last part of the day with free-time in the pool. A special thanks to all staff and students who helped out to make it such an enjoyable day!

## Secondary District Swimming Carnival

On the back of a host of fantastic performances at our school's swimming carnival, the following secondary students have been selected to represent Woodbridge on March 14 at the Clarence Aquatic Centre. Letters will be sent home with those selected soon with further details.

7s: Ruby, Kate, Ned, Harry

8s: Tristan, Jay, Monica

9s: Cobi, Callan, Arlyn, Ava, Sarah

10s: Max, John, Isabella, Lily

Congratulations and good luck to all those selected!



## THE SILHOUETTES DANCE THEATRE

We have the following classes available for you!

Snug Community Hall Wednesday Jazz and Acrobats 5 -16yrs Solo's also available

Please contact Emma to enquire for prices, timetable and additional questions.

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### Free Books

Wonderful news – Big W is giving away 12 free books for the next 12 weeks – 1 book per week.

<https://www.bigw.com.au/free-books-for-kids?textInput=free%20books>

### Primary Art

Primary Art are looking for old magazines for their art classes.

## School Photo Day is Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup>.

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