

# WAVELENGTH

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## From the Head of School

Welcome to the half-way point in the term. With all classes fully applying themselves and teachers and students fully focused on their respective tasks there is a very productive buzz about the school.

The positive affirmations appearing around the school grounds have been a great addition. It is quite refreshing to witness the results that a positive approach can have on our daily interactions.

A few reminders with regard to school operations:

- Next Monday (20<sup>th</sup> May) is Whit Monday. As this is a public holiday the school will be closed. Please enjoy the celebration and be sure not to send students to school.
- All classes throughout the school finish promptly at 2:40pm. Unless directly engaged in an After School Activity students need to be collected and/or make their way home. Please do not expect that supervision will extend beyond 3pm.
- School Fee payments must be kept current if we are to continue to provide world-class facilities and maintain quality education. Should your account fall into arrears it is your responsibility to contact the school or your child's enrolment will be cancelled. The option to apply for re-enrolment will still exist but the process will start from the beginning, usual application fees will apply and no guarantee of a seat will be provided.

Madeline Campbell finishes at the end of the week. She is returning to NZ to pursue further studies and we wish her all the very best. Madeline's assistance with the compilation of our newsletters has had a positive impact on our dissemination of information and enabled us to produce weekly publications of "Wavelength" which we hope to continue.

## WOODFORD UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wk6 Assembly – PRE
- Yr 6-8 Disco – 23<sup>rd</sup> May
- Yr 11 IGCSE Mock Exams – Wk8

No School  
Monday  
20<sup>th</sup> of May

**WOODY'S  
CARWASH ON  
THE 18<sup>TH</sup> OF  
MAY  
HAS BEEN  
CANCELED**

# YEAR THREE FIELD TRIP

On Tuesday Year three Student boarded the Sun Xpress and powered-off, wind in our faces ( thanks to 4 V8350hp Yamaha outboard motors!) across Iron bottom sound. Full of excitement and eager anticipation we entered Sandfly passage and cruised into the crystal clear waters surrounding Mbike Island. Our day did not disappoint!! Parents, teachers and students alike were treated to the time of their lives that a few misty, tropical showers could not damper.

Investigating, as part of our unit of Inquiry, what it is like to live on an island, we had a first-hand

taste of life on a small idyllic island. Restful moments of reflection lying on hammocks, along with swimming, kayaking, mapping and investigating the island were all enjoyed. The lovely family that live permanently on the island were generous with their time and answered the many questions we had about life on Mbike.

Special thanks must go to Fred Douglas and Extreme Adventures for their on-going support and encouragement and making this trip possible.

Year Three Students and Teachers.





# YEAR 9 CAMP

The Year Nines have just finished a successful week of camp at Aruligo from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> of May. It was a chance to get to know each other better and build stronger bonds within the class itself. We relieved ourselves of all the stress and just enjoyed ourselves.

On Wednesday we prepared ourselves to embark on our community service, a 5 kilometre hike down to Aruligo Primary School, to donate books, help students fine tune their English, and play games. We were all so touched by the beautiful welcoming ceremony they had prepared; we could just see the eagerness for learning that the young children had and we are now aware of how fortunate we are to have the best access to education, something most of us take for

granted. At the end of the programme we were blessed by a huge variety of fruits they provided as a sign of their appreciation for our visit; the fruits then became our rations for the next two days.

But camp was just getting started for most of us. We played a range of activities e.g Limbo, rugby, volleyball, soccer, freestyle

BMX and just chasing each other for fun. On Thursday, Mr Bert accompanied some of the more adventurous students across the coral for a swim and even though a few had scratches, it was worth the experience.

On our final night, we prepared the traditional "motu" for our last dinner and had a bon fire afterwards to end the enjoyable night. On Friday we came back to school exhausted but relaxed from all the enjoyment. Later that weekend most of us recovered from those four days of fun. Definitely a camp to remember!

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