

WAVELENGTH

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From the Head of School...

Welcome back to the start of a new term and the second half of the academic year. During the break we managed some good progress with scheduled repairs and maintenance and I trust you will agree that the school environment is safe, pleasant and conducive to learning.

With reports being issued at the end of last term the break provided an ideal opportunity for students to reflect upon their achievements and to use teacher comments and suggestions to refine their individual goals and targets for this semester. In helping students with this it is also useful to remember that for optimal results education relies on a 3-way partnership between students, teachers and parents. As simple as it sounds this is often confused but essentially involves mutual support, encouragement and effort for developing and directing students to their full potential. I had the opportunity to catch up on some professional reading during the break and on this issue I came across two articles I'd like to share with our community:

<http://edition.cnn.com/2011/09/06/living/teachers-want-to-tell-parents>

<http://www.whitneyhoffman.com/2011/09/07/responding-to-ron-clark-what-teachers-really-want-to-say-to-parents/>

As with most articles they are written from a particular perspective so relevance to Woodford may be limited with the exception of highlighting the importance of working together to get the best results.

Have a great weekend!

Greg Hollis

WOODFORD UPCOMING EVENTS

- *Wk 2 assembly- Yr. 8A*
- *Fete N Family Fun day*
- *Wk 2 Year 7 Camp*
- *Wk 7 – IGCSE 1 Exam week*



CAMPS!!

WK. 2 Yr.7
- **24-26 Jul**

Wk. 7 Yr.8

After-School Activity

music

Ballet

Netball

soccer

Starts

art

Japanese

Monday 22nd

AFL

PYP CORNER



For the teachers and teacher assistants Term 3 started a few days earlier. The Primary staff undertook a 2 day PYP workshop about teaching and learning in the PYP. This workshop was run by two experienced IB presenters, Craig Eldred from the Australian International School in Vietnam and Brooke Clayton from Firkbank Grammar school in Melbourne. During the workshop we had a closer look at what inquiry should look like in our classrooms, we learnt about multiple intelligence and differentiation and were given lots of new ideas to use with our students. Like our primary school classrooms, the PYP workshops are hands on learning experiences with lots of collaboration, group work and some fun and laughter.



HARD WORKING HOLIDAYS!

While most of us were taking a well-earned break, our maintenance, grounds and cleaning personnel were working hard to keep our school in tip-top condition.

Thanks for all your hard work, we really appreciate it!



*Left;
scrubbing the
ceiling of the
breezeway!*



*Right:
Sanding
construction
blocks for
ECE*



Making new drain covers for Primary



Gardening & Scrubbing the Murals



Installing new Rainwater Tanks



*Rethatching and repairs to the Drum
Hut*