



DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✦ **Tuesday 11th February 2020**
Acquaintance Evening & Governing Council AGM.
- ✦ **Wednesday 19th February** Whole School Assembly – hosted by Casey Simmons (1006) & Rachel Bondarenko's classes, (1007)
- ✦ **Friday 20th March** National Day against Bullying Assembly
- ✦ **Wednesday 25th of March** **Harmony Day Assembly**

Dear families and friends,

Welcome to the 2020 school year- the start of a new decade! In particular, I would welcome all those families and children who have started their learning journey at Woodville Gardens School Birth - 7 for the first time. For those families starting in the Children's Centre and the Reception Classes, we look forward to working together to provide wonderful and innovative experiences for your child.

At the end of 2020 Woodville Gardens will have been open for 10 years; we will be planning our 10th Birthday celebrations, making sure we acknowledge the journey as well as our success!



Students are proud to wear the Woodville Gardens Uniform.

Information for schools, early childhood services and parents

SA Health has provided updated advice to us about Novel Coronavirus, which is occurring in the Hubei Province of China and has also been reported in other parts of mainland China, and several other countries, including Australia.

The updated advice is that:

- Students/children and staff who have travelled to Hubei Province in the last 14 days should not attend school or early childhood services and isolate themselves in their homes for 14 days after leaving Hubei Province.
- Students/children and staff who have travelled to mainland China, not including Hubei Province, are able to return to school or an early childhood service unless they are contacts of a confirmed case, or they have symptoms consistent with the virus.
- All students and staff who have travelled to mainland China should monitor themselves for the 14 days from their departure from mainland China for symptoms of coronavirus. (Parents and Guardians should monitor young children)

Symptoms may include: fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, and sore throat.

The latest advice is available on the Australian Government Department of Health website:

www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov

Please check this Australian Government link for further information as it becomes available.

Governing Council Annual General Meeting –Tuesday Evening 11/2/2020

On behalf of Governing Council, please accept our invitation to attend the 2020 AGM.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held Tuesday at the end of Acquaintance Night on the **11th of February**, starting at **5.40 pm**. The AGM is where councilors are elected to Governing Council for a tenure of 2 years. This group is responsible for setting directions for the school and gives *parents a voice* in the way the school runs through policy formation. Governing Council is responsible for overseeing, the uniform policy, approving the annual budget, the setting of school fees, the debt collection policy and fundraising. We have had a very enthusiastic council for the past few years and I would invite all families to consider this opportunity to have even greater input into your children's education.

Meetings are twice a term usually on Tuesday evenings.

A Positive and Safe Environment

A reminder for all; often in frustration or even excitement we forget to monitor the language we are using in front of young children and other adults.

Woodville Gardens School is committed to providing all children with an environment that is safe from abusive behaviours and language. Adults in particular are important role-models in the way they respond to adversity. Unfortunately there have been circumstances where parents have forgotten that their swearing and abusive language can be damaging to other children and adults.

Sun Safety

Australia has the highest skin cancer rate in the world, nearly two out of three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer by the time they are 70. Much of the damage is done when children are young, not understanding the damage they are doing. In order to protect our children from potential risk can families please support by ensuring that all children have a sun-safe hat.



Welcome to new staff

Woodville Gardens School welcomes several new staff:

- Rachel Birch & Terrence Konstantakis are team teaching in 9007
- Casey Simmons is teaching Year 6/7s in 1006

- Darrien Newcombe is in 1008 teaching Year 6/7s
- Indu Bala also teaching Year 6/7s in 1013
- Rhianna Woodbury joins the team as Assistant Principal – Preschool.
- Anita Tragaras will be team-teaching with Lee Biglow in the Primary Area Resource Class
- Returning this year is Margy Robinson – EALD Teacher

Please take the opportunity to introduce yourselves to the newest members of our team.

Indu Bala, Darien Newcombe and Casey Simmons are teaching Years 6/7 in the Blue Building



Rhianna Woodbury is the new Assistant Principal



Anita Tragaras is team teaching with Lee Biglow in 7013



Rachel Birch & Terrence Konstantakis are teaching in 9007

Kind regards,

Fiona Voigt