

OCTOBER 2022

WELCOME NEWSLETTER

WOODEND PRIMARY SCHOOL
EDWARD BECK DRIVE
SHEIDOW PARK 5158
SOUTH AUSTRALIA



Welcome!

Welcome Newsletter #1

We welcome you to Woodend Primary School. We are very proud of our school and all that we can offer your child/ren. We look forward to working in partnership with you to assist your child/ren in reaching their full potential. Below is information that you may require:

ORIENTATION

We continue our strong networks with local prior-to-school settings and regularly meet to improve transition processes for our children as they farewell one familiar setting and adjust to a new setting. We make every effort to carefully place students so that on their first orientation visit they will be with their allocated teacher and new class members, where possible. We offer two orientation visits in Term 4 for new Reception students and their families.

These will occur on:

1. THURSDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2022
2. THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER 2022

You will be informed of your exact session time for these visits via an invitation in November.

COMMUNICATION

There are a range of ways you can access the information you need to help you and your child transition into school life and life at Woodend.

This may range from curriculum information to uniform choices and the canteen service. Here are your options:

Woodend Website: <http://www.woodendps.sa.edu.au>

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Woodend Newsblog: <http://woodendprimaryschool.edublogs.org>.

Woodend Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/woodendprimaryschool>

Woodend Email: dl.1056.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Woodend Address: Woodend Primary School
Edward Beck Drive
Sheidow Park 5158

Woodend Phone: (08) 8322 6422

Subscribe! You can then receive notifications and can keep informed of current school information.

Woodend Website contains all the information for new families commencing at Woodend. It has all you need to know about enrolment, school bell times, parking, canteen, uniform, attendance and more.

Woodend Newsblog is likened to a rolling newsletter. It contains posts of the most recent events/information pertaining to our school.

Seesaw - platform used by students, teachers and families to connect - to share learning, provide information and relay messages.

VOLUNTEERING

We are very appreciative of the work of volunteers within our school community. In more recent times, volunteering has been impacted by COVID-19 restrictions. To become a volunteer at a Department For Education school such as Woodend, you will need to complete the following:

1. Obtain a Department for Human Services **'Working With Children Clearance' (WWCC)**. All volunteers must be supervised by a teacher / staff member and not be working with individual students out of sight of a teacher. Any person wishing to volunteer for excursions or camps needs to have this working with children clearance. If you are volunteering where your child is present eg. in the classroom, in groups and sports teams, a WWCC is not required

2. Complete the **'Responding To Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect Education and Care' (RRHAN-EC) online training**. Child safety is paramount in our considerations of who may volunteer their services at school. Here is the link:

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/working-us/rrhan-ec/fundamentals-course-responding-risks-harm-abuse-and-neglect-education-and-care>

The session explains what you are expected to do if you have concerns about the safety or wellbeing of children and young people. It helps you understand appropriate ways of relating with children and young people

3. Complete a **'Volunteer Application' form** and show this to our front office staff with proof of identity with photo ID and name and contact details of two referees

4. Complete a **'General Induction'** training online (takes approximately 20 minutes), print off certificate and give this to our front office staff

5. Sign a **'Volunteer Agreement' form**. These forms are available from our front office.

UNIFORM

Our school colours are navy and gold. We have a number of uniform options available and these can be purchased from our Uniform Shop or from a Department store.

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As of July 2021, our Uniform Policy has been reviewed and is titled 'Dress Code Policy'. To find out about our current uniform policy, uniform choices, prices and how to order, you can go to our school website or our Newsblog.

STARTING SCHOOL

The Department for Education (DfE) has developed this flyer that may help you and your child prepare for school life.

<https://parenting.sa.gov.au/easy-guides/starting-school-parent-easy-guide>

We trust that this information is helpful to you. Please feel free to contact our Receptionist on (08) 8322 6422 if you would like further information. We look forward to meeting you.

Mr Steve Freeman
Principal

Cathie Luke
Senior Leader, Early Years

