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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all returning and new families and staff for the 2016 school year. I am sure that parents are just as excited as the children for school to recommence. Enrolments will be around 460. It was great to see students presented in uniform and ready to begin the year on a positive note. A big thank you to parents for having your children so well prepared. We welcomed 54 Prep children who began their first day at school.

A big thank you also to all staff for preparing the classes and grounds so flawlessly for Wednesday last week.

Thanks for your patience, particularly during the first week or so. As more parents become confident with bus arrangements I hope we'll see a reduction in the traffic congestion. Remember to drive with caution around all schools.

With so much planned for 2016, we call on parents to take an active role in the school community by attending Parent & Citizens (P&C) Meetings. Meetings are held once a month on the second Tuesday (7.30pm in the Staffroom). Let's all have a great year.

Change of Details

Just a reminder to parents, if you have changed address, contact phone numbers, emergency contacts, medical details, custody details or any relevant information about your child, could you please advise the office as soon as possible so we can keep our records up to date.

Needs!

Thanks for your support in having your children so well prepared for the school year.

- healthy lunches
- drinks
- school requirements
- school uniforms
- positive attitudes



All are ingredients to a successful school year and I encourage all parents to continue to maintain these high standards throughout the year. I am sure 2016 will be a great year!



WELCOME BACK

FEBRUARY

WEEK 2

- Mon 1 Tuckshop begins
- Wed 3 Newsletter
Student Banking begins
- Thur 4 Tuckshop
Year 4-6 Swimming
P-3 Assembly
- Fri 5 Year 4-6 Assembly
NO BREAKFAST

WEEK 3

- Mon 8 Tuckshop
- Tues 9 P&C Meeting
- Wed 10 Newsletter
Student Banking
- Thur 11 Tuckshop
Year 4-6 Swimming
P-3 Assembly
- Fri 12 Year 4-6 Assembly



THE 5 BS

The 5 Bs are five simple expectations we apply with all students at Woongarra State School. Each class will discuss how each of these rules applies to their particular age and year level.



- B**e RESPECTFUL of yourself, others and property.
- B**e POSITIVE Give it your best shot.
- B**e RESPONSIBLE Be safe and aware.
- B**e PROUD Take pride in yourself, your work and your school.
- B**e TOLERANT Understanding of others' ideas, beliefs and feelings.

Please encourage these wonderful expectations at home too!

*SCHOOL NEWS***School Staffing 2016**

To assist parents in maintaining strong parent-teacher relationships at Woongarra, a staff list is provided for your information.

Principal	Jeff Irwin	Prep BK	Sue Brennan and Lynda Knight
Deputy Principal	Linda Oakley	Prep J	Alex Jurgens
Business Services Manager	Christine Scarborough	1C	Tania Collins
Administration Officers	Leandre Foster	1GM	Karen Gahan and Ailis Morgan
Guidance Officer	Bryan Willetts	1L	Jo Lapene
Head of Special Education Services	Claire Sheehan	2KC	Amanda Condon and Lynda Knight
Master Teacher	Wendy McKenzie	2L	Rebecca Larkman
Learning Support / Key Teacher	Jacqui McLennan	2V	Cheri Visona
Curriculum	Elissa Wyatt	3B	David Baren
Literacy Coach	Lynda Pappalardo	3R	Rosemary Birrell
Special Education Program Teacher	Julie Adler	3W	Elissa Wyatt and Rochelle Reepsdorff
Teacher Librarian	Leesa Rose	4E	Jenny Edwards
P.E. Teacher	Jason Shears	4H	Kerry Haynes
Languages (German) Teacher	Alison Kindt	4/5L	Jacqui Liston
Speech Language Pathologist	Emma Fain	5M	Sean Mullaney
Classroom Music Teachers	Kathy Cavanagh	5PR	Lynda Pappalardo and Marilyn Rekow
Instrumental Music Teachers	Annette Christensen	6D	Joanne Driver and Rochelle Reepsdorff
I.T.	Joshua Long	6S	Tracey Shears
School Chaplain	Paula Dalrymple	6V	Glenn Vertigan
Teacher Aides	Lynette Bek Kylie Chapman Bec Cheacker Kristine Dorrion-Flanders Christie Howden Stacey McGill Debra Morgan Annette Oakley Rebecca Palmer Di Rapley Krystyna Rush Kim Sologinkin		
Groundsperson	Col Fritz		
Cleaners	Linda Banks Glenn Beyer Bernice Hening Kim Wheeler		

Our staffing will be confirmed after this week. At that point, we can finalise the above list of staff.

Playground Equipment

All playgrounds (Year 1 at front of school, Prep in Prep area, the wooden playground on the big oval and the playground on the junior oval) are not to be used before or after school as they are not supervised by school staff at these times. Please remind your children of this.

Collection of Children after School

All children who are being collected by car and whose parents wait in their cars for their child to walk out to them will wait in the grassed area at the end of the administration block or near the Library/Hall.

No child will wait near the single gate at the front of the office. Parents who park outside the school in the car park on Kleins Road will need to walk into the school to collect their children. If you want them to walk out to you, please park in the main car park.

Thanks for your understanding with this matter.

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Road Safety

Thank you parents for your cooperation on the roads when 'dropping off' or 'collecting' your children. A very high percentage of parents drive their kids to school and, as a result, car parking and road safety are critical.



Thanks for continuing to be aware, to be **patient**, to be **considerate** and to be **understanding** of the delays and the congestion that will occur. It only takes a minority of drivers to NOT 'Do the Right Thing' for the majority to suffer. *As a reminder, move forward in the "drop off" zone and never park or drop off in the bus zone!!*

Also, Elliott Heads Road is not an appropriate place to drop your child off!!

Insurance Cover for Students

Some school activities, especially sport, involve some inherent risk of injury. Parents are advised that the Department of Education does not have student accident insurance.

If your child is injured at school or at a school activity as the result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs, are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver.

It is up to parents what types and what level of private insurance they wish to arrange to cover their child.

Quote: *"How come dumb stuff seems so smart when you are doing it?"*

Dennis the Menace

Jeff Irwin

Instrumental Music

- Woodwind / Brass / Percussion

Lessons for Woodwind, Brass & Percussion students with Ms Palmer will be on **Mondays** this year with lessons commencing in Week 2. To ensure students can begin lessons immediately, please ensure enrolment forms have been handed in and fees paid by this date.



Ms Palmer

Instrumental Music - Strings

Strings with Mrs C will be on **Tuesdays** this year with lessons commencing in Week 2. To ensure students can begin lessons immediately, please ensure enrolment forms have been handed in and fees paid by this date.



Mrs C

Student Banking

Don't forget that WEDNESDAY is School Banking day!



Banking for 2016 starts in Week 2.

We encourage a minimum deposit of \$1.00. For every deposit made at school, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

School Banking is a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives \$5 when children make their very first deposit at school from a new account opened and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

It's easy to get started

To get your child started on their savings adventure, you'll need to set them up with a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account.

Online

If you're an existing Commonwealth Bank customer, log in to NetBank, go to the 'Offers and Apply' tab, then click 'Accounts' and 'Youthsaver and School Banking'. From there you'll just need to select your child's school and have their birth certificate on hand for ID purposes.

In branch (quick and efficient method)

You can visit any Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for you (Driver Licence) and your child (Birth Certificate). The deposit book will be issued by the bank at that stage ready for participating in Wednesday banking.

Over the phone

Simply call 13 2221 to open an account over the phone.

Once the Youthsaver account is open, simply have your child take their weekly deposit to school in their yellow Dollarmites deposit wallet on School Banking day.

This year, School Banking is running a wild **Grand Prize competition with a chance to win a family trip to Australia Zoo**, where you'll get to meet Bindi and Robert Irwin, plus:

- Enjoy a full day Platinum Zoo Adventure Tour where you'll get to pat wombats, cuddle koalas and feed wallabies, all while your personal photographer captures every amazing moment.
- Domestic return economy airfares to Sunshine Coast Qld, 4 nights' accommodation, 5 days' car hire and \$1000 spending money.

How to enter

Simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3 2016 and you'll automatically receive an entry into the competition for a chance to win.

Find out more at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Parent volunteers are required for the School Banking system to operate. If you have any time available to assist on a Wednesday morning, please see me in A Block from 9am.

Tracy Balto (School Banking Co-ordinator)

SCHOOL NEWS

Year 4 - 6 Swimming - Term 1

Due to the positive feedback of parents, students and teachers the last couple of years, we will continue with the nationally accredited "Love 2 Swim" program which is organised through the Royal Life Saving Society. The basic aim of the program is to provide a broad, balanced program of swimming, water safety and survival skills that is delivered by qualified instructors.

The program focuses on six skill strands: Entries and exits; sculling and body orientation; movement and swimming strokes; survival and personal flotation devices skills, underwater skills and rescue skills. It is hoped the program develops swimming technique, water safety knowledge, water confidence, survival skills and endurance for each child. Groups will have approximately 10 - 12 students per instructor. Students will be grouped according to their ability level.

With the aid of Government and school-based financial assistance, the swimming levy will be \$55 per student for an 8 week program. This covers bus to and from the pool, pool entry fee and the cost of hiring the instructors. This price is very reasonable when you consider that a private swim school charges approximately \$12 - \$15 per half hour lesson. We are looking at half that price! When you consider that swimming is a life skill that can save a life, this is a more than reasonable cost. Please contact the school ASAP if you need to organise a payment plan.

The Physical Education teacher, classroom teachers and parents are still required to be at the pool for supervisory purposes with individual groups. So to all those parents who are available to assist with Year 4 - 6 swimming this term, please turn up at Norville Pool as you will definitely be required to assist with the program - who knows, you may also learn something yourself that you may utilise in the future. Please check for swim times on your child's swimming note that should have already been taken home.

If you have any major concerns, please contact the school at your earliest convenience and we will try to answer any of your questions.

2015 Swimming and Sports money owing

Unfortunately, there is still a reasonably large sum of money still owing from some families for 2015 from a number of activities:

... Year 4 - 6 Swimming	(Term 1, 2015) \$ 70.00 (1 students)
... Year 1 - 3 Swimming	(Term 4, 2015) \$ 300.00 (5 students)
... Year 4 - 6 Interschool Sport	(Term 2, 2015) \$ 26.00 (2 students)
... Year 4 - 6 Interschool Sport	(Term 3, 2015) \$ 90.00 (6 students)
... Year 4 - 6 Interschool Sport	(Term 4, 2015) \$ 195.00 (13 students)

Whilst the school has paid the bills relating to these activities, the school money used to cover these costs could have been used elsewhere in the school to benefit your child. Some students in Years 1-6 still haven't received their Swimming Certificate as fees have yet to be paid from 2015.

So, when you come up to school early this term for whatever reason, please pop into the office and check if you have any outstanding debts and promptly pay them off. It would be greatly appreciated!

A massive THANK YOU to all of those families who have paid up all their fees owing in 2015. We genuinely appreciate your efforts.

Jason Shears (P.E.)

Table Tennis News

During the last week of school in 2015, approximately 70 of our Year 4 - 6 students participated in the Bundaberg Table Tennis Association's 2015 interschool table tennis teams' championships sponsored by McDonalds. This was held at the Bundaberg & District Table Tennis Centre out near the airport from 9.30am until 2:30pm on the Monday.

Woongarra sent a total of 18 teams. Nine (9) of those teams either won their respective division or were runners-up in their respective division. The following students were in the runners-up teams:

- Year 6 Boys Division 1 runners up: Sam C, Ben F, Bailey R, Hayden D
- Year 6 Girls Division 1 runners up: Jasmine B, Kharla H, Mekkiya R, Chelsea M
- Year 6 Girls Division 2 runners up: Sarsha L, Kirsten H, Jorja L, Abbe S
- Year 4/5 Girls Division 1 runners up: Abbe S, Grace Z, Holly C, Abbey M
- Year 4/5 Girls Division 2 runners up: Maddison H, Kylie B, Mikaela D, Melissa H

The following students won their respective divisions:

- Year 6 Boys Division 2: Will R, Max J-H, Kai Y
- Year 4/5 Boys Division 1: Jordan B, Luke B, Bill M, Ethan M
- Year 4/5 Boys Division 3: Hayden B, Ryan S, Taishi Y, Daniel C
- Year 4/5 Girls Division 1: Jasmin B, Taylor S, Shenah W, Dakoda F

Congratulations to all participants on the day for a mighty effort, for behaving so well and for displaying outstanding sportsmanship at all times. They make you proud to be a Woonie!

Many thanks to Jeff, Deb M, Kylie C and Beccy C for your assistance with transport and/or supervision. Thanks also to parents who helped out with transport. Without these contributions, the children would just miss out altogether. Your help is therefore greatly appreciated.

*Jason Shears
(P.E. Teacher)*

BUNDABERG & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

COME 'n' TRY

JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS

Friday 29 January & 5 February

7.00 - 9.00 p.m.

It's free, win prizes

Free drink and ice block for every player

Bundaberg Table Tennis Centre
Kendalls Rd (opposite Airport)

Junior Season Starts	Friday 12 Feb. 4.30 - 6.30 p.m.
Nominations Close	Thursday 11 February
Junior Coaching	Every Friday 7.00 - 9.00 p.m.
Adult Fixtures	Tuesday & Wednesday nights
Social play (All welcome)	Fridays 8.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. Sundays 1.00 - 5.00 p.m.

Ring Dave Delpratt 4155 2388 for more information.

Table Tennis ~ sport for the whole family

SCHOOL NEWS

A word From Chaplain Paula

Welcome to 2016!

Regrets over the past and fears for the future will rob us of joy, peace and satisfaction that God desires to pour out upon us in the present moment. Let us make the most of this opportunity and forget the past so we can start the year with a clean slate. Philippians 3:14 reminds and encourages us "I'm off and running and I'm not turning back".

Looking forward to journeying with all at Woongarra again this year and I warmly welcome all our new students and families.

Lost property at St Vinnies

Over the holidays, approximately 75 items of lost property at our school were donated to the new St Vinnies on Johanna Boulevard. Most of these items were red or green jumpers, jackets and/or track tops.

Therefore, if you are chasing a cheap item of clothing for school with a view to the winter months, it might be a good idea to get to Vinnies sooner rather than later to maybe pick up a good deal.



Hey previous Auskick members, Auskick is returning this year to Woongarra in Term 1!

Everything is still the same as last year in regards to a fun, safe and friendly environment so I hope to see all you champions BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS FROM PREP - YEAR 6 out on the field with a footy in your hands and a smile on your faces.

More importantly, both you and your parent/caregiver need to attend the sign-on day from 3pm - 4:15pm on Monday 8 February at Woongarra State School. The fee is just \$75 and it still includes all the awesome goodies and 6 week program.



FOR SALE

- ½ size VIOLIN (UBER) with new bow
- Excellent condition \$120
Phone 0411 633 490 Vickie

Girls' Cricket News

Last year, Year 5M student Taylor S was selected in the Queensland Schoolgirls' Under 12 cricket team. This was after her outstanding performances representing Wide Bay at the State Championships in Brisbane, playing against girls up to two (2) years older than her.

Over the recent summer school holiday period Taylor attended a week's training camp in Brisbane / Ipswich in preparation for the School Sport Australia National Schoolgirl Under 12 Cricket Championships with the Queensland team. They began on Saturday 2 January and concluded on Friday 8 January 2016.

Including Queensland, there was a total of six States and Territories at these championships. Taylor's Queensland team defeated Western Australia, South Australia and the ACT. They lost to eventual winners NSW and also lost on the last day to Victoria in the play-off game to decide silver medalists (runners-up) and bronze medalists (third place). As a result of losing this last game to Victoria, Queensland came third out of the six (6) teams at the National Championships.

Taylor can feel very proud of herself as she was one of the youngest (and smallest!) players at the carnival but competed well against girls much bigger, older, taller and stronger!

Woongarra is also very proud of you Taylor - hopefully you can make this Queensland team again in 2016.

Well done and congratulations!

Tennis

Bundaberg Tennis Academy Professional Coach, Kevin Banner, will be commencing Tennis lessons at the school tennis courts, Monday - 8 February 2016 from 8am-8.45am for boys and girls in Years 3-6. Loan Rackets are available.

Players must register with Kevin by phoning: 4152 0753 or 0409 520753.

Unique Dance Studio

Principal: Ms Tammy Gill
E: danceunique@hotmail.com
M: 0438 735 162

Unique Dance Studio provides a dance education in a nurturing, positive, family-friendly environment. Come along enrol today and collect your enrolment package for a wonderful, exciting year of dance. Ages taken from 3 years - adults.

Classical Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop,
Contemporary, Irish, All Boys Hip Hop Crew,
All Boys Tap Crew, Ladies Fun Fit

Annual Examinations, Eisteddfods -
Competition Team, End of Year Productions

Tuckshop News

Welcome back everyone.

Tuckshop operates Monday (or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday) and Thursday.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Thursday 4 February

Tracy Balto
Shani Paulsen (after 9.00)
Natalie Miller
Kelly Hooper (11.30 - 2.30)
Leisha Bartholomai
(9.00 - 11.00)
Leesa Courtice (9.00 - 11.30)

Monday 8 February

Shani Paulsen (after 9.00)
Belinda Loeskow
Ashika Kumar
Rebecca Light (9.00 - 11.30)
Juanita Ryan (11.30 - 2.30)

Thursday 11 February

Shani Paulsen (after 9.00)
Tracy Balto
Natalie Miller
Leisha Bartholomai
(9.00 - 11.00)
Leesa Courtice (9.00 - 11.30)

Thank you all for your support. Please contact me ASAP if you are unable to attend your rostered day so a replacement may be arranged.

Help is always required in the Tuckshop so, if there is anyone who could assist at any time, even if only an hour or so, please contact me on a Tuckshop day or ring me. Any help at all is greatly appreciated.

Specials

Mini Pikelets A \$ 0.30
Lite Jelly Cups
(lime and raspberry) A \$ 0.50

Lyn Dobbs

Convenor

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