Attendance target 94% or better. Last term’s attendance rate was 93%. Let us all make a great effort this term to get that attendance back up and over 94%. Thanks to Bundy Bowl and Leisure Complex for giving the school some awards to promote attendance each term this year (www.bundybowl.com.au).

Welcome Back - Term 4

Hoping all children and staff are well rested and ready for the challenges of the final term for 2016.

This is the final stretch for our Year 6 students. Hopefully they will be well and truly ready for all the excitement and challenges of high school. This term will also see selection of school leaders for 2017 from our Year 5 cohort.

For you NRL fans … Up, up Cronulla – 50 year wait is over!!

Maths Teams’ Challenge

Question from last Newsletter:
I form a sequence of numbers by always adding the same number to produce the next number in the sequence. The tenth number in the sequence is 67 and the fifteenth is 82. What is the sum of the first and twentieth numbers in the sequence?

Answer:
Sequence is going up in threes so the first number is 39 and the twentieth is 97. The answer to the question is 137.

New Question:
At the conclusion of a small party, a total of 28 handshakes are made. Assuming every guest was equally polite (that is, each guest shook hands with each of the others), find the number of guests at the party.

Student Free Day

Monday 17 October is a student free day. This unusually placed student free day was initially introduced to allow teachers to moderate student work, particularly in secondary schools. So please don’t send students to school as the teachers will be working hard on moderation and professional development activities on this day.

Prep 2017

Letters have been sent home for Prep placements for 2017. Please return the Enrolment Application together with copy Birth Certificate, Survey and Fee Allocation form no later than Friday 7 October.

If you have not let us know about your child then please do so ASAP. We still have some placements if you know of other people who would like to attend our school next year. Please feel free to pass this information on and ask them to contact the office!!

Bullying

At Woongarra, we endeavour to be proactive in relation to bullying and, fortunately, only a few incidents of bullying occur. Children are shown strategies to deal with bullying behaviour if they encounter it.

We talk about the three step approach which is:

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<td>Ignore the bullying behaviour and move away.</td>
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<td>Move away and tell a teacher or other adult and see the adult again if it continues.</td>
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Please reinforce these steps with your children at home and encourage them to inform either your child’s teacher or a member of the administration team, if your child is bullied. Bullying is not tolerated at Woongarra!

ICE CUPS
for sale
at second break on Wednesdays
$0.50
**Student of the Week**
This section will appear every week in the Newsletter and provides the students with a chance to shine. Students are awarded a Student of the Week Certificate for displaying high achievement levels or efforts in the classroom and quality behaviour and positive attitudes.

**Quote:**
“Happiness is a conscious choice, not an automatic response.”

**Band students playing on assembly**
Make sure you bring your instrument to play on assembly this Friday and start setting up in the hall straight after morning tea.

**Mad Hatters’ Music Concert**
(all Woongarra Choir, Strings and Woodwind/Brass/Percussion students)
Tuesday 8 November
3:15pm in the School Hall

- **Special Music Event** -
Thursday 13 October
Best of Brass Concert
(in our school hall)
All students from Prep - Year 6
Cost: $5 per student

BoB - Best of Brass explores the unique mechanics, tone and versatile nature of these instruments in a fun and interactive performance. Featuring horns, trumpets and trombones, BoB’s repertoire stretches from stirring tango to classical, contemporary Australian music to improvisation and jazz. This performance is part of our learning program and is linked directly to the music curriculum as well as other curriculum areas, especially literacy and numeracy.

We would be delighted if you could come to the performance. There is no charge for parents/guardians and community members to attend.

**P&C News**

**# Calendar # Family Planner #**
**# Diary # Greeting Cards #**
**# Sketch Pad # Notebook #**
**# Pillow Case # Tea Towel #**
**# iPhone Case #**

Calendars $13  Diaries, Notebooks $18
Family Planners $16  & Sketch Pads
Pillowcases $22  iPhone Cases $25
Cards (pack of 8) $14  Tea Towels $18

We invite parents/caregivers to share in this wonderful fundraiser for the P&C. It is a unique gift for family and friends, especially for Christmas from your children.

Drawings will be completed in class or you can request that artwork be done at home.

Artwork and payment must be returned to the office by **Friday 14 October** to allow time for processing. Products are expected to be received by late November.

**Family Portraits by Laura Jean**

Saturday 29 October

Woongarra State School P&C is holding a Family Portrait Fundraiser on Saturday 29 October. You will receive a giant 10”x13” framed portrait for $15.00 - a fantastic Christmas gift idea. More photos can be purchased for additional cost. CDs, canvases and reorders are also available. Speak to your photographer on the day about a canvas upgrade offer.

Laura Jeans portraiture is of excellent standard and you can check the website www.laurajeanel.com.au for sample portraiture and great ideas on what to wear.

Bookings are to be made at the office with payment at time of booking.

**Amart All Sports Community Kick Back Program**
Woongarra School P&C is registered with the Amart AllSports Community Kick Back Program. Join the Team Amart program and nominate Woongarra State School on your account. Every time a purchase is made and the card is swiped, credits are awarded to Woongarra’s account. When members have spent a collective $2000 in any 12 month period, the school receives 5% store credit.

**The Athletes Foot School Rewards Program**
Woongarra State School is registered with The Athletes Foot School Rewards Program in the Hinkler Store. When any shoe is purchased at Hinkler store and you mention Woongarra State School, the school receives a $5 credit. This is not just shoes for students, it applies to anyone making the purchase and mentioning the school.

Jane Barratt, P&C
Term 3 Interschool Sport

Term 4 interschool sport will start on Friday 14 October, the second Friday back at school after the September school holidays, and will run for 5 weeks.

Students who wish to participate in Tenpin Bowling this term are reminded that, as there are only 30 spots available for this sport, the first 30 students to pay in full at the school office either by cash or EFTPOS will be selected. In this instance, personal cheques and internet transfer of funds for Tenpin Bowling will not be accepted. It is on a ‘first in, first served’ basis.

The cost for Tenpin Bowling will be a total of $35. All other interschool sport will only cost approximately $15. Please ensure all previous fees have been paid.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Year 1 – 3 Swimming

Swimming for Year 1 - 3 students will begin on Monday 10 October (Week 2 Term 4).

This unit of work will form a large part of your child’s Physical Education rating on their Semester 2 Report Card. Cost for the 8 week program (1 x 40 minute lesson/week) will be $48. Payment for swimming is due by Friday 7 November. A detailed note has been sent home this week.

Girls Cricket News

Before the September school holidays, Woongarra had six girls travel to Maryborough as part of the Bundaberg District Schoolgirls’ Under 12 representative cricket teams.

In Maryborough, these girls played against girls from other districts such as Hervey Bay, Maryborough, Gympie, North Burnett and South Burnett.

At the conclusion of these Wide Bay trials, two Wide Bay teams were announced. Taylor S (6D) was named in the Wide Bay No 1 team. Abbey S (6S) and Jasmin B (6S) were named in the Wide Bay Invitational Team. These three girls will now attend the Queensland Under 12 Schoolgirls’ State Cricket Championships here in Bundaberg running from 30 October until 2 November.

Congratulations girls! Well done and best of luck! We here at Woongarra are all very proud of you and your efforts!

Jason Shears, PE Teacher

Interhouse Cross Country Fun Run

On the last day of school last term (Friday 16 September), Woongarra State School held the annual interhouse cross country fun run. The weather was very, very warm but quite still. The final points for the event were as follows:

1st Burnett (yellow) 242 points (had the most competitors with 95 runners)
2nd Endeavour (blue) 231 points
3rd Hinkler (red) 227 points
4th Tallon (green) 148 points

Congratulations to Burnett House (yellow team) for their win. Congratulations to all of the runners who received a placegetters’ certificate for finishing between 1st and 6th. Congratulations to all of the boys and girls from Prep to Year 6 who just turned up on the day and had a go at trying their hardest to do their best. What a great attitude from these participants! In total we had 343 runners which has been Woongarra’s fifth biggest Fun Run ever. Well done!

Number of boy runners = 162
Number of girl runners = 181 (GO GIRL POWER!!!)

Highest number of runners from one year level: Tie between Year 6 and Year 3 with 55 runs each respectively – well done to these two year levels.

Plenty of other “THANK YOUs” are also needed:
- to Mr Fritz for his superb setting up and grounds preparation
- to all of the classroom teachers for getting the boys and girls moving during their training sessions
- to all staff members, student teachers and Kepnock SHS work experience students for assisting on the day
- to all of the parents, family members and supporters who turned up on the day to cheer on all of the runners.

Many thanks to the P & C Association who purchased the ice blocks that all of the participating boys and girls (and some staff members!) thoroughly enjoyed after the run.

Special mention also to Sportspower Bundaberg who were involved in sponsoring a number of the student prize packs that students received for doing some fundraising.

Jason Shears, PE Teacher

Student Banking - Term 4 Competition

Don’t forget that WEDNESDAY is School Banking day!

Each time you bank in Term 4, a raffle ticket with your name and class will be put into a box and prizes will be drawn in the last week of school. One prize of a $10 gift card will be drawn for each year level.

So student bankers ... the more times you bank, the better the chance you have of winning. You need to be in it to win it!!

Tracy Balto, Student Banking Coordinator
SCHOOL NEWS

Book Fair
Once again our school Library is holding its annual Book Fair. Book Fairs are a great opportunity for students and parents to purchase quality books at affordable prices (maybe a surprise Christmas present). In addition, the school library earns commission from sales to purchase additional resources for our school.

The children are given an opportunity to browse through the collection of books and assorted items to create their own ‘Wishlist’ with their class and will bring this ‘Wishlist’ home for your perusal.

Preview only - NO SALES
Tuesday 11 - Friday 14 October

Sales: Tuesday 18 - Friday 21 October
Times: Tues, Wed, Thurs
8.15 - 9.00am
1.15 - 1.45pm
3.00 - 3.30pm
Fri 8.15 - 9.00am only

As with last year, we will have EFTPOS and credit card facilities available at the Library.

Hope to see you all there to support another fantastic school activity.

Leesa Rose
Teacher Librarian

Garage Sale Trail
Residents, schools, community groups and businesses are invited to take part in the annual Garage Sale Trail event on Saturday, October 22.

The initiative, sponsored locally by Bundaberg Regional Council, encourages the region’s residents to hold a garage sale on the same day, October 22, and aims to promote reuse, unite communities, create awareness around the issues of illegal dumping, provide a platform for fundraising and inspire creativity.

The Garage Sale Trail is an excellent opportunity to declutter your household and join the hundreds of thousands of people across the country on the day and be a part of a national platform for fundraising. The site fee is your donation to Relay for Life and any money raised on the day is yours to keep.

Application forms for the Rummage for Relay can be found at bundaberg.qld.gov.au.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS!
Random Acts of Kindness deeds were celebrated in our school during Term 4 last year. Some wonderful things happened during the term: one student decided to sit with a new student to show friendship, people received anonymous gifts, thank you cards and much more. Friendships were strengthened and new ones made. All of us come across opportunities to show kindness to someone in some way. All too often though we become wrapped up in our own lives and stop recognising the needs of those around us - even the needs of those we love the most.

“No kind action ever stops with itself. One kind action leads to another. Good example is followed. A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. The greatest work that kindness does to others is that it makes them kind themselves.”

Let’s challenge ourselves in doing kind deeds again in Term 4!

Looking forward to hearing of all the kind things happening around us this term!!!!!!

Bundaberg Regional Council

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Thursday 6 October
Tracy Balto
Kelly Hooper
Leisha Bartholomai (9.00 -11.00)
Leesa Courtice (9.00 - 11.30)
Juanita Ryan

Monday 10 October
Shani Paulsen
Jane Howard

Thursday 13 October
Tracy Balto
Fiona Ames
Leisha Bartholomai (9.00 - 11.00)
Leesa Courtice (9.00 - 11.30)

Thank you all for your support. Please let me know ASAP if you can’t attend your rostered day.

Specials
Mini Blueberry Muffins $ 0.50
Pasta Bolognese (Homemade) $ 4.00

Lyn Dobbs
Convenor
(M) 0418 235 722
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Family Fun Day
October 15
Kevin Brogden Venodrome
Cnr Crofton & Powers St
9am till 12 midday

Bring your bike
All bike styles welcome
Bring your helmet & enclosed shoes
Plenty of fun events and races

Sausage sizzle, Canteen, Sample Bags

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