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Dear Parents, Staff and Students:

Attendance target 95% or better. Last week's attendance rate was 95.1%. Let's together make every day count!!

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Thanks to Bundy Bowl and Leisure Complex for giving the school some awards each term to promote attendance. Thanks also to Rebel Sports Bundaberg for supplying our annual awards!! (Our final attendance rate for 2017 was 93.1% - we can do better this year!!).

Proud to be a Woonie!!

Now in my seventh year at Woongarra, I am proud to call myself a Woonie!! Parents and guardians, you have every right to be proud of your children and your school. This hasn't just happened but has been achieved by cooperation between school and home. The 5 B's are five simple expectations we apply with all students at Woongarra State School and I know you must at home too.

Be RESPECTFUL of yourself, others and property.

Be POSITIVE: Give it your best shot.

Be RESPONSIBLE: Be safe and aware.

Be PROUD: Take pride in yourself, your work and your school.

Be TOLERANT: Understanding of others' ideas, beliefs and feelings.

I also love the way these expectations are woven into the school song. The words of this wonderful song are recorded below:

1. Woongarra, we are red and green.

Always ready, always keen.

Proud to represent our school,

Be it on the field or in the pool.

2. We love to welcome a new guest

With the Woonie insignia emblazoned on our chest.

In school spirit we are strong.

Everyone knows they belong.

Chorus

We are Woonies, standing strong.

We are Woonies, at Woongarra we belong.

We're all different, but together we sing our song:

Onward and upward, moving on.

3. Here at Woongarra we try our best.

Until it's finished, we do not rest.

And when it is done,

We all know we can have some fun.

Chorus

We're respectful, we're responsible,

We're positive.

We are tolerant and proud

And that's just how it is.

School Staffing 2018

To start the year we have 473 children. Children have made a great start to the year and thank you parents for having them in uniform and with stationery supplies.

The 5 B's

The 5 B's 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.

This month we are concentrating particularly on 'Being Respectful'. Children demonstrating this 5B outside in the playground will be recognised with a "Woonie". All Woonies achieved gives the recipient a chance to win an ice block and bookmark at assembly each week.

Week 2 winners were (from Prep to Year 6): Benett I, Rylan L, Maddison S, Alexander B, Amelia S, Mrs Rekow.



WELCOME BACK

FEBRUARY

WEEK 3

Tues	6	Tuckshop
Wed	7	Newsletter Year 4-6 Swimming Student Banking <i>Book Club due</i>
Thur	8	Tuckshop P-3 Assembly <i>Look How We've Changed</i> Performance \$5 NO BREAKFAST
Fri	9	Year 4-6 Assembly

WEEK 4

Tues	13	Tuckshop
Wed	14	Newsletter Year 4-6 Swimming Student Banking Icy Cups
Thur	15	Tuckshop <i>Subway \$\$ due</i> BREAKFAST STARTS
Fri	16	
11.30		<i>Whole School Assembly (Badge Ceremony)</i>

WEEK 5

Tues	20	Tuckshop
Wed	21	Newsletter Year 4-6 Swimming Student Banking Icy Cups
Thur	22	Tuckshop Breakfast P-3 Assembly
Fri	23	Year 4-6 Assembly P&C Meeting Tuesday 13 February 7.30pm in the Staffroom

SCHOOL NEWS

Absence from School

Remember please that it is your responsibility to let the school know if your child will be absent from school. This means that we need to know about the absence of your child on the day they are away or beforehand. If we do not hear from you a text will be sent to a family contact around 10:30am informing you of the absence and seeking a response from you.

If, for any reason, your child is unable to attend school, a number of avenues are available for advising the school of the absence. Please provide student name, date of absence and reason for absence.

- **TEXT 0427 786 661**

- phone Student Absence Line 4150 6366
(this number is also in the printed header on page 1 of the Newsletter)
- send notification through the Skoolbag app
- absence notes are available in the office foyer
- when the parent/guardian has prior knowledge of a child being absent, a written note to the teacher beforehand is appreciated. Oral messages from pupils are not acceptable.

Car Parking

The car park is a **DANGEROUS** place, particularly in the afternoon pick up time. To ease congestion we invite early arriving Prep parents (without older siblings) to depart at 2:50 pm; hopefully freeing up some parks for the 3:00pm rush.



Some road safety issues are of particular concern.

1. Escorting children from the car park into admin car park across entering and exiting lanes of traffic. This reinforces (with children) that this is a safe and acceptable entry point *and it is most definitely not safe*. The **ONLY** safe entry point is across the raised footpath crossing. Adults should model the safe entry and exit procedure.

2. Parking in no standing areas close to the “lollipop crossing” endangers the lives of children. Police have been invited to attend the rush hour to see if they can convince drivers of the dangers of parking in this area.

3. Drop and Go Area is to for exactly that; *drop and go*. When dropping off or collecting children you may not leave your vehicle if parked in this area defined with a yellow line. If the drop and go parks in front of you are free then move forward so more cars can fit in here.

4. Parking or dropping off in the bus zone. There are some vehicles in this area but they are either Childcare minibuses or family day-care vehicles. No other vehicles should drop off or collect in this area besides buses.

5. Parking in the Administration area and Disability Car Park. The visitor car park in the administration car park is not there for parents to drop off students. It is for visiting workers/staff etc. Please only park in the marked disabled car parks if you have the appropriate sticker on your car!!

6. Parking in the Staff car park. The car park next to the Tennis Courts is a designated staff car park. Please do not drop off or collect children in this area.

Let's all be considerate of others and follow the rules. It certainly makes the area much safer for all our kids! **If you can wait to 3:20pm to collect your kids**, especially if they are older, that will assist the congestion too and the car park is less busy then!!

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.

Prep GK	<i>Illie W</i>	Prep KC	<i>Tyler L</i>
Prep J	<i>Jayden S</i>		
1C	<i>Roma McD</i>	1L	<i>Braxton S</i>
1R	<i>Kadence S</i>		
2R	<i>Zavier C</i>	2V	<i>Rebecca Z</i>
2/3R	<i>Mikkah E</i>		
3B	<i>Brooklyn S</i>	3W	<i>Riley S-C</i>
4E	<i>Charlotte M</i>	4H	<i>Jethro S</i>
4L	<i>Kayden P</i>		
5M	<i>Aylah G</i>	5PR	<i>Brooke N</i>
5/6S			
6D	<i>Riley P</i>	6V	<i>Gemma P</i>

Quote: *“Action may not always bring happiness; but there is no happiness without action.”*

Jeff Irwin

Prep photos for News-Mail



The News-Mail will be coming to school on Tuesday 20 February to take photos of all Prep children to put in a special feature in a few week's time. Permission is required for student photos and names to appear in the paper. Permission forms will be sent home this week. Please return the completed form to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

P&C Association

The P&C meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the staffroom. The Annual General Meeting is held in March of each year. Our first meeting for 2018 will be held on Tuesday 13 February. We look forward to seeing you there.

SCHOOL NEWS

A word from Chaplain Paula

Two of our biggest fears are - failure and criticism. And they never completely go away. You can overcome them, but they'll show up when you face your next challenge. It's in accepting fear as part of life's journey instead of running from it, that you learn to conquer it. Indeed, as you look back at what you've already overcome, you realise that most times failure doesn't do permanent damage - you actually grow stronger through it.

An unknown poet wrote:

"I used to have a comfort zone where I knew I couldn't fail;
the same four walls of busy work were really more like jail.
I longed so much to do the things I'd never done before,
but stayed inside my comfort zone and paced the same old floor.
I said it didn't matter that I wasn't doing much;
I said I didn't care for things like dreams and goals and such.
I claimed to be so busy with the things inside my zone,
but deep inside I longed for something special of my own.

I couldn't let my life go by just watching others win;
I held my breath and stepped outside and let the change begin.
I took a step, and with new strength I'd never felt before,
I kissed my comfort zone good bye, then closed and locked the door.
If you are in a comfort zone, afraid to venture out,
remember that all winners were at one time filled with doubt".

The word for you today is: ***This year, get out of your comfort zone.***

Adapted from The Word for Today, Vision Christian Media. 2018

AFL Visit

Last week, we had the pleasure of hosting Bundaberg / Wide Bay AFL Queensland Coaching and Development Officer Shaun Stone at Woongarra State School. He also brought with him his two (2) off-siders Jayden and Michael.

The three of them took all of the Phys. Ed. classes throughout the week from Prep to Year 6. They did a lot of mini and modified AFL games and skill drills promoting the AFL Auskick program currently being held here at Woongarra. It was great to see about 25 students after school on Monday getting right into their kicking, handballing and marking, out on the junior oval.

Many thanks to Shaun, Jayden and Michael for attending P.E. classes last week. A massive THANK-YOU to all students who behaved themselves and participated so well for our special guest visitors.

Wide Bay School Sport Swim Team

Information regarding the Wide Bay Primary Schools' Swim Team is now at the school office. This team is open to any student aged 10 - 12 years. Students with a disability (SWD) may also nominate. Students who have turned, or are turning, 13 this year, are ineligible. Swimmers must meet the qualifying times (enclosed in the information pack) that are to be verified by a swim club secretary or registrar. Nominations close on Wednesday 14 February and must be at St Luke's Anglican School administration office (or to Mrs Maryann Baren at St Luke's') by this date. Cut off time is 3pm.

Table Tennis Visit

Last Thursday lunch time, Dave Delpratt, the Bundaberg Table Tennis Coaching and Development Officer, attended Woongarra State School to promote the start of the new junior table tennis fixtures on a Friday night, out at the Bundaberg Table Tennis Centre on Kendalls Road (near the airport).

About 40 of our Year 4, 5 and 6 students turned up to our hall to have a free hit of table tennis with Mr Delpratt.

Well done boys and girls for putting on such a great display of being just nice people! This not only makes you look good but it also enhances the super-reputation of Woongarra State School in our community and beyond.

Congratulations, and feel very proud of yourselves!

Jason Shears (P.E. Teacher)

ICY CUPS

Wednesday
- second lunch break

\$0.25 ½ cup for Prep students
\$0.50 full cup



Each student may purchase 1 icy cup for themselves only!

Prep money is collected from class in the morning and icy cups are delivered to class.

SCHOOL NEWS

Student Banking

Don't forget that WEDNESDAY is School Banking day!



What's new in 2018?

The Commonwealth Bank has introduced a new and improved School Banking Contributions Program that aligns more closely to the values we're teaching children about developing regular savings habits.

Our school will now receive:

- An **Annual Contribution** each calendar year based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.
- A **Regular Savers Contribution** of \$5 for every 10 School Banking deposits processed per student, in line with the existing School Banking Rewards Program for students.

We have decided to conduct an in-school competition whereby two tickets will be issued to students for every ten School Banking deposits made. Prizes will be drawn at the end of the year. Further details to be advised.

Tennis Family Fun Day
18 February 2-5pm.

Rotary Park Tennis Courts are having a free family tennis day! Come along for a fun afternoon of tennis, raffles, ball machine, cardio tennis, giveaways and much more.



Dress as your favourite tennis player to win a prize!



Bundaberg Netball Assn.
REGISTRATIONS
NOW OPEN
5 - 6 years

Further information available on our website:
www.bundaberg.qld.netball.com.au



Thursday 8 February
\$ 5.00

Look How We've Changed is a funny, lively theatre experience designed to show students the scientific steps taken to get us where we are today and to get them imagining what lies ahead for them. With loads of tools, utensils, clothing, toys and all manner of paraphernalia reaching back to the 1800s, this show is a visual feast. Students see how, with changes and advances, almost everything has been made easier to do, more affordable and our expectations of daily life continue to rise.

As is usual with school performances, the curriculum is supported, and it is expected that all students will attend to learn and enjoy.



Brothers Aston Villa Soccer sign-on for Brothers Aston Villa is on Saturday 3 February from 9am-1pm at the Brothers Sports Club. Players from under-6 to senior men and ladies are invited to join.



Information about fees and how to register can be found at:
<http://www.bavfootball.org.au/>.

Please contact us at:
secretary@bavfootball.org.au
or call Kayleen on 0400125812
with any questions.

Training starts 1 March 2018
Thursdays 4.30pm—5.30pm
Training for Youth & Seniors
Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5pm
Faircloth Crescent Bundaberg
(behind Brothers Sports Club)

Come and see us at the Move It Expo 10 February at the PCYC 10am - 2pm
or just come along to training and have a go. All welcome.
For info call Sonya 0439 746683



Tuckshop News

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Thursday 8 February

Tracy Balto
Fiona Ames
Fay

Tuesday 13 February

Belinda Loeskow
Haylee Gough
Samantha Bowder

Thursday 15 February

Tracy Balto
Fay
Haylee Gough
Yasmin Turello
(9.00 - 11.30)

Thank you everyone for your support. Your help is very much appreciated. Please let me know ASAP if you can't attend your rostered day so a replacement can be arranged.

Order Tuckshop online
- fast and easy -

Download the **Qkr App** and follow the instructions. Flyers are available at the Tuckshop or from the office foyer.

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