

Name:

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students:

Attendance target 95% or better. Last week's attendance rate was 95.4%. (So far this year our attendance is 95.5%). 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!!

Bullying Behaviour... Part 4

MARCH

WEEK 7

Tues 6 Tuckshop  
 Wed 7 Newsletter  
 Year 4-6 Swimming  
 Student Banking  
 Icy Cups  
 Thur 8 Breakfast  
 Tuckshop  
 P-3 Assembly  
 Pizza \$\$ due  
 Fri 9 Year 4-6 Assembly  
 Beginner Strings Workshop  
 Consent and payment due

WEEK 8

Tues 13 Special Pizza Day  
 (No normal Tuckshop)  
 P&C Meeting  
 Wed 14 Newsletter  
 Year 4-6 Swimming  
 Student Banking  
 Icy Cups  
 Book Club due  
 Thur 15 Breakfast  
 Tuckshop  
 NO P-3 Assembly  
 Fri 16 Easter Raffle \$\$ due  
 11:30 Whole School Assembly  
 ... 'National Action Day  
 against Bullying'  
 FREE DRESS DAY  
 - Gold Coin Donation

WEEK 9

Tues 20 Tuckshop  
 Wed 21 Newsletter  
 Year 4-6 Swimming  
 Student Banking  
 Icy Cups  
 Thur 22 Breakfast  
 Tuckshop  
 P-3 Assembly  
 Fri 23 Year 4-6 Assembly  
 Beginner Strings Workshop



Kids come to school to learn in a safe, supportive and challenging school environment and no one has the right to make others frightened, uncomfortable or unhappy.

Our school has a consistent whole-school approach to ensure that kids are able to come to learn in a safe, supportive and challenging school environment. Our approach to Bullying Behaviour has been outlined in the Newsletter over several weeks and I hope parents draw confidence from what has been explained.

I believe that Woongarra's Code of Student Behaviour leaves no doubt about our commitment to provide a positive school and learning environment. With about 470 students at Woongarra, some form of bullying behaviour occurs and students, teachers and parents all have a responsibility to respond positively and consistently.

I am currently discussing this on assemblies, reminding students about what to do when they meet bullying behaviour i.e. the approaches I have outlined over the last few weeks. Teachers too provide time for classes to discuss issues, especially after lunch breaks. Teachers do take this very seriously and follow through on situations, reporting to each other things that have been reported to them at lunch times. Please continue to support the school by, like us, saying "NO" TO BULLYING and not choosing to ignore it!

Parking or Dropping off in the Bus Zone

Please do not use the bus zone to collect or drop off children. There are some vehicles in this area but they are either childcare minibuses or family daycare vehicles. Only these vehicles and our school buses may use this area.



P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting for our school will be **March 13 at 6:30pm in the staffroom** (please note the earlier time). Looking forward to seeing many faces! This meeting will also be the Annual General Meeting.

Electronic Newsletter

From the beginning of Term 3, our school Newsletter will no longer be provided on paper. All parents will be able to access our Newsletter via our school app *Skoolbag* or our website. At present, we provide the Newsletter electronically using both of these ways. So please, to prepare, download the *Skoolbag* app for easy access to the Newsletter. (We send the Newsletter out as a push notification on the app.)

When everyone follows the rules, it makes things a whole lot better!!!



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Parent Teacher Interviews

The school will have parent/teacher interviews later this term. Interviews will be conducted as follows:

First Parent Teacher Interviews will focus on “**Where Your Child Is**”. It will be a short interview of approx. 10 to 15 minutes. It will focus on reading ability, mathematics, writing ability, behaviour, work habits, social interactions and areas of focus/goals. A second interview is available in September, with written reports in June and December. This interview will be very important as it will provide parents with information about critical areas of the curriculum. At these interviews, no written proforma/summary will be presented to parents.

The offering of 2 interviews and 2 written reports will give comprehensive detail of where your child is. These interviews are important and we expect everyone to attend. A note will be sent home with offers for interviews at the following times:

|                              |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Prep GK , Prep J and Prep KC | Weeks 9 and 10 |
| 1C                           | Weeks 9 and 10 |
| 1L                           | Weeks 8 and 9  |
| 1R                           | Week 9         |
| 2R                           | Weeks 9 and 10 |
| 2V                           | Week 9         |
| 2/3B                         | Weeks 9 and 10 |
| 3B                           | Week 9         |
| 3W                           | Weeks 9 and 10 |
| 4E, 4H and 4L                | Week 9         |
| 5M and 5PR                   | Week 10        |
| 5/6S                         | Weeks 8 and 9  |
| 6D                           | Week 9         |
| 6V                           | Week 10        |

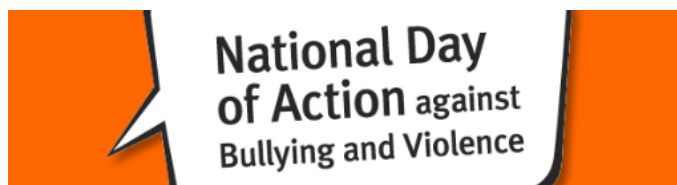
*Please make every effort to attend this first interview.*

### 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.

In weeks 5 - 8 this term, we are concentrating particularly on ‘*Being Responsible*’. Children demonstrating this 5B outside in the playground will be recognised with a “Woonie”. All Woonies achieved give the recipients a chance to win an ice block and bookmark at Assembly each week.

*Last week’s winners were (from Prep to Year 6): Xavier S (Prep J), Maddie McL (1C), Callum B (2V), Bella G-M (2/3B), Kira W (4E), Nait G (5PR) and Jordan H (6D).*



### National Action Day Against Bullying

Friday March 16 is the National Action Day against bullying. Our Prime Minister has called on all schools to get behind this National Action Day. Over the past few weeks, we have discussed and defined bullying in our Newsletter. Bullying of any form is not acceptable and, as a school, we must work to eliminate it. Of course bullying and “one-off” incidents may occur but they must be followed up on.

As a school, we are going to have a whole school assembly on the Friday (no Thursday assembly on March 15) and discuss the importance of saying ‘No’ to bullying. Each class will also focus on this as well, especially on this day. To mark the day, we will hold a **Free Dress Day** for students with the theme “It’s black and white – bullying no way!!” We ask students to **wear ‘black and white’ on Friday 16 March** and bring a gold coin for the school to donate to anti-bullying support e.g. Kids Help Line.

### Band students playing on assembly

Make sure you bring your instrument and music to play on Assembly this Friday and start setting up in the Hall straight after morning tea.



Lisa Palmer

### Bundaberg Area Beginner Strings Workshop Friday 23 March

This workshop will bring together Instrumental Music students who started learning string instruments in 2018 to form a large ensemble and participate in intensive tuition from Instrumental Music teachers. Information was sent home with students last Wednesday 28 February. Please return the Medical/Consent form to the office by this Friday 9 March. Payment is also required by this date.



Mrs C

### 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

School Disco

It is that time of year again – school disco time!!

We are having our first school disco for the year on Wednesday March 28!

Theme: Beach Party

Time: 5:30pm to 7:30pm

(But no leaving until parents/carers come to collect you)

There will be a scrumptious sausage sizzle \$2, chilly cold drinks \$1 plus chocolates 50c available for sale at the Tuckshop. Glow Sticks will be on sale too.

Parents can choose to stay (we have plenty of chairs!!) or leave, but please don't be late to collect your children.

It's a \$2.00 entry fee for Woongarra School children and adults are free. So, if you want to come, join the fun!

Please note this disco is for current Woongarra students only.

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.

Scholastic Book Club

- closing 3pm Wednesday 14 March -



Book Club catalogues have been distributed to students. All catalogues are available to be viewed on the Scholastic Book Club web site [scholastic.com.au](http://scholastic.com.au). Additional catalogues are available at the Library.

A reminder that payment can be made via the LOOP app (all instructions are on the back of the catalogue) or by credit card over the phone. Alternatively, orders and payment are to be handed in to the school office by 3.00pm **Wednesday 14 March.**

Bundaberg School Basketball Trials

Congratulations to all our Woongarra students who attended the Bundaberg School Basketball trials last week. Special mention goes to Riley M, Jordan H, Aiden S, Ezeekial G, Noah C, Ava M and Eryn T for being selected to represent Bundaberg at the Wide Bay Schools 12 years and under Basketball trials.



These students will now travel to Gympie on 19 and 20 April where they will face teams from Hervey Bay, Maryborough, Gympie, South Burnett and North Burnett.

Good luck to all our Woonie basketballers!

PIZZA DAY

Tuesday 13 March 2018

All orders must be pre-ordered and paid by 3:00 pm Thursday 8 March using the bag system as used in Tuckshop. Please leave all orders at the school office.



There will be no other Tuckshop available on this Tuesday.

Jeff Irwin



**BARGARA  
LITTLE  
ATHLETICS**



Start of 2018 season  
**9am Sun 22nd April**  
Come 'n' Try + Sausage Sizzle

Bargara Sports Complex (past  
Neillson's Beach Caravan Park)

Sign Up online: [www.laq.org.au](http://www.laq.org.au)  
Info: [www.bargaraathletics.org.au](http://www.bargaraathletics.org.au)



## SCHOOL NEWS

### **International Competitions and Assessments for Schools**

At this time each year we invite parents to consider nominating their children in Years 3-6 to compete in ICAS. The competitions form the largest independent assessment program for schools available in Australia, Asia and the Pacific region.

All competing students receive a certificate and result sheet. These certificates, result sheets and test booklets are distributed to individual students when results are returned to the school. Each competition costs \$9.00.

**Science:** Tuesday 29 May  
**English:** Tuesday 31 July  
**Mathematics:** Tuesday 14 August

Parents interested in registering students are asked to forward money in an envelope with competitions clearly indicated and your child's name and class. *Nominations will be accepted until Friday 23 March.* We particularly encourage all Year 3 - 6 students in extension Maths or English to 'have a go'.

### **P&C Easter Raffle**

The annual P&C Easter Raffle is on again this year. Donations of anything Easter (chocolate eggs, bunnies etc) can be left at the school office.



Tickets were sent home last week with the eldest child in the family. Please return all tickets and donations by Friday 16 March. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 26 March and winners will be contacted and advertised in the Newsletter.

The Easter raffle is our first fundraiser for the year so we encourage everyone to get involved. Thank you.

### **Free Microsoft Office 2016 for students and school staff**

All Queensland state school students can now download multiple free copies of the latest Microsoft Office to their personal home computers and mobile devices. With Office 2016, students will have access to the latest version of Word for writing, Excel for spreadsheets, PowerPoint for presentations, OneNote for organisation and notetaking, and much more.

Students will need to use their school email address to sign in. The subscription lasts for as long as they are a Queensland state school student.

Simply go to:

[www.education.qld.gov.au/office2016](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/office2016).

Jane Barratt  
P&C President

### **A word from Chaplain Paula**

A businessman known for his ruthlessness, arrogance, and religiosity told Mark Twain that before he died he intended to visit the Holy Land, climb Mount Sinai, and read the Ten Commandments aloud. 'I have a better idea,' Twain replied. 'Just stay here in Boston and keep them!'

We'd rather cogitate on what we don't know, than act on what we know we need to do. For example, a company knows it needs to improve its quality control so the executives discuss the problem, listen to presentations, read all kinds of books, look at state-of-the-art systems - but never actually get around to doing anything. Their problem isn't ignorance; it's knowing too much but doing too little. Another everyday example: people would rather debate the merits of protein vs. carbs, French cooking vs. vegetarian, lifting weights vs. cardio, than change how they eat. The bottom line is simple: expend more calories than you take in.

... As the old ad for Nike trainers said - 'Just do it!'



### **Reminder:**

Tuesday 13 March is a **SPECIAL PIZZA DAY ONLY.** *There is no normal Tuckshop.*

All Pizza orders are to be handed in at the office by 3pm Thursday 8 March.

### **TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

#### **Thursday 8 March**

Fay  
Fiona Ames  
Maria Puckering  
(9.00 - 11.30)

#### **Tuesday 13 March Special Day - PIZZA No normal Tuckshop**

#### **Thursday 15 March**

Tracy Balto  
Fay  
Shandi South  
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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